

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project – Nov 23/24/25, Dec 1/2

Scouting for Food – Nov 10, Nov 17

Webelos Camporee – Nov 10, 11

Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11

Rifling – Dec 8

Winter Court of Honor – Dec 5

Holiday Gathering – Dec 19

Indoor Rock Climbing Event– Jan 12



Meeting Dates

PLC Meeting –Nov 26 and Dec 17, 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

Board of Review – Nov 26, Dec 16

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. No meeting on following dates: November 21 (Thanksgiving), December 26 (Christmas, Boxing Day), and January 2 (New Years).

Website

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

Raymond Akagi 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.

Scouting for Food – Nov 10 and Nov 17

Scout in Charge: Vince Ruiz and Aaron Lee, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

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. 10** and Saturday, **Nov. 17**. 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.



Webelos Camporee – Nov 10, 11

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Troop 726 will be having its annual Webelos troop overnight in order to recruit more Webelos and have fun. We will meet at **2 pm on Saturday, November 10 at Masonic Center**. We will camp at the **Lookout Ridge campsite, Anthony Chabot Campgrounds, Castro Valley**. The cost is \$9 for members of Troop 726; free to Webelos and their parents. The event will **conclude on Sunday, November 11 at 9 am at the Community Park in Castro Valley on the corner of Lake Chabot road and Quail (18988 Lake Chabot Road)**. This is also the place and time of start of the Veterans Day Event.

We need adults and scouts for this event. Let's show the visiting Webelos and their family what Troop 726 is about!

Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11

Scout in Charge: Zurvohn Maloof and Anthony Sulayao, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wilson

We will assist in setting up and preparing for the **Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Community Park in Castro Valley (18988 Lake Chabot Road) on Nov 11, at 9 am**. There is a parking lot off Lake Chabot Road and Quail Avenue. The entrance on Quail is very close to the Memorial but it may also be closed off. Webelos joining us will need to plan ahead to pack their full uniforms including sashes and be clean. After the ceremony, we will clean up the area.

Please join in to celebrate Veteran's Day and show our respect for the men and women who served our country. Permission slips have been passed out. Sign up now!



Rifling – Dec 8

Scout in Charge: Mac Strand, Adult in Charge: Mr. Strand

We will **meet at Masonic Center at 8 am on Dec 8**. We are going shooting at the Chabot Gun Club and we are attending the Rifle Safety class from 9 am to 11:30 am. After that, we will eat lunch. Please bring a packed lunch. We will have free shooting after lunch for the rest of the afternoon. We will be **back at the Masonic Center by 3 pm**.

Permission sheets have been passed out. Sign up now to reserve a spot!



Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project– Nov 23, 24, 25 and Dec 1, 2

We will be landscaping all around the **Masonic Center**. Planting plants in front of the large sign at the entrance way. We will be lining an irrigation system around from the sign around to the back parking lot. We will also be constructing a terrace on the hillside behind the back parking lot. Please, I need hardworking scout that follow instruction for this project to run smoothly. Wear good working boots, garden gloves if you have any. Lunch will be provided. The date of project will be **November 23, 24, 25 and possibly December 1, 2**. Please see Kyoshi and sign up to help!

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!

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

From time to time new trainings are added to those on-line. Please check often.

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.

What is a Committee Chair?

BSA describes the Committee Chair position as follows:

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and the Scoutmaster.
- See that unit leaders and committee members have training opportunities.
- Interpret national and local policies to the unit.
- Work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing Troop Committee meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly unit committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure unit representation at monthly roundtables.
- Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp membership.
- Arrange for charter review and recharter annually.
- Plan the charter presentation program.

If you are interested, please talk to Pat Schultz. It is a very rewarding position.

Will You Be Our Next Committee Chair?

Scout Master Minute - Communications

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

As you all know or should know, the Communications Merit Badge is required to reach the Eagle Rank. Why do you think Communications is placed in the same high esteem as First Aid, Citizenship, Family, Fitness, Camping, and Life Saving? That is because we communicate every day and without communicating regularly we would not accomplish great things as a group.

Think of all the ways we communicate in the Troop – interpersonally at Troop Meetings and events, speaking in front of groups and listening in quiet attendance at the same meetings and events, calling people on the phone, reading and writing via emails, permission slips, the Troop Flash, the Scoutlander broadcast system, the Troop website, text messages, and for some of you via the social media of Facebook and Twitter et al.

One of the main reasons we need to have weekly Troop Meetings in Boy Scouts is that is the best way to get the most communicated, interpersonally, with many 30 second and 1 minute conversations. Scouts have their own schedules with school and other activities and adults have their often irregular work schedules which include working nights and travel. Without well attended weekly meetings we would surely fail to turn in permission slips and finalize menus and sort out payments and accounting. This is why meeting attendance is required for rank advancement and is recognized at Courts of Honors. Scouts work in their own time which is different than adult time.

Email was invented and became the default method of communicating for business. Somewhere along the way email fell out of favor with the youth of America, replaced by texts and social posts. Remember, email is still the only way to send an attachment such as a spreadsheet, pdf, or word document. If you are in charge of an event and you are communicating with someone by email, then it is your responsibility to check your email, even if that is no longer your habit. Email is still a primary vehicle for communicating in the Troop with Scoutlander broadcasts, group emails, and interpersonal emails.

Texting is a great way to communicate directly to someone's phone for quick notes with short lifetimes, such as getting a ride back from a Troop event. It is not the best way to communicate if the message needs to be saved or if you are asking for a response that will require time or effort.

Calling people on the phone also seems to have fallen out of favor with many people, scouts and adults. Remember, it is still OK to phone people and conversations can be quite efficient.

Our outstanding Troop Flash is another written and electronic way to communicate in our Troop. We can read about past events and see photos and find out what is happening in the future. Combining the Troop Flash with your personal calendar will be a really useful way of communicating with yourself. The Troop Flash is also available 24/7.

Our Troop Website is also available 24/7. Any questions or comments about the website can be communicated to Raymond Akagi. Our website is still a work in progress but it is our website and we can make it what we want as long as it is scout appropriate.

As always in Scouting there should be two deep leadership in any Scout / Adult communication. This is easily accomplished with all of these methods except replying to text messages. Scouts, please make sure to include two adults in your electronic communications, even if one is your parent. Adults, if a scout contacts you directly with copying another adult, then you need to include either their parent, the adult in charge, a Scoutmaster, or a member of the Committee.

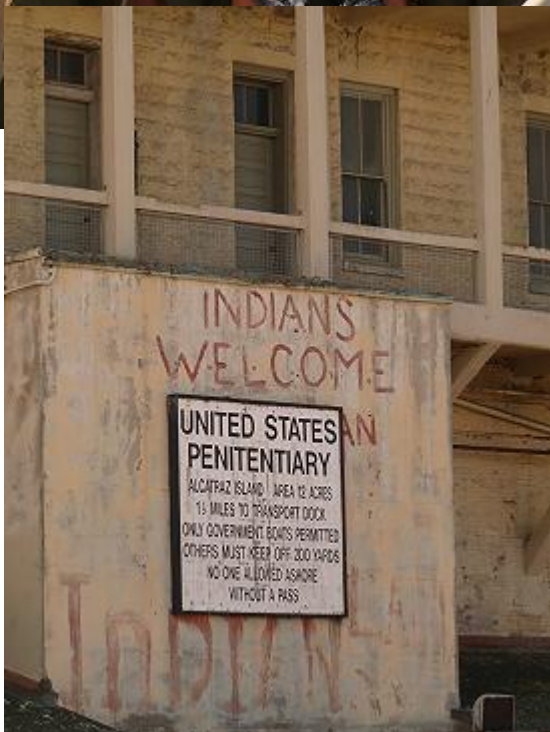
Remember also communication can be in positive or negative tones, inspirational or depressing tones, and asking or commanding. Communication is leadership. How will you be the best communicator? How will communication make you the best leader?

Finally, I have left off the fax machine, the pony express, the telegraph, the ham radio (sorry Mr. Wright), and alas, even the US Mail as methods of communicating. One form of communication that will never go out of style though is your appearance. Buttons undone and shirt tails untucked are the equivalent of misspelled words and claiming that there are 57 states while a pressed and starched uniform shows caring and forethought. People will judge you on all the ways you communicate. How do you want to be judged? Think about that every time you wear your uniform in public. Signing off – Mr. Avery

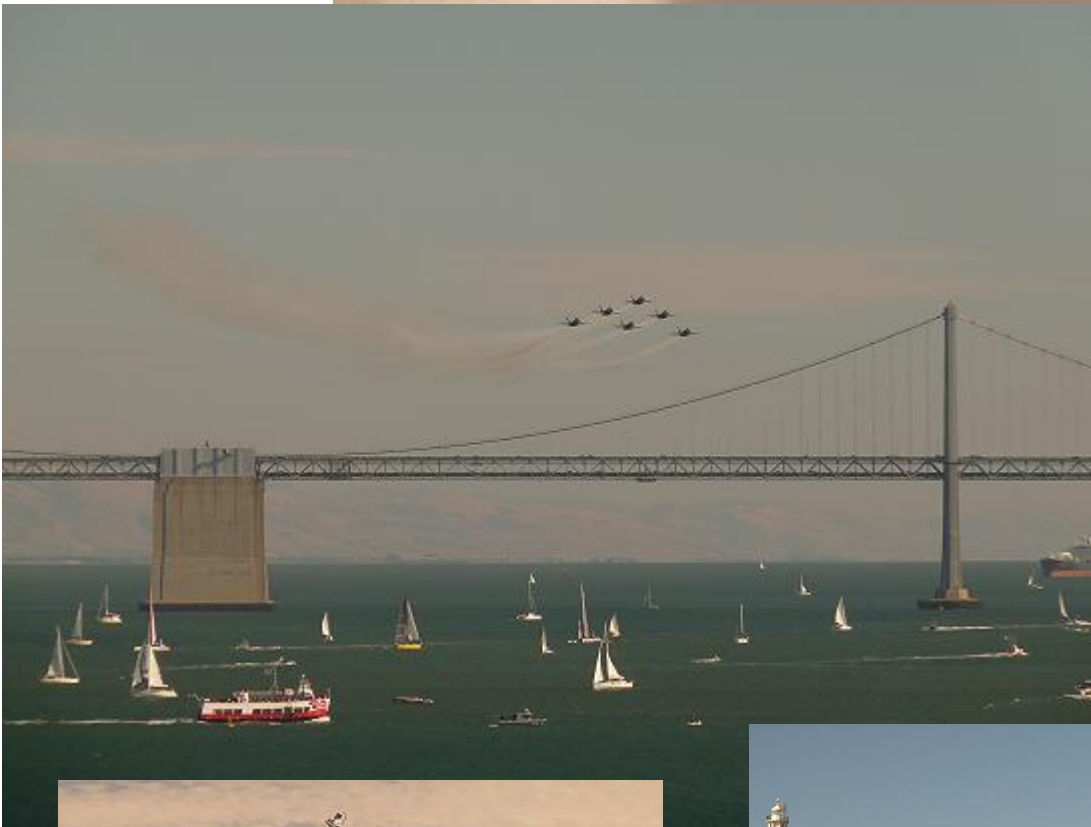
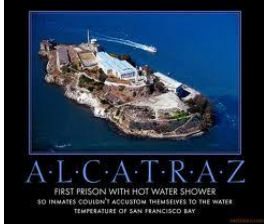
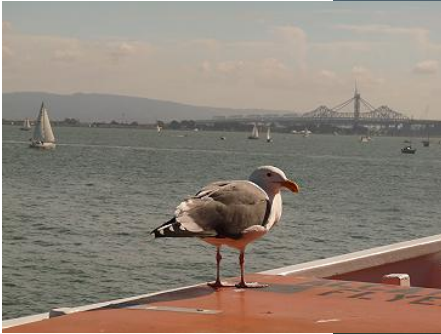
Fleet Week and Alcatraz

Photo by Mr. Andrews

Scouts, family, and friends enjoyed this fun once-in-a-life time event on **Oct 6**. We got an early start to see the parade of ships and take tours of Navy ships. Then took the ferry to Alcatraz, get our tour in, and then enjoy the airshow from Alcatraz culminating with the Blue Angels from 3:00 - 4:00. We had the best seats in the entire Bay Area. It was spectacular!!!



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Miramar Air Show

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Photo by Mr. Siu and Mr. Andrews

Multiple Scouts went to see the MCAS Miramar air show **on Oct 12-14 at the Miramar Air Station in San Diego**, the “Top Gun” base. We saw many planes and had a blast. In addition to the air show we also camped in Angeles national Forest and Camp Pendleton Marine Base. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied or drove us.



Miramar Air Show



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Moose Lodge Spaghetti Feed

By Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz, Photo by Mrs. Schultz

On Sunday, October 8th 11 boys from troop 726 went to the Castro Valley Moose lodge at the request of the American Legion to help set up, serve, and clean up at a spaghetti feed, where a WWII Tuskegee Airman was speaking. We did our jobs, and then got to listen to him speak, and afterwards he signed a bunch of our hats/peices of paper and took pictures with us. It was interesting to hear his stories and opinions. He had a lot of character.



Moose Lodge Spaghetti Feed



Jose Velasco Eagle Project – Oct 20

Photo by Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Siu



Jose's Eagle project took place at a horse shoe pit playground over at **Kennedy Park, Hayward, on Oct 20 and 21**. We reinforced the fence with 3 metal posts on each side and replaced various section of it due to rotting boards. Thank you to many adults and scouts who came to help!



Jose Velasco Eagle Project

Jose Velasco Eagle Project – Team Work

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Big Adventure Trip – Aug 4 - 12

Photo by Mr. Maloof

Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Death Valley, Mammoth Lake

2060 miles, 37 miles of hiking, 8 nights of camping, 6 National Parks

Day 1 – Drive to Needles, CA with a stop at Castle Air Museum to see the SR-71 Blackbird and B-52 Bomber. Camp on Colorado River

Day 2 – Drive to Oatman, AZ ghost town on Route 66 and onto Grand Canyon. Camp at Grand Canyon

Day 3 – Bright Angel Trail hike at sunrise. 3,000' hike down into the canyon, 11 miles overall. Camp at Grand Canyon

Day 4 – Rim Hike from end to end – Hermit's Rest to the South Kaibab Trailhead, 13 miles overall, Camp at Grand Canyon

Day 5 – Driving tour of South Rim – Tysan Ruins, Watchtower, Glen Canyon Dam, Camp at Bryce Canyon

Day 6 – Bryce Canyon Fairyland Hike into and among the hoodoos and natural bridges. 2,600' down, 10 miles overall

Day 7 – Bristlecone Hike among 4,000 year old trees, Mossy Cave Hike, Red Canyon and Zion Canyon driving tours. Camp in Death Valley

Day 8 – Tour Badwater – lowest elevation in North America at (-282'), Furnace Creek, Artist Palette, Alabama Hills, and Whitney Portal. Camp at Mammoth Lakes

Day 9 – Driving back through Yosemite



Big Adventure Trip



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We came, we saw, we conquered!



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: including tour, Jamboree dates are July 13 - July 24, 2013

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

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.



Scorpions/ Dragons 🧐

On the weekend of October 20-21, a Dragon has finished his Eagle Scout project. This Dragon is Jose Velasco. Jose's Eagle Scout project consisted of fixing wooden boards by replacing screws, putting in metal posts for support and painting for the horseshoe pits at Kennedy park in Hayward. Jose is now looking to finish some paperwork and scheduling an Eagle Scout Board of Review. We all congratulate Jose in being one step closer to Eagle Rank!

By Anthony Sulayao

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.

Fox

No submittal



Bats



Josh and Matthew went to San Diego to watch an air show. We left on Friday Oct 14 and came back Sunday Oct 16. It was very AWESOME! We saw fast airplanes, dazzling wireworks, giant robots, and huge hot explosions. The trip was very long but we had a great time!

By Matthew Kuan

Ravens



Sammy, Kyle, and Jeffery all went to Miramar Air Show and had a grand time. We drove to San Diego and spent overnight in L.A. Then we watched the air show and saw many planes.

By Sammy Wilson

Cobras



Jose completed his Eagle Project Oct 20 -21 at Kennedy Park, Hayward. Some members of Cobra patrol went and helped. Jose fixed up fence structure surrounding the horse shoe pits by replacing loose posts and warped planks. After that, we repainted the fences.

By Austin Xing-Le

Scorpions/ Dragons

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

Scouting is about making the program work for you and to incorporate it into your daily lives. It is a program that helps young boys work their way to being adult citizens with character, values and leadership skills. **In September, we distributed the troop calendar. Has everyone looked at the dates and put them on your family calendars?** Part of scouting is the planning process and our adult and scout leaders are facing many challenges with our scouts are not planning ahead. Most scouts are waiting until the last minute and many times after the deadline to let us know if they will be at an event. Each scout should have a calendar in their scout binder. Parents, please review the calendar with your scout. Let your scout know if there is another function that is in conflict with our program, otherwise, please transfer the scouting event to your family/work calendar and let the scouts start planning in advance.

As announced at Family Camp, I am retiring from Committee Chair and we are still looking for someone to step forward to help lead the committee. If you are interested, please talk to Pat Schultz. It is a very rewarding position.

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$10.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00

Mrs. Lozano. Email: Phyllis@gantel.com.

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!

Clean

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

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, clean and return them promptly.