

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

Crabbing/Fishing – Jan 14

Winter Camp Awareness Training – Jan 21

Native Sons of California Crab Feed – Jan 23

University of Scouting – Jan 28



Military Vehicle Technology Foundation – Feb 4

Scout Sunday – Feb 5



Red and Green Dinner – Feb 8

Snowboard/Skiing Day – Feb 12

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25



Klondike Derby – March 2 - 4

Spring Court of Honor – March 14

## Meeting Dates

Board of Review – Jan 23, Feb 27

PLC Meeting – Sundays, Faith Lutheran Church, Jan 22 @ 7 pm. Feb 26 at 7 pm

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center

## Troop 726 Website

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

Seamus is our Troop Website master. Please send photos from recent events to him. Please include dates and locations when you're sending pictures if possible.

Also please send him any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

## Attention All Parents!

Parents: Please keep an eye out for emails about our events. Permission slips, and invitation to our family events are all communicated by group and individual emails. If you are not receiving emails, please let Mrs. Lozano know so she can verify your email address

## 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!

Also, **please check your garage for Troop equipment and return them promptly.**

### Crabbing/Fishing Outing to Point Pinole - Jan 14

Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Maloof



Back by popular demand, we are going back to Point Pinole for a crabbing/fishing/overnight camping event. We will leave **Masonic Center on Saturday, Jan 14 at 10 AM and return on Jan 15 at 10 AM.** Bring overnight bags and a bag lunch, crabbing and fishing gears, and baits. The cost is \$7. Sign up now!

### Winter Camp Awareness Training – Jan 21

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrews

This training is required if you want to go on Klondike Camping Trip or participate in Winter Scout outings. This training needs to be taken every two years. The training will take place on **Saturday, Jan 21** at Mr. Avery's place of business (Hayward Business Park office complex located at 26250 Industrial Blvd). **We will depart the Masonic Center at 8:30am and return at 1pm.** Permission slips have been handed out previously, please just change the location.



### Native Sons of California Crab Feed - Jan 23

Scout in Charge: Marcos Andrade, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

This is a community service event. Location is **Hayward Veterans Bldg on Main St. on Jan 23, around 6 to 9 pm.** We Need 10 to 12 scouts and 2-4 uniformed adult leaders for the event. Please talk to Marcos if you can help

### Military Vehicle Technology Foundation – Feb 4

Scout in Charge: Jason Zhao, Adult in Charge: Mr. Pinzon

There will an outing for a visit to the **Military Vehicle Technology Foundation** (mvtf.org) in **Portola Valley on Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm.** More details will be coming soon. Mark your calendar and don't miss out.



### Scout Sunday – Feb 5

Scout in Charge: Keane Hubbard, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Once again this year on **Feb 5** we will observe **Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Road.** Troop 726 has been asked to participate and help greet the members of the congregation. The service **begins at 9:00 am.** Please join us for 1 hour of celebration, wonderful music and scout spirit. Refreshments and fellowship time with other scout troops in the area will follow the service

Service will be hosted by the scout members of Faith Lutheran Church and the service will be facilitated by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Packs and Troops in Castro Valley area. This will be a 'Scout Ran Service'. **All scouts, parents, and families are invited to attend.** Boy Scouts and Adult leaders should be dressed in full uniform. The Faith Lutheran congregation supports our troop with meeting and event facilities. Please show our support by attending.



## **The University of Scouting – Jan 28**

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Eslick

University of Scouting is a counsel event where all Adult Volunteers and Parents; and all Boy Scout, Venture, and Varsity Youth can attend to learn about the Scouting program, including Den Chief Training, Camping, Cooking, Budgeting, Indian Lore, Trekking, and MUCH more. See next page for details.

The event is on **Saturday, January 28 at Foothill High School in Pleasanton**. Our Troop provides food items (featuring our famous meat ball sandwiches) for lunch as a **fund raiser event for scouts**. More information will be available soon. Sign up to earn money for your scout account!

### **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING (SFBAC EVENT)**

What is EVERY Scout Leader: Den Leader, Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cubmasters, Pack Committee Leader, Troop Committee Leader, Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Leader, Commissioners, Assistant Leader, Youth Leader, EVERY Parent supporting a scout and/or a unit, Venturing Youth, Boy Scout (First class, age 12 and up) doing on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>?

Going to University of Scouting!

The University of Scouting is a UNIQUE Learning, Developmental, and Totally FUN opportunity to find out more about Scouting. You will find top-notch courses to meet YOUR needs and interests which will be taught by AWESOME people full of great ideas!

The University of Scouting begins at 8:00am and runs until 4:45pm at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road Pleasanton, CA

#### **Steps to register for University of Scouting:**

2012 course descriptions and registration is not yet available. Please stay tuned.

1. Register as an [inteliscout](#) user.
2. Re- Log in at IntelliScout to see event registration links.
3. SFBAC members will see the link to University of Scouting 2012.
4. For participants in other councils, please add San Francisco Bay Area Council to your Watch Council list within your Personal Settings. you will see the link to University of Scouting 2012 when you log back into the system

Contact the University of Scouting Coordinator [Sean Martin](#) for more information. 510-577-9214

### **Scout Advancements**

*By Donna Platou, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator*

Seamus Guerin passed his 2nd Silver Palm BOR last month. Scouts need to turn in signed off Blue Cards for Merit Badges to me. Further, if a Scout is going to request a BOR, to please contact me at least 1 week prior to the BOR date so that I have time to schedule adults for the review. They can see me at a meeting, call me at 510-432-4666 or email me at [platou@comcast.net](mailto:platou@comcast.net) Next two BOR are Jan 23 and Feb 27. Thank you.

# **Congratulation**

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Troop 726 invites you to celebrate the birthday of scouting at the annual Red and Green Dinner -- a good old fashion pot luck style dinner.

## Red and Green Dinner

**Feb 8, 7:00pm**

## Masonic Center

Each family is requested to **bring a favorite main course** dish. Please plan a dish to serve 8 - 10 people. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Lozano at 510-537-5869.

Please join us for an evening of fun.

## Snowboard/Skiing Day – Feb 12

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof and Mrs. Shultz

SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW  
SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW SNOW... it's everywhere...need I say more? Sign up early for this  
fun and popular event. Space is limited. **We need another driver so more scouts can  
participate. Please help if you can!!!**

**WHERE: Dodge Ridge Ski Resort, # 1 Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest, CA 95364**

**WHEN: Sunday, Feb 12, 2012, 6:00 a.m., Meet at Masonic Center. Return approx. 7- 8 p.m.**

**COST:** Ski or snowboard, rent equipment if you need. Have fun on the slopes with your friends. The cost consists of **\$15 per Scout** for gas **plus** (pick what you need)...

- Youth tickets (ages 7-12) are \$44 for rentals/left ticket and lessons. \$32 without lessons.
- Youth tickets (ages 13-19) are \$69 for rentals/left ticket and lessons. \$54 w/o lessons.
- Adult tickets are \$71 for rentals and left tickets.
- Scouts/adults who do not need to rent gear would save approx \$22.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Money for food if you want to buy lunch or pack some food. Snow equipment such as snow pants, goggles, and jacket, etc. Class A for ride up there. Extra pair of clothes if you get wet (socks). If you have your own equipment I need to know so we can figure that into transportation.



## The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25

Scout in Charge: Jose Velasco, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed event is a community service event. Mrs. Woo is on **the Wa Sung** Committee.

<http://www.wasungserviceclub.org>. Location of the event is **San Leandro Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, Feb 25, around 5:45 to 9:30pm**. We need 17 scouts and 2-4 uniformed adult leaders. This is a full uniform event from head to toe and as the uniform inspection sheet says, clipped fingernails, combed hair, clean hands and face, and good posture.



## Rim of the Bay - Mt Diablo Hike

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery

The troop went hiking on Dec 3 at Mt. Diablo to finish a rim rover.

### 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](http://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!**

**Please, inform me of your trainings.** *You can email the info, mail it, put it on the Training Taken report sheet in your troop mailbox, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521-7473.*

If you are a Troop Committee Member or an Assistant Scoutmaster **please** make sure you take the following on line trainings (all are online):

1. This is Scouting
2. Boy Scout Fast Start
3. Weather Hazards
4. Troop Committee Challenge
5. **University of Scouting**, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012. To be held at the Foothill High School in Pleasanton. Info to follow on line at [www.Sfbac.org](http://www.Sfbac.org) and maybe placed in your troop mail box.

**These are really important for you to be considered trained.**

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

### **2012 Adams Eagle Scout Project Award Applications Now Available**

The application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award is now available on the [www.NESA.org](http://www.NESA.org) website. This year marks the third year of the award. In 2010, Eagle Scouts from 35 councils participated. In 2011, 88 councils participated. After all entries are received, the Council-level NESA committee selects their winner. From these, regional committees select their winners and, from those four, the national winner is picked. The nomination procedures, deadlines, and award recognition items are listed on the back side of the application.

### **Want to Have Something Fun to do this summer? How about being a Summer Camp Staff?**

Scouts who are interested in working as staff at Day Camps, Wolf / Bear Adventure Camps, Webelos Adventure Camps, or Boy Scout Camps, the application form was emailed by Mr. Avery.

Please note that for Day Camps or Wolf / Bear Camps, youth must be at least 14 years old. For week long minimum camps youth must be 15 years old to be a Councilor in Training or 16 years old to be Camp Staff.

If you are selected for an interview, the interview dates will be January 7 and February 4. Please contact Emily at the council office at 510-577-9218 if you have any questions.

## Scout Master Minute

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master*

### Youth Protection and Safe Haven

In Scouting we say that Boy Scouts is a Safe Haven, but what does that mean? All adults who have contact with youth are required to take Youth Protection Training every two years. Basic tenets of youth protection are two deep leadership and no one on one contact. In BSA privacy is respected and there is no hazing and no bullying.

Two deep leadership on outings protects both the youth and adults in scouting. Two leaders are required on every outing. No one on one contact between youth and adults is allowed either. In vehicles adults are not allowed to drive scouts by themselves but they can be the only adult in the car with multiple scouts. If an adult needs to have a private conversation with a scout that is not their own son, then it must be done in clear view of others.

By extension, it is a good practice for Troop 726 to extend the "No one on one" practice to emails and text messages. When emailing a youth it is a good practice to copy his parent, a scoutmaster, or a committee member. Scouts are advised to do the same when emailing. Texting gets a little more problematic. Sending group texts seems easy enough but responding to all, adding a recipient to a text conversation, and forwarding a text are tasks not as easy done as with email.

Youth protection is part of the broader concept of Scouting as a Safe Haven. We welcome scouts and welcome their ideas. Scouting is for learning. No scout enters the program knowing all the skills in the program and certainly every scout's experience is unique from the collection of outings that he attends to the particular merit badges that he earns. One scout criticizing another scout as stupid is unproductive and guarantees that no solution will come as a result. It is much better to explain and demonstrate the proper way to do something. If a scout is struggling with setting up a tent he is not familiar with, rather than use belittling phrases from afar like, "why don't you know how to set up that tent," it is much more helpful and friendly to go over and ask him what he is struggling with and show him the right way or volunteer to figure it out together.

In Troop 726 we have a very respectful practice of youth referring to adults as Mr. and Mrs. and adults referring to other adults as Mr. and Mrs. in the presence of youth. This same respect needs to extend from adults to youth. Ask the boys to complete a task instead of telling them. Reserve all criticism for very serious situations and instead practice encouragement and teaching. Understand that you are dealing with young men and scouting is not a magic bullet that will turn them into an idealized model of a teenager. Understand also that scouting has helped every one of our boys grow into better people and that we have very good boys.

Privacy is respected in scouting. This is privacy of our bodies and our personal possessions. Please ask before using something that belongs to someone else. Taking something from somebody as a prank is often hurtful and disruptive. If you do not know who it belongs to, or if they are absent, then leave it alone. This is also true among patrols on outings. If one patrol brought ketchup and your patrol forgot, then it is courteous to ask, else eat your hot dog topped with scrambled eggs, french fries, and a pop tart on a sesame seed bun with soy sauce only.

Lastly, there is no bullying in scouting, cyberbullying or physical bullying. When does teasing become bullying - when the other person feels bad. Find a way to be kind and cheerful to your fellow scouts.

## Holiday Brown Bag

At the Holiday Gathering on December 14, 2011, we once again celebrated the holiday's by giving back to the community. We assembled 70 brown-bag lunches for the homeless to be distributed by Salvation Army. Thank you to all of you for bringing the 'fixings' for the bag lunches. Special thanks to Mrs. Pica for delivering the lunches to Salvation Army. Thank you, Mrs. Saylor, for preparing the special treats for our scouts and families.



Staff at Salvation Army accepting packed lunch bags.



Thank you letter from Salvation Army

Have yourself a merry little Christmas!  
Thank You for the Wonderful  
Lunches We at the Salvation  
Army & Community, Truly Appreciate  
you all.



Scouts working together to pack 70 lunches.



## Photos from Holiday Brown Bag – Working together



## More Photos from Holiday Brown Bag – Enjoy Holiday Treats and Music



# Winter 2011 Court of Honor

Dec 7, 2011



SPL: Allen Saylor,  
ASPL: Bryant Ling



## Winter 2011 Court of Honor – Attendance Recognition



## Winter 2011 Court of Honor – Rank Advancements



Seamus Guerin – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Eagle Gold Palm



Will Oliveira - Life

Not pictured:  
Jose Velasco -  
Life



Austin Le  
- Star



Kendall Law  
- Tenderfoot



Zurvohn  
Maloof -  
Tenderfoot



Joshua Siu -  
Tenderfoot



## Troop News

### 4 Scouts from Troop 726 is going to Philmont this summer!

**Philmont Scout Ranch** is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico.

Thirty-four staffed camps and 55 trail camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

**Kenji Pinzon, Ryan Flynn, Mitch Avery, and Raymond Akagi** will join members of Venture Crew 168 for a 14-day long (July 26 through August 8), fantastic, once-in-a-life time high adventure trip in the sky-high backpacking country. They will get a chance to participate in program features combine the best of the Old West - horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history - with exciting challenges for today, such as rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and .30-06 rifle shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving fun and the outdoors.

### San Francisco Bay Area Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is an all new National Jamboree emphasizing high adventure activities. Be one of the first Scouts to experience all this site has to offer including whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more.

**Dates:** (Tentative) July 13 – July 25, 2013 including Tour Jamboree dates are July 15 - July 24, 2013

**Cost:** \$2,800 (estimated) for Scouts (same as 2010 National Jamboree)  
\$2,400 (estimated) for Leaders

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.

## 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](mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net), or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

### Bats



Josh, our new Bugler, has received his bubble a month ago. He is just how learning to play it. He is now being taught by long time bugle player and Eagle Scout, Edgar Woo, outside the Masonic Center.

By Zarvohn Maloof

### Ravens



No submittal

### Cobras



The Cobra Patrol enjoyed their winter vacation. The cobras are planning to go to the upcoming events.

By Mitch Avery

### Scorpions/ Dragons



No submittal

### Owls



The Owls have been continually rejoicing as we have completed all of our college applications, and are patiently awaiting our returns. Several of us have even been accepted to many of our desired universities. The future looks bright for all of us, but we're all feeling a little blue as our remaining time with Troop 726 dwindles.

By Ben Andrews

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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*

Happy 2012!!! I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. New Year's Eve is often the time most associated with making resolutions and promises for the upcoming year. Did you make a resolution to continue your commitment to scouts?

Each year at this time, I like to remind all scouts families of our annual calendar. This is a good time to take a look and make sure all the troop events are on your family calendar. The scouting year for troops in our area is September to August; however our annual re-charter with Boy Scouts of America National Council is from January to December. The re-charter process occurred in November and Mrs. Eslick and Mr. Wilson took care of our paperwork for us. Big thanks to them both. In January or February you should be receiving your membership cards. Please keep them in a safe place and remember to bring them to all Board of Reviews.

Parents: Please keep an eye out for emails about our events. Permission slips, and invitation to our family events are all communicated by group and individual emails. If you are not receiving emails, please let me know so I can verify your email address.

### 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](mailto:pschultz@mail.com).  
Phone: (925) 283-1973

### Uniform Bank

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

### 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!

### Loyal

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

