

# TROOP 726 FLASH

September 2015

## **Events Upcoming in October and November and December**

**Oct 2-4- Miramar Air Show and Campout (San Diego)-**

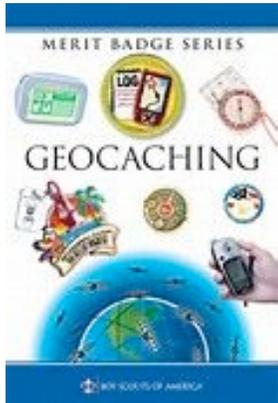
**Oct 24 -Mission Peak Rim Rover day Hike-**



**Nov 11, 2015 Veterans Day Service Project, Castro Valley Veterans Memorial-**

**Nov 14, 2015 Scouting for Food Service Project**

**Nov. 14-15 Geocaching Campout**



**Nov 21, 2015 Scouting for Food Service Project (pick-up)**

**Dec 12-13 Crabing and Fishing Campout**

**Dec 16 White Elephant Gift Exchange, Boy Scout Holiday Band, Brown Bag Lunch Service Project**

## **Attention All Scouts!**

Is your Scout due current? **It is scout's responsibility to see Mrs. Bertetta to pay their \$5 monthly due by the first meeting of the month.** You need to keep your due current in order to participate in outings.

### **Meeting Dates**

**Board of Review –3rd Mondays of the Month at Faith Lutheran Church, Redwood Road**

**Committee Meeting – First Monday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church**

**PLC Meeting –All leadership positions should be in attendance**

**Troop Meetings –Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, Crow Canyon Road**

## **Help Keep Our Troop Gear Ready for Use**

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!

# Boy Scout Fundraising Opportunity - Chocolate Bars!!!

## Can I Buy a Chocolate Bar- Please?

Now is a great opportunity to raise funds for scouting events and in a very fun way. *Who does not want to buy a **chocolate bar**??*  
*Talk to Mrs. Schultz for details!!!*

**The sale is going from September 15, 2015 to October 21, 2015.**



***Announcing Troop 726 New Leaders!!!***

**Thank You Outgoing Scout Leaders.**

**NEW Troop Positions (effective at Family Camp  
September 19th)**

**WELCOME New Leaders!!**

<b>Sam Pica</b>	Senior Patrol Leader
<b>Matthew Kuan</b>	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
<b>Zurvohn Maloof</b>	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
<b>Rafi Overton</b>	Bugler
<b>Yuri Overton</b>	Chaplain Aide
<b>Aaron Bull</b>	Gamemaster
<b>Nicholas Weavil</b>	Gamemaster
<b>Curtis Werning</b>	Historian
<b>Justin Raynor</b>	Instructor
<b>Vincent Ruiz</b>	Instructor
<b>Robert Fusinati</b>	Librarian
<b>Jeffery Jiang</b>	Quartermaster
<b>Kyle Avery</b>	Scribe
<b>Joey Bertetta</b>	Troop Guide
<b>Jack Qin</b>	Troop Guide
<b>Liam Smith</b>	Youth Recruiter
<b>Joshua Fewx</b>	Youth Webmaster
<b>John Mahoney</b>	Bobcats Patrol Leader
<b>Rafi Overton</b>	Scorpions Patrol Leader
<b>Drew Mitchel</b>	Wolverines Patrol Leader
<b>Nicholas Chung</b>	Fox Patrol Leader
<b>Joshua Siu</b>	Bats Patrol Leader
<b>Spencer Vanderpan</b>	Ravens Patrol Leader

## Eagle Court of Honor for Raymond, Mitch, and Austin

**Congratulations to Eagle Scouts; Mr. Raymond Akagi, Mr. Mitch Avery and Mr. Austin Xing-Li . Here are a few pictures from their Eagle Court of Honor**



## Summer Camp 2015



Packing



Familiar scene???



Waiting...



Waiting Patiently for summer camp 2015



Anticipating—Summer Camp 2015!!

**PLACEHOLDER—SUMMER CAMP 2015 Photos and**  
**STORIES**

## **Spotlight on Scouting** **by Yuri Overton**

At spotlight on scouting on September 10th, scouts set up a table to tell attending webelos about our troop. Six scouts and several adults gave out event schedules, told webelos and their parents about our troop, and taught webelos how to do knots and lashings. We had seven Webelos come to our table, which in fact were all those attending.



**What do you think? Are we a friendly troop?**



**We did a good job and lashing is kind of fun ...**

## Is this the first Boy Scout Troop in America ?

**By Rafi Overton**

While in New York, we visited a small river town called Owego. In Owego, we happened upon a small church. We discovered that it had been the meeting place of a troop 1. There was a wall commemorating the church with certificates dating December 1910. Framed on this wall was a sheet of paper with Baden Powell's *final message*

**(this small historic river town is home to our cousins, niece & nephew, aunt, uncle & sister!. We were discovering it for the first time and the church was their church: St Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego NY)**



**photo: wall in basement of St Paul's Church, Owego, NY commemorating first scout troop in USA with memorabilia dating to 1910 ... Yuri, Rafi and their cousin- a scout in Owego)**

***(we could not verify history on a web search)***



***Baden Powell's Final Message***  
***Enlarged below: please READ!!!!***

In case you can't read it, here is what it says:

*"Dear Scouts,*

*If you have ever seen the play "Peter Pan" you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have the time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall do so one of these days and I wanted to send you a parting word of goodbye.*

*Remember, it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.*

*I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.*

*I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich or merely by success in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so enjoy life when you are a man.*

*Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got, and make the most of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.*

*But the real way to happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try to leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die you can be happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time, but have done your best.*

*"Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy—stick to your Scout promise always— even after you cease to be a boy— and God help you do it.*

*Your friend,  
Baden Powell of Gilwell"*



## **Summer Backpacking Trip** **By Yuri Overton**

On July 10-12, 2015, Liam Smith, Mitch Avery, Yuri Overton, (Mr.) Raymond Akagi, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jiang, and Mr. Avery went backpacking in Antelope Valley. It was a fourteen-mile hike on two days and we saw a river, a waterfall, and many trees along with some small animals I don't know the names of. It was very fun but more scouts should have come.

## **Buon Tempo Club Dinner** **August 4th, 2015**

The attendee: Scouts - Matthew Kuan, Vincent Ruiz, Patrick and Aaron Lee, Jack Qin, Robert Fusinati and one scout fro Troop 623 Ethan Kwong

Parents in charge: Mrs. Kuan and--Jane and Linda Fusinati

The boys supported the monthly Buon Tempo Club dinner held at Transfiguration church. They helped set up, served food and soft drinks and helped clean up. They received a great deal of appreciation from the club and a very nice amount of money in tips. The adults in charge helped serve the wine and helped at the end of the evening. The boys were rewarded with a very nice dinner to take home!





[Michael Yi's Eagle Project](#)







## [Masonic Center Flag Presentation](#)

**PLACEHOLDER**

## **Fall Shooting Sports Day - Camp Royaneh**



New this year! Come practice your marksmanship in the Redwoods at Camp Royaneh! Saturday lunch will be provided for all participants.

**Boy Scouts** will have the opportunity to shoot Archery, Rifle and Shotgun throughout the day on their own schedule.

**Overnight Camping** available on Friday and/or Saturday night **for Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts**, at no extra cost. All camping Boy Scouts or Venturing Scouts must be attending with Unit Supervision or Parent Supervision. Please note, only Saturday lunch will be provided as part of event. Those camping must provide all other meals. The Royaneh camp platform tents will already be taken down by October so campers must provide their own tents.

**WHEN:** October 24, 2015

**WHERE:** Camp Royaneh

**WHO:** All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing Scouts

**SCHEDULE:**

***Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts***

Check in at 8:30 AM. Ranges open from 9:00-12:00 and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Lunch from 12:00-1:30.

Questions? Email [michelle.rodriquez@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.rodriquez@scouting.org).

Start Date/Time: 10/24/2015

End Date/Time: 10/24/2015

Online Registration Accepted Until: 10/21/2015 12:00:00 PM

**To register:** [click here](#)

**Location Map:** [Click Here](#)

Cost: \$20.00 per Boy Scout Adult Fee  
\$45.00 per Boy Scout Fee  
\$10.00 per Cub Scout Additional Adult Fee  
\$35.00 per Cub Scout Afternoon Archery  
\$35.00 per Cub Scout Afternoon BB Gun  
\$35.00 per Cub Scout Morning Archery  
\$35.00 per Cub Scout Morning BB Gun  
\$20.00 per Venturing Adult Fee  
\$50.00 per Venturing Scout Fee  
\$15.00 per NRA First Steps Pistol Certification

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## [Be Prepared: Bats with Rabies and ticks with Lime's Disease](#)

by Mrs. Overton

Did you know that 12 rabid bats have been found in Alameda County this year? Last year they found only 2. It would be great to have instruction sometime on what to do if you find a bat in your house. Our relatives in Owego, NY had two bats in their house while we were visiting; when I heard about the 12 rabid bats it started me thinking. I also met an Eagle Scout at the Masonic Center who had built bat houses for an eagle project . Started me thinking.



Did you know that Lyme disease is very prevalent? I know 5 people who have it, some who may have picked it up in the east bay others in Marin. Yet, I don't know the symptoms. It would be great to have instruction on what to do if you get bit by a tick or find a tick on you? I would like to know what kind of ticks transfer Lyme disease? What do they look like? Have you practiced removing ticks? Can Lyme disease come from other insects or animals? I have ever heard speculation that a visitor on one of our troop hikes may have contracted Lyme Disease!



**Challenge- I would love answers to these questions by a scout in an article to our newsletter next month or in a scout instruction that you can turn around and teach your parents!**

Do you also have a challenge for a scout? Send it to be placed in the October 726 Troop Flash.

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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**BE PREPARED**

**ASM Patrol Advisors**

Bobcats Dr. Werning

Scorpions Dr. Werning

Wolverines Patrol – Mr. Andrews

Fox Patrol - Mr. Jiang / Mr. Yi

Bats Patrol - Mr. Lee /Mr. Jones

Ravens Patrol – Mr. Bertetta

Cobras / Mr. Smith

Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

**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!

**Troop Items for Sale**

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: [pillmaster@gmail.com](mailto:pillmaster@gmail.com)

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$12.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00