# Troop 726 Flash

May 2015

## Still to Come: Spring Events



Lone Tree Cemetary Flag Placement - May 22

Natuve Sons Flag Ceremony Service Project-May 24

Lone Tree Cemetary Flag Removal Service Project-May 25

Eagle Court of Honor- Saturday June 20th



## **Summer Events**

**Summer Camp at Wente- June 21-27** 

Scout in Charge-Kyle Avery Adutl in Charge- Mr. Avery

Masonic Center Flag Presntation Service Project July 2

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Scout in Charge- Kyle Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr.Avery, Mr. Maloof

**Big Adventure 2016- Philmont** 

# 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** –June 15th at Faith Lutheran (3rd Monday of month)

Committee Meeting —June 1st at Faith Lutheran (first Monday of Month)

PLC Meeting - Unknown ???

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

# 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!

# **Noteworthy**

## Welcome New Scout- Jacob Rosario!!

The newest member of Troop 726!

## **Note our newest ASM Patrol Advisors**

ASM Patrol Advisors play a BIG role in helping patrols run smootly. Please scroll to the end of the Troop FLASH to see who are present ASM Patrol Advisors are. If you have a chance say thank you to them for giving of their time each week- please do so! We could not do it without them!

## **Eagle Court of Honor**

Remember to RSVP for the Eagle Court of Honor to be held at the masonice Center at 3 pm on June 20th honoring three of our eagle scouts:

Raymond Akagi!
Mitch Avery!
Austin Xing-Le!

## <u>Details on Upcoming Events</u> (added to this section as they become available)

### **Lone Tree Cemetary Service Project**

May 23 (Friday) 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Placement of Flags on the veteran's graves.)

May 26 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Memorial Day Service, followed by BBQ Lunch)

May 26 (Monday) 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 pm. (Memorial Day Flag Removal)

Lone Tree Cemetary is located at 24591 Fairview Ave, Hayward, CA 94542

full Class A uniform

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## Stories from April Events

(May events will be in next Troop Flash- coming very soon!)

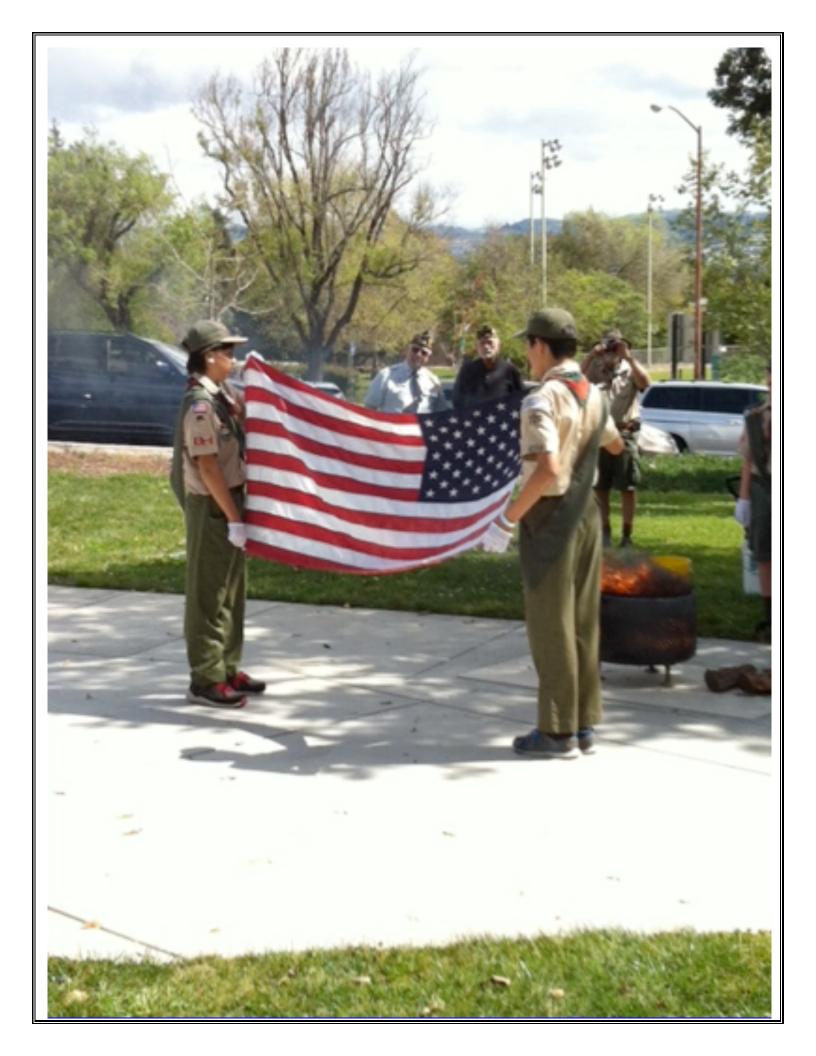
Luke Martin's Life Project by Luke Martin

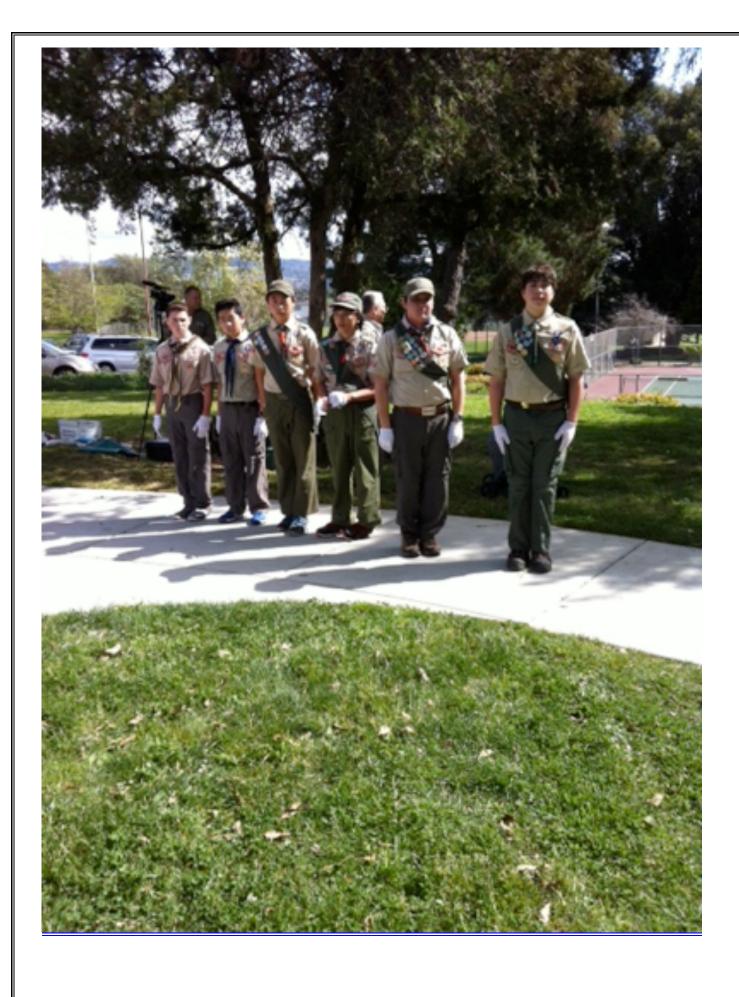
Hello all, for those that don't know I had my Life Project on April 12th we weeded and planted trees on the hillside. I greatly appreciate the help of all scouts and adults that came to help. My Life Project is complete!

Flag Retirement
Photos by Mrs. Peng



Flag Retirements





# Earth Day Event By Quentin Mognaga, Scout in Charge

The Earth Day event at Independent Elementary School was great. Lots of scouts, guests, and adults showed up. We cleared out all the weeds in the garden and on the hill by the lower parking lot. We also ate pastries. Attendees are listed below.

**Scouts:** Quentin Mognaga, Spencer Lin-Jones, Aaron Gallagher, Joey Bertetta, Zurvohn Maloof 2, Aaron Bull, Spencer Vanderpan, Josh Fewx, Sammy Wilson, Liam Smith, Sam Pica, Vincent Ruiz, Kyle Avery, Aaron Lee, Robert Fusinati.

**Adults:** Mr. Fusinati, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Mognaga, Mr. Bertetta, Mr. Siu, Mr. Pica, Mr. Jones, Mr. Avery, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Maloof.

Guests: Kyle Mognaga, Michael Fusinati, Conrad Avery, Joey Speer.



Guests and future Troop 726 scouts Kyle Mognaga and Michael Fusinati.

## **Outdoor Swimming Meeting- April 2015**

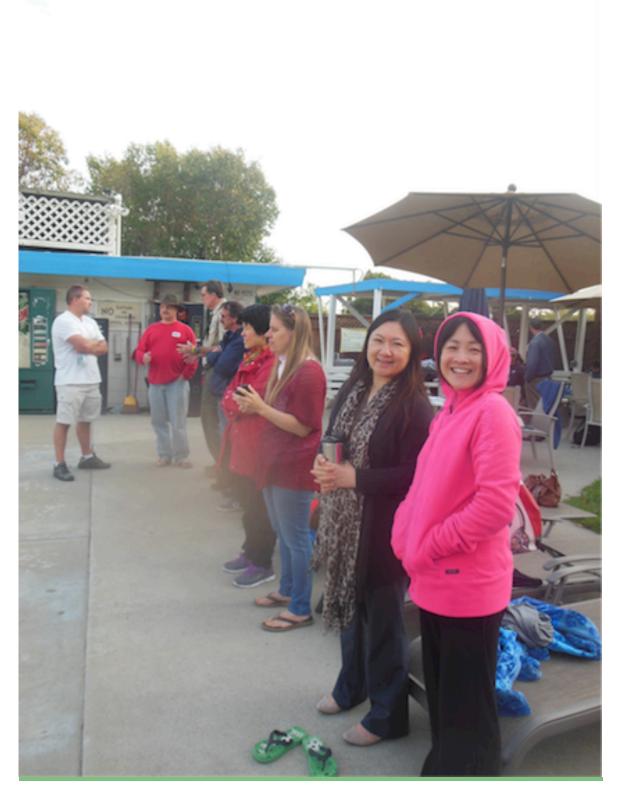


Gosh- Boyscouts looks fun!





It takes those older scouts to make it work!



And adults enjoying themselves and watching of course!



If you don't need to swim, there is always ping pong.



And the older scouts need someone to guide them too!



Are we shivering yet?

# **Scout Training**

# **Troop 726 Summer Camp Reminders**

\*Martrit Badge Fees Dues to Mr Avery ASAP!! Please be prepared to settle up at Troop Meeting on May 27.

\*\*The 2015-2016 Annual BSA Medical Form is due to Mrs. Feux by May 27th!

# **Troop 726 - \*\*Opportunities\*\***

**Troop 726** - there are still spots available for the **Big Adventure 2015** to Lassen Volcano, Lava Tubes, Crater Lake, and Redwood national parks. Please see Kyle Avery ASAP to turn in a permission slip if you are interested. We need to finalize the head count soon to set the number of vehicles and campsites, etc. The fee upfront will be \$350.

For the **Big Adventure 2016** we are participating in the council contingent going to Philmont. The SFBAC has 12 openings which will be as 10 scouts and 2 adults or 9 scouts and 3 adults. Our Troop will not be the only one participating so we will need commitments very soon. The trek will be July 16 - July 28, 2016.

The Philmont fee is \$870. Other costs will include air travel to New Mexico (\$350 on Southwest?), local travel, and other personal supplies needed for the trek. Estimated total costs will be \$1400. Compare this to the fees for National or World Jamboree.

Attendees to Philmont must be 14 years old or 13 years old and have

completed the 8th grade. This will cover all patrols Wolverine and above.
Medical form A, B, C, AND D must be filled out. Part D is for BSA High Adventure. All attendees, youth and adult, must conform to maximum weight and height requirements. Immunizations are required.

Now is a good a time as any to think about **Summer Camp 2016** when we are scheduled to camp out of council. At the April 25, 2015 Planning Conference we discussed Summer Camp 2016. For some of the Ravens 2016 will be their last Summer Camp. For scouts with some spare time you can check out these camps in California. We can also go to camp outside of California like we did in 2010, we will just have to figure out how to get there. Happy Hunting - Mr. Avery



#### **Training**

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

#### **Training Recertification**

Keeping Scouts safe and keeping Scouting leaders up to date with current information and methods means some of the BSA's training courses need to be retaken every couple of years.

We all know about Youth Protection training and National Camping School, but there are some others—including some that have recently been added to the list.

Below is a list of these courses and how often they should be retaken to be valid:

- Youth Protection—every two years
- National Camping School—good for five camping seasons
- Safe Swim Defense—every two years
- Paddle Craft Safety—every three years
- Aquatics Supervision/Swimming and Water Rescue—every three years
- BSA Lifeguard—every three years
- Visitation training—every two years
- Lead Climbing Instructor—every five years
- Climbing Instructor—every two years
- COPE/Climbing Inspector—every two years
- Safety Afloat—every two years
- · Chain Saw Safety—every two years
- Trainer's EDGE—every three years
- Hazardous Weather—every two years
- Physical Wellness—every two years
- Climb On Safely—every two years
- Trek Safely—every two years

Why should you take any of these trainings?

They make you a better leader and provide a better program for our youth!

If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken.

If you have any training questions, please contact me.

On-line trainings are at <a href="www.sfbac.org">www.sfbac.org</a>. Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page. New trainings are posted all the time. Please go on-line and check these out!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**: Youth Protection is required and must be renewed every 2 years. If yours expires you won't be able to serve in an adult leadership position until it is renewed. This is Nationals policy. I will call you before it expires and send you an email reminder. If you have any questions regarding this PLEASE CALL ME.

Keep checking.

Please see www.sfbac.org for more info.

Thanks, Randy Wright 510 885 0527 Wright-s@comcast.net



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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
Troop Mug = \$5.00
Troop T-shirts = \$12.00
Duffle Bag = \$26.00