

TROOP 726 FLASH

VOLUME 14, ISSUE 9 JUNE 2011

Upcoming Events

Mt. Wittenberg Hike – TBD

Summer Camp at Royaneh – June 19 – 25

Kayaking SF Overnight – July 16 - 17

Troop Meeting & PLC Overnight – July 29 - 30

Summer High Adventure Camp – August 6 – 14

Family Camp – Sept 17 - 18



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – May 2, June 6, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – June 13

Board of Review – June 20 (at Summer Camp)

PLC Meeting – June 23 (at Summer Camp)

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center (June 15, last meeting before summer)

Troop 726 Website



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

Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2011

Troop 726 is returning to one of our favorite Scout camps June 19- 25, 2011! SFBAC Camp Royaneh, one of the oldest and most scenic Boy Scout camps, is located among serene redwood groves along Austin Creek near the Russian River, about 30min west of Santa Rosa not far from the rugged Sonoma coast. Summer is almost here!!!

This big event is considered by most of our boys to be their best annual Scouting experience, and we would like to see 100% participation by all patrols, especially since we will be attending our own council's summer camp program. As announced previously, the estimated cost of this trip would be \$415, but the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize part of the cost from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is only \$325 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees).

The payment is now due (to Mr. Yi. Michael Yi's Dad). Also, plan an appointment for the doctor-approved **BSA health form to be completed ASAP (turn in to Mrs. Donna Platou, Ben Eckman's mom).** Payment from Scout acct, check payable to Troop 726, or apply to the SFBAC Campership family financial aid link (www.sfbac.org).

Sign up for Merit badge classes ASAP.



Royaneh Summer Camp, Here We Come!

Mt. Wittenberg Hike – TBD Scout in Charge: Jacob schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

This is another Rim of the Bay hike that we have not done in 4 years. Unfortunately, it was rained out but we are looking to reschedule. Pay attention at the Troop meeting announcement for a new date and join the Troop, as we work our way to the High Adventure Trip.

High Adventure Trip in August

Looking for something exciting to do in the summer? How about joining your fellow Scouts for the **High Adventure Trip, August 7 – 14, 2011**. Some of the activities included in the trip are: hike the **Half Dome in Yosemite**, climb **Mt Whitney**, **Crystal Cave tour**, overnight at **Furnace Creek**, **Death Valley**, and visiting **Las Vegas** area with a **Hoover Dam** extended tour and **Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge**. The total estimate cost is **\$421.50**.

IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOU MUST COMPLETE THE HIKING MERIT BADGE BEFORE WE LEAVE!!! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-life-time opportunity. Plan ahead and start getting ready for the trip! Permission slip will be available soon.

SAVE THE DATE

The family camp this year is Sept 17 – 18. Please mark your calendar and join us in this fun family event.

Family Camp!

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!

If you take training, update or new, it doesn't get placed in our troops data base unless I receive the info. Please, inform me of your trainings. You can email the info, mail it, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521 0441.

The following trainings will be held:

1. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
2. SLS adult Leader training: AUGUST 27, 2011
3. IOLS, Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills adult training : May 19 and June 10-11, 2011
OR Sept. 15 and Sept 24-25, 2011. I will send flier to all leaders.
4. Upcoming High Adventure training: Wilderness First Aid: 6/4 -5/2011 *or* 6/18 – 19, 2011.
Canoe Hat: July 9, 16-17, 2011. Hat ReBoot: October 29, 2011.

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

Advancement Chair

By Mrs. Lozano

With the announcement of Mr. Avery as our new Scoutmaster comes the realization that we need to fill his vacancy as Advancement Chair. Mr. Avery has done a superb job maintaining our troop advancement records and organizing our troop Court of Honors.

Mr. Avery, please accept my sincere compliments on your attention to detail, your time commitments and going the extra miles to help us deliver a great Scouting program.

If anyone is interested or you know of someone that might be good at this position please let me or any committee member know. The duties according to BSA:

ADVANCEMENT

Duties:

- Encourage Scouts to advance in rank.
- Work with the troop scribe to maintain all Scout advancement records.
- Arrange monthly troop boards of review and quarterly courts of honor.
- Develop and maintain a merit badge counselor list.
- Make a prompt report on the correct form to the council service center when a troop board of review is held. Secure badges and certificates.
- Work with the troop librarian to build and maintain a troop library of merit badge pamphlets and other advancement literature.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

Will You Help?

Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.

~ Helen Dyer



20 Mile Hike! Berkeley to Castro Valley

(Photo by Mr. Avery)

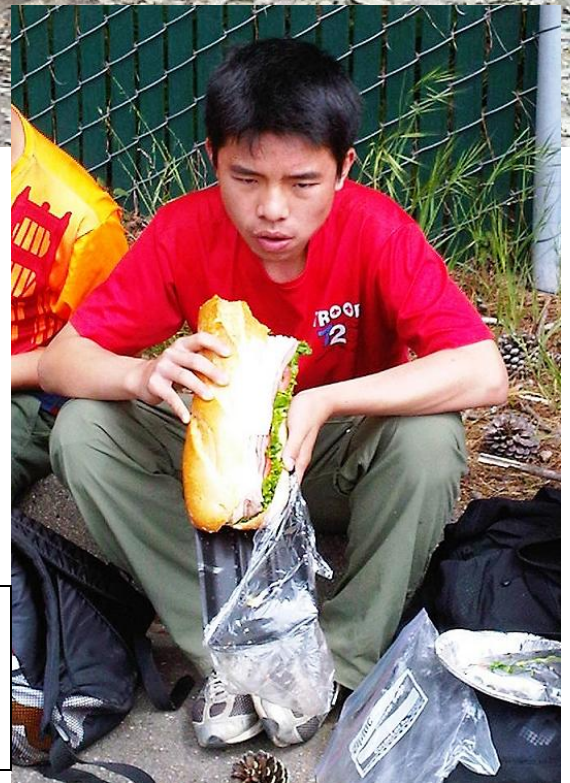
This was the final 20 mile hike for the Hiking Merit Badge and for tune up for the High Adventure Trip. Thank you Mr. Avery and Mr. Yi for accompanying the scouts.



Jack, Kyle, Kendall, Ryan, Kenji, and Jason taking a break from the 20 mile hike.



Austin enjoying a sandwich at lunch time. Fuel up for the hike!



First Aid CPR/AED Class

(Photo by Mrs. Lozano)

Kenji, Kendal, Zach, and Joshua took advantage of the opportunity to learn CPR and First Aid at the class offered by Kendall Law's uncle (Mr. Wikler) at Castro Valley Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Road on **Monday, May 16**.



Kendall
and
Joshua



Kenji
and
Kendall

Long Tree Flags

(Photo by Mrs. Lozano and Mr. Markison)

Austin was the scout-in-charge for the Annual Memorial Day Community Service at Lone Trees Cemetery. On Friday May 27, we met at Lone Tree Cemetery to place American flags on the graves of our American Veterans. And on May 30, we met again to remove the flags. Thanks to all who came to help honoring our veterans.





Taken on Monday after our scouts removed the flag and sorted all the flags, they were asked to retire the colors. They did a great job.

Skills Weekend

By Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz (photo by Mr. Maloof)

On **Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15**, the troop went on a skills-based outing at Lookout Ridge in Anthony Chabot Regional Park. The weekend has astonishingly high attendance with 26 scouts and adults attending. The weekend went very smoothly with many advancement requirements completed and very little problem came up. It was another fun outing to Lake Chabot.



Zackary, Mitch, Bobby, Raymond, Kiyoshi, Jack, will, Laryy, Jose, Jason, Kendall, Zurvohn, Sammy, Michael, Ben, Joshua, Mr. Maloof, Mr. Siu, and Mr. Avery at the Lookout Ridge camp site.





District Dinner

At the District Dinner on May 8, 8 of our adults are receiving awards. Thank you for your dedication and congratulations!

Unsung Hero Award
Mrs. Davidson (not pictured)



District Award of Merit
Mr. Andrews, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Markison



District Board
Mrs. Eslick (not pictured), Mr. Hubbard (not pictured), Mrs. Platou



District Plaque
Mr. Davidson (not pictured)
Mr. Perrault (back in light blue shirt)



Tres Rancho Rama

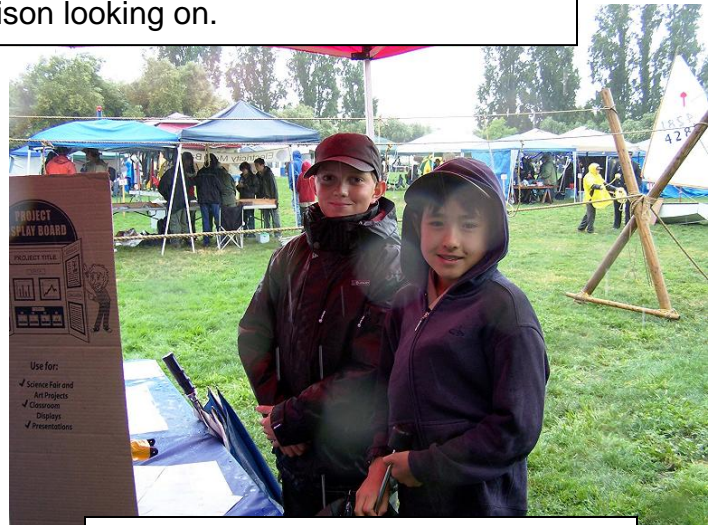
On Saturday, June 4, at Kennedy Park, the district had the annual Tres Ranch-O-Rama which is a recruitment drive. Our scouts put together posters to show off our community service activities. The weather was rainy but many scout came to help set up the money bridge and the tent. Thank you all who came to help, especially Mrs. Eslick for being the adult-in-charge and Will Oliveira for being the scout-in-charge.



Too cold and wet for snow cone? Never! Sammy, Ben, and Will with snow cones, Kenji, Raymond, Mrs. Eslick, and Mr. Markison looking on.



Kenji braving the cold and wet



Kyle and Ben manning the booth



Will and Raymond putting up the monkey bridge



Mr. and Mrs. Eslick with Mr. Wilson



Mr. Davidson



Kenji, Sammy, and Zachery working to put up the monkey bridge



Sammy striking the stake



Zackary striking the stake



Ben and clove hitch



A cub scout trying out the mokey bridge

Hike-a-Thon

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery

21 scouts hiked around Lake Chabot on May 14 to earn money for their scout account. The hike was 10 miles long. Thank you Mrs. Eslick and Mrs. Pica for getting the sponsorship letters and organizing the fund raiser.

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

The following scouts earned Merit Badges in May:

Kyle Avery	Hiking	05/11/11
Keane Hubbard	Camping	05/03/11
Keane Hubbard	Personal Fitness	05/11/11
Kiyoshi Ito	Camping	05/17/11
Sam Pica	Stamp Collecting	05/11/11
Larry Whitmeyer	Communications	05/15/11
Larry Whitmeyer	Hiking	05/22/11



We have 14 scouts that have completed all the physical requirements for the Hiking MB and Troop 726 has an in house Hiking MB Counselor in Mr. Andrews yet only two boys have taken time to complete all the steps and close out their Hiking MB. Congratulations Kyle and Larry.

Congratulations also to Larry Whitmeyer for completing all his Eagle required MB's for his Eagle rank.

The following scouts earned a rank advancement in May:

Mac Strand	Scout	05/15/11
Jason Zhao	Second Class	05/16/11
Jose Velasco	Star	05/16/11

Congratulations!

We will try to run Boards of Review at Summer Camp. If you think you can advance a rank at camp, then be sure to pack your full uniform and of course bring your scout book.

Tres Ranchos District Fishing Derby – July 23, 2011

Time: Saturday July 23, 2011, 7 am to 3 pm
Where: Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area/East Bay Regional Park District
Cost: \$5 per registered scout

Bring your own fish gear. No lead fishing weights allowed. Anyone 16 years and older must have a valid California fishing license and pay for a day fish pass. Bring your lunch. Please make reservation by July 21. For more information contact Ray Dollar 510-329-7411, rldollar@att.net

Tres Ranchos District Kite Derby – August 20, 2011

Time: August 20, 2011, 9 am to 2 pm
Where: San Leandro Marina
Cost: \$5 per registered scout

Please make reservations by August 18. For more information contact Ray Dollar 510-329-7411, rldollar@att.net



Troop News

MEDICAL FORMS (by Mrs. Lozano):

As some of you know, Katherine McGrue and family will be moving this summer. Katherine has done an excellent job in coordinating and organizing our troop medical forms. Her attention to detail and constant pursuit has been great asset to the troop. We will miss her and wish her and her family luck in their new adventures. Happy trails!

Donna Platou has stepped up to take over the medical forms. Donna will meet with Katherine prior to her departure to ensure a smooth transition. My sincere thanks to Katherine for handling it all these years and to Donna for taking the task.

Did you turn in your medical form?

Spelunking Overnight (June 11 – 12) is cancelled

Last Troop meeting is Wednesday, June 15.

Summer is almost here!

FUN INCENTIVE FOR BEING A PART OF FAMILY VACATION CAMP STAFF

Staff is needed for Family Vacation Camp this coming Memorial Weekend as well as **two weekends in August and Labor Day Weekend at Wente Scout Reservation**, or **Labor Day weekend at Camp Royaneh**.

You and your family of 4 can earn their camp fee for the weekend(s) by serving on camp staff. Dining Hall meals are also available for a small fee. If you are a qualified lifeguard, rangemaster, archery instructor, wrangler, or would like to help out in the kitchen please contact Jason Lewis at

Jason.lewis@scouting.org

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.



Bats

All of the scouts from the Bat patrol went to the Skills weekend at Lookout Ridge a couple of weeks ago to practice skills and do the hike-a-thon.

By Joshua Siu



Ravens

Sammy Wilson is 1 requirement till scout master conference. Ben is going for Second Class. Zachary, Sam, and Kyle are going to the Tres Rancho Rama.

By Zachary Eslick



Cobras

Jason got his Second Class rank. A lot of us went to Skills weekend and participated in the hike-a-thon.

By Jason Zhao



Scorpions/ Dragons

Jack, Larry, Anthony, Jose, Kiyoshi went to Chabot camp ground for a skill weekend for the younger scouts and went on a 10 mile hike. We went on may 14, 2011 to help the younger scouts rank up and get things signed off. We went on the hike-a-thon in order to get the hiking merit badge for the high adventure trip in the summer.

By Dragons



Owls/Rocks

Recently members of the Owl Patrol attended Memorial Day Family Camp at Wente Scout Reservation. It was a lot of fun but it rained heavily and was very cold. Brrrrrrrrrr!!

By Allen Saylor

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 726

18507 Center Street

Castro Valley, CA 94546

Scoutmaster: Neil Guerin

Email: 70torino@comcast.net

Website: <http://troop726.scoutlander.com>

Charter Organization: American Legion
#649

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

Billy Crystal said, "Change is such hard work" and Robert Gallagher said, "Change is inevitable – except from a vending machine."

The Scoutmaster Selection Committee, composed of Phyllis Lozano, Randy Wright, Michael Andrews, Laura Pica, and Jennifer Eslick, has met on several occasions during the past 2 months. At this time we are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Scoutmaster, which will become effective in September at the annual Family Camp weekend. After 5 solid years of troop leadership, Scoutmaster Neil Guerin will be stepping down to the position of ASM, and Phil Avery will become our new Scoutmaster. Please congratulate Mr. Avery and welcome him as your new Troop 726 Scoutmaster.

Troop 726 will now enter a transitional phase as we say thank you to Mr. Guerin for years of hard work, dedication and forward vision and welcome to Mr. Avery. Mr. Avery has over 5 years of scouting leadership experience and two boys (Kyle and Mitch) in the troop. He is looking forward to continuing the traditions of troop 726 as well as creating some new ones.

At this time I ask all scouts, scouters and parents to continue to support our Scoutmasters and the Scouting program as we embrace change and smoothly move forward.



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!

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!

Thrifty

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

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!