

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Raven's Geocaching Outing at Don Castro Regional Park – Nov 6

Veterans Day Activity – Nov 11

Chabot Recruitment Overnight Camp (WEBLO Night)– Nov 13 - 14

Scouting for Food – Nov 13 and Nov 20

Signaling and Tracking merit badges at Cull Canyon Park - Nov 20

Winter Court of Honor – Dec 8

Rim of the Bay Hike – Dec 11

Holiday Gathering – Dec 15

USS Pompanito Overnigh – Jan 29 - 30, 2011



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Nov 1 and Dec 6, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – Nov 8, Dec 13

Board of Review – Nov 15

PLC Meeting – Nov 18, Dec 16

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center
(No troop meeting on Wed Nov 10, Masonic center is not available. Alternative date, time and place will be announced. No meeting on Nov 24, Dec 22, and Dec 29 because of holidays).

Troop 726 Website

Don't forget to check out our Troop's awesome website <http://troop726.scoutlander.com>



Raven's Geocaching Outing at Don Castro Regional Park – Nov 6

Scout in Charge: Sam Pica, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mr. Wilson

The Ravens are planning to have an outing on **Saturday, Nov 6th, from 1-4:30PM, at Don Castro Regional Park.** We will be working on 1st and 2nd class map/compass requirements and Geocaching (Geocaching is a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity). Come joining in the fun and learn important skills as well.



Veterans Day Activity – Nov 11

Scout in Charge: Ben Eversole, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Mark the calendar to participate in this year's Veteran's Day Parade on **Nov 11**. Details will be available soon!



Chabot Recruitment Overnight Camp (WEBLO Night) – Nov 13 - 14

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

We'll be camping at Hawk Ridge campsite at Chabot Campgrounds. This is a recruiting event for your Troop; we'll be inviting Webelos and parents to come along. We need as many Scouts as possible to attend as this is a great opportunity to show Webelos and parents who you are! We'll be meeting **at 2:00pm on Saturday, Nov 13, at Masonic Center.**

Special Merit Badge Opportunity for 2010 Only – Work on them on Nov 20

Do you know a Boy Scout who would like to do something few other Boy Scout will ever do? Yes, I'm sure you do!

This year and this year ONLY...four historic Merit Badges are being offered to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the B.S.A.

They **MUST** be done, finished and completed in 2010 and will never be offered again!

The four are Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking. The actual merit badge itself appears to have gold around the edge too!

Nov 20th will be your last chance to earn Signaling and Tracking merit badges at Cull Canyon Park, on Cull Canyon Road. In order to take part, go to Mr. Guerin and obtain a Blue card for each one you want to complete. Give the completed Blue card to either Mr. Davidson or Mr. Markison along with \$5.00 for two or more, \$3.00 for one.

As always, if you attend this event, you should be in class B, Troop T shirt.



Scouting for Food – Nov 13 and Nov 20

Scout in Charge: Marcos Andrade, Adult in Charge: Denise Saylor and Lisa Richeaux

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. Keep the following dates open to participate in this event. Saturday, **Nov. 13** and Saturday, **Nov. 20**. We will **meet between 8:30am - 12:30pm on both dates**. It is our goal to have **100% participation** from all scouts and families in this most important outreach to our community. **Please volunteer both days**, if you can, if not please plan on making it at least one day – all it takes is a couple of hours.



Winter Awareness Training 2010 – Dec 4

Scout in Charge: Kioshi Ito, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wright

This is a seminar that covers the following topics for Winter Camping; clothing, hypothermia, sleeping warm, stoves and fuel, first aid, and winter food.

This seminar is put on by the Order of the Arrow and is **required for those scouts planning on attending the Klondike Derby and for troop 726 winter outings**.

When: **Dec 4, 2010**

Time: **8 am to 2 pm.**

Place: To be announced

Cost: Probably \$6.00 or \$8.00

Flyer and final info will be available soon. Please plan on attending.



USS Pompanito Overnight – Jan 29 - 30, 2011

Scout in Charge: Marcos Andrade, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

T726 is planning an overnight tour of the U.S.S. Pompanito submarine in San Francisco. We will meet at **Masonic Center on Saturday, Jan 29, 2011, at 6:30 pm and return on Sunday, Jan 30 at 11 am**. The cost is 40 dollars. Sign up now!



Miramar UCMC Air Show

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mr. Avery

On October 1-3, 2010, Troop 726 drove to the Miramar Air Show. The scouts that attended were: Bryce Fong, Bryant Ling, Kyle Avery, Zachary Eslick, Sammy Wilson, Sam Pica, and Keanne Hubbard. The adults that went were Mr. Guerin, Mr. Avery, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Woo, and Mr. Edgar Woo. The first night we camped at Oak Flats and in the morning we saw a baby rattlesnake. It also rained at about 5 AM in the morning so we packed up early. When we arrived at the base and we saw a Marine ground assault, which they used, helicopters, jets, and soldiers. In addition to all the flyovers throughout the day, there were static displays of many functioning military aircraft and vehicles. One of the best parts of the day was the night show, where they had fly-bys of an F/A 18 Super Hornet in afterburner, and vertical takeoff of a Harrier. At the end of the night show there was a big fireworks display, and the Great Wall of Fire, which is a giant explosion about half the length of the runway. We then slept at Marine Corps barracks, Camp Pendleton, and we left in the morning for the drive back home.



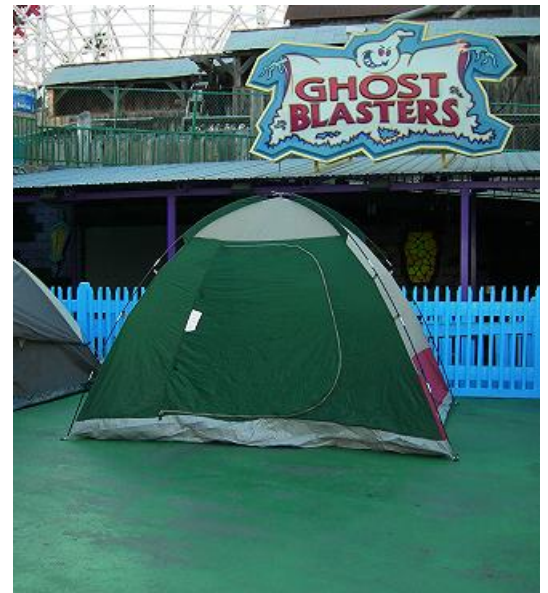
More Pictures from Miramar Air Show



Santa Cruz Boardwalk Overnight

By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery

On Friday, Oct 8, to Saturday, Oct 9, 11 scouts and 2 adults drove down to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and enjoyed the annual Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Boy Scout Jam. After we had arrived at the Boardwalk, we checked in and started setting up tents, which happened to be right next to the Funbord Arcade. We then had free play in the Funlord Arcade and the Casino Arcade, had dinner, then watched the Boy Scout evening program, and finally returned to our tents to sleep at 10 pm. The next morning on Saturday, we had a speedy clean-up of our tents, returned our gears to the trucks, had breakfast, and then enjoyed unlimited rides all day at the Boardwalk. The Scouts who went are Marcos Andrade, Kyle Avery, Mitch Avery, Ben Eckman, Keane Hubbard, Austin Le, Bryant Ling, Sam Pica, Larry Whitmeyer, Jack Zhao, and Jason Zhao. Special thanks to Mr. Avery and Mr. Wright for taking us.



Veteran's Dinner – American Legion Hall

By Scout in Charge: Keane Hubbard

11 Scouts and 4 adults attended this event. We served tables with main dishes of fish and steak. The scouts in attendance were, Kyle Avery, Mitch Avery, Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Zachary Eslick, Keane Hubbard, Sam Pica, Kenji Pinzon, Sammy Wilson, Michael Yi, Jack Zhao, and Jason Zhao. The adults in attendance were Mr. Avery, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Markison, Mr. Pica, Mr. Pinzon, and Mr. Yi. We earned \$320 - \$150 in base pay and \$170 in tips for 11 Scouts. Thank you, Mr. Avery, for being the adult in Charge.



Scouts huddled together to solve the riddle below. Do you know the answer? (See Mr. Avery for the correct answer)

It was a dark and stormy night. Three guests check into a hotel room. The owner charges them \$30 for the room and the bellhop takes their bags up to the room and gets upset because he does not get a tip. The bellhop comes back down and the owner realizes he made a mistake and the room is only being \$25. He gives the bellhop five dollars to return to the guests. On the way to the room, the bellhop realizes that he cannot divide the five dollars equally among the 3 guests. He figures that the guests do not know the total of the revised bill and that since they should be happy getting any money back, the bellhop decides to give them back a dollar each and keep two dollars for himself for the tip he did not receive.

On the way back down again, the bellhop figures that since the guests paid \$27 for the room and he has \$2 in his pocket, what then happened to the missing dollar?



Scout Advancements

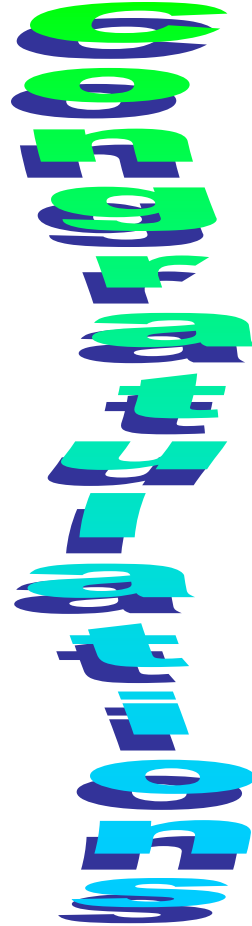
By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

Mrs. Saylor is now a Merit Badge Counselor for American Heritage, Citizenship in the Community, Communications, Public Speaking, and Scholarship. Scouts can always contact Mr. Avery for a list of Merit Badge Counselors in the District. Thank you also to Mr. Markison for taking on the task of cleaning up the list of Merit Badge Counselors for the District.

The next Board of Reviews is Oct 18 and Nov 15.

The following scouts earn historic merit badges in October.

Larry Whitmeyer	Chemistry	10/20/10
Zachary Eslick	Carpentry	10/16/10
Terrance Tsang	Carpentry	10/16/10
Kyle Avery	Carpentry	10/16/10
Larry Whitmeyer	Carpentry	10/16/10
Steve Davidson	Carpentry	10/16/10
Will Oliveira	Carpentry	10/16/10
Jacob Schultz	Carpentry	10/16/10
Michael Yi	Carpentry	10/16/10
Sam Pica	Carpentry	10/16/10
Sammy Wilson	Carpentry	10/16/10
Ben Eckman	Carpentry	10/16/10
Aviram Bhalla-Levine	Carpentry	10/16/10
Kyle Avery	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Sammy Wilson	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Austin Le	Carpentry	10/30/10
Ben Eckman	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Sam Pica	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Raymond Akagi	Carpentry	10/30/10
Mitch Avery	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Larry Whitmeyer	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Zachary Eslick	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Steve Davidson	Pathfinding	10/30/10



This is also Aviram's first MB which means he will get his sash at the next Court of Honor.

2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

Please return money for **See's Candy** and **Popcorn Sales** to **Mrs. Schultz** as soon as possible. The next fundraising event is **Hike-A-Thon** – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011



Training

By Randy Wright, Tres Ranchos District Boy Scout Training Chair and Troop 726 Training Chair.

Online Training from your computer is available for many trainings. Please check out all the online trainings. These are all free. Please go to www.SFBAC.org, and then go to training or My Scouting and then select online training for the above. You will need to register.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

The following trainings will be held:

1. Roundtable every month. Meet people and have fun learning more about scouting. Second Thursday evening of each month at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro.
2. Did you complete any training lately? Please send me a copy of your training card for our records.
3. Please remember you will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and a training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training"** (this is only available online)." These are required on tour permits.
4. **"This is Scouting"** and **"Boy Scout Fast"** are on line and is a required training course. This course is available at www.sfbac.org under adult training.
5. If your HAT training is about to expire, please register for the upcoming HAT refresher course. Your training must be renewed every 5 years.
6. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
7. If you want to get trained as a Merit Badge Counselor, you need to call Mr. Dunn and set it up with him. His phone number is 510 – 569 – 7122.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CHANGE IN REQUIREMENT

Effective June 1, 2010 Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers.

-If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card.

- Finally, please share these important changes with other Scouters. Youth Protection Training is available online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>. If it expires between now and Dec. 31, 2010, you must take it now or you will not be allowed to be renewed when the troop rechargers.

Need info about future trainings? Have questions about training? Call Randy Wright at 510-885-0527 or email wright-s@comcast.net. All fliers are on the Tres Ranchos District Web page via www.sfbac.org.



Be a Trained Leader

Troop News

WEBLOS Nights

On Oct 20st and 27th, our troop hosted various stations that Webelos of any and all packs could attend and earn requirements of a certain activity pin. We had a lot of Webelos came out, participated in the activities, and got to meet members of our Troop. Thanks to all who helped planed and led the activities.



Patrol News



Patrol leaders please submit your article to Ms. Chang by the Last Friday of the month by phone 317-9179 or email SandiaChang@comcast.net, or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

Ravens 🤔

Ravens are planning a Geocaching outing on Saturday, Nov 6, 2010. It will be at Don Castro Park, Hayward. You can get 2nd and 1st class requirements done. We will meet at 1:00 pm at Masonic Center. Wear Class B uniform and bring compass, water, area map (if you have one), and \$2 for parking. The Scout in charge is Sam Pica. The adult in charge is Mr. Neil Guerin. Please set permission slip from Sam if you plan to come to the outing.

By Terrance Tseng

Cobras 🤔

Cobras helped out during the WEBLOS nights and signed off on requirements for many Cub Scouts.

By Keane Hubbard

Scorpions/ Dragons 😞

No submittal

Owls/Rocks 😞

No submittal

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BE PREPARED



Our newsletter goal is to provide information to scouts and parents at the 1st meeting of the month. Dates and information for this newsletter are due by the last Friday of each month.

Committee Chair's Corner

By Phyllis Lozano, Troop 726 Committee Chair

In September when I was helping my son, Mathew, move in to his dorm room at college, I noticed on his roommate's bookshelf the Boy Scout Handbook. Yes, the book that you bring to the troop meeting and use to track your rank progress. When I spotted it I ask his roommate if he was a scout. He indicated that he was and that he had completed the rank of 1st class. As we continued to talk, he expressed how he regretted not continuing and obtaining the rank of Eagle and how he thought that the Boy Scout Handbook was a great resource book. He had fond memories of his scouting life and wished he had stayed with it. I'm telling you this story today, to remind you that it is the memories and skills that you will carry with you into your adult life. Scouting provides a foundation; attend meetings and live the scouting life – no regrets – you can do it!



Lost Equipment

Please check your garage for Troop equipment. Look for any tents and pans, stoves, etc, that you may have taken home to clean but forgot to bring back. Equipment is very expensive!

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano. Troop Mug = \$5.00, Duffle Bag = \$20.00

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com. Phone: (925) 283-1973

Uniform Bank

All items in the uniform bank are first come first serve. Please call **Mrs. Laura Pica** to check for availability. Also, **if you think you can donate any items**, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you, Mr. Wright, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Avery for the fabulous pictures in this issue of Troop Flash.

Loyal

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

Attention All Scouts!

Is your Scout due current? Scout due is \$5.00 per month, payable by the first meeting of the month. You need to keep your due current in order to participate in outings!