

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Mt. St. Helena Hike, TBD

Chemistry Merit Badge Outing, March 28

Troop Model Airplane Contest, April 10

100 Years of Scouting in Northern California,
April 16 - 18

Earth Day, April 24

Annual Planning Conference, April 24

Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop, April
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Hike-A-Thon, May 1

Skills Weekend, May 1 – 2



Meeting Dates

Court of Honor - March 17

Committee Meeting – April 1 and May 3, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – April 19

ASM Meeting – April 12

PLC Meeting – April 22

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm
sharp at Masonic Center
(No troop meeting on Wed Apr 28, Jun 23, Sep 22 and Nov
10- Masonic center is not available. Alternative date, time
and place will be announced).

Troop 726 Website

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



Rim of the Bay Hike, TBD

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mr. Eversole

The rim of the bay hike to Mount Saint Helena will take place at a date yet to be determined. We will meet at **7:30 AM at Masonic Center** and returning between **6 and 6:30 pm**. The hike is 10.2 miles round-trip on a challenging terrain. It has been many years since Troop 726 has done this hike. This is a great opportunity and might be your only chance to go with our Troop.

Proper hiking boots, water, lunch, 10 essentials are required. Please see permission slip for details. Don't miss out, sign up and enjoy the outdoors with your fellow scouts!



Chemistry Merit Badge Outing, March 28

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery, Mr. Eversole

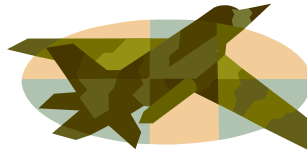
Ready for some fun with science, enjoy a day a park, cook/experiment with food, and earn the Chemistry Merit Badge too? Don't miss out on the Chemistry Merit Badge outing on **March 28**. The event will be held at the **Greenridge Park, 6078 Greenridge Rd., Castro Valley, CA, from 9 am to 4 pm**. The cost is \$10 including a hot lunch and Merit Badge Supplies. The permission slip has been passed out. Make sure you sign up for this fun and rewarding outing.



Troop Model Airplane Contest, April 10

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

On **April 10, 2010**, there will be an American Legion model airplane contest in which Troop 726 will be competing. Anyone who would like to participate, please contact Bryce Fong at the next troop meeting. We will need people who have skills such as building and painting the model and writing and researching the historical diorama.



Earth Day Clean up, April 24

Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Mark your calendar for the annual Earth Day clean up on **April 24**. More details will be coming out.



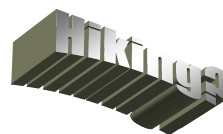
DO YOUR PART!

Annual Planning Conference, April 24

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Would you like to have a say on what outings the Troop should have for the next year? Come to the annual planning meeting and take part in the decision. The meeting will be held at **Mr. Guerin's house (18507 Center St, Castro Valley)** on **Saturday, April 24**. Meeting starts at **5:00pm**.

You may want to bring a camp chair and a jacket/sweater as we may be outside for part of the meeting. Come and take parts in deciding the activities for next year!



100 Years of Scouting in Northern California, April 16 - 18

Scout in Charge: Steve Davidson, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong



On **Friday, April 16, 2010**, we will be heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton to celebrate scouting's 100th birthday. Among the exciting events planned for the weekend are BMX racing, special music performances, high adventure and a World Record-setting Pinewood Derby Race! You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The cost will be \$45 per scout for 2 nights of camping. For further information, please contact:
Scout-in-charge: Steve Davidson, (510)581-4567
Adult-in-charge: Byron Fong, (510)567-8963

Hike-A-Thon, May 1

Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Schultz

The entire troop family (including adults and older siblings) is invited to join this outing for fitness as well. This is a combination of hiking and fundraising event. We will **meet on Saturday, May 1, 8:30am at Chabot Park in San Leandro**. The hike will begin around 9am and be **finished about 2pm** after the last arriving hiker.

Each Boy Scout is invited to participate in this fun local event to raise money for his Scout account, which can be used to help fund many Scouting experiences (dues, outings, summer camp, National Jamboree, hiking/camping gear, etc). To accomplish this, Scouts may choose to send out request letters to relatives, solicit friends to pledge donations, do an email campaign, OR just choose to just join our group for some fun in the sun walking 10 miles around the Lake Chabot loop trail. **Hike-a-thon fundraiser packets, including instructions, sponsor letters and a permission slip, will be distributed in April's troop meetings**. Please contact Mrs. Schultz if you have any questions.

Skills Weekend, May 1 - 2

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison and Mr. Avery

Skills weekend is for scouts to work on Tenderfoot, 2nd class, and 1st class requirements. Come have fun while learning the skills for advancement or teach others skills you know. Great opportunity to get the requirement signed off. More details will be coming soon. Mark your calendar for **May 1-2** and look for the permission slips to sign up for fun and productive outing.



Dodge Ridge Snowboard Trip, Feb 20

On Feb 20, Jacob, Will, Larry, Raymond, and Austin went on a snowboarding trip at Dodge Ridge. We left really early in the morning and got a full day of fun in the snow. There were a lot of snow up there this year and the courses at Dodge Ridge were challenging with a lot of jumps. It was fun! Thank you Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Schultz for taking us. (By Raymond Akagi)

We went to dodge ridge and skied/snowboarded, while Mr. Geurin and Mrs. Schultz stayed nice and warm in the cafeteria, it was a very fun trip. (By Jacob Schultz)

(Look for pictures of the trip in the next issue of Troop Flash)



Red and Green Dinner

By Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin

Our Red and Green Dinner on Feb 10 was quite the extravaganza! There was plenty of food, great entertainment, and people were sure not short in supply! Thank you to all who attended, and especially to those who brought grub.



The Cobras – Mitch, Michael, Tyler, Jason, Keane, and Raymond (counter clock-wise)



Allen



Bobby



Ben



Steve

Red and Green Dinner, Feb 10, 2010 at Masonic Center



SFBAC TROOP 726 – SUMMER CAMP WEEK 2010

Troop 726 is going out of state for 2010 summer to Camp Makualla located in the state of Oregon, July 3 – 11, 2010!

The cost has been reduced to \$230 for current scouts and \$250 for new scout or incoming Webelos.

Camp Makualla has program opportunities for both younger Scouts and advanced Scouts. 37 merit badges including shooting sports, climbing, fishing, and sailing will be available. For advanced Scouts, the camp has a High Adventure Program which includes caving, whitewater, and climbing that will be done outside of camp. We will also be visiting Crater Lake.

We will be traveling by railroad to camp via Amtrak! **Departing Oakland's Jack London Square at 9:47 pm on Saturday night, July 3, 2010. Returning to Jack London Square at 8:35 am on Sunday morning, July 11, 2010.** Estimated cost for camp is \$230 (this is \$165 less than 2009) and includes; camp spending money, Amtrak rail transportation, troop equipment, leadership fees, and Crater Lake tour. **Does not include Merit Badge or additional High Adventure Program fees.**

The final balance of \$130 (for current scout who paid the \$100 deposit) is due Wednesday, March 10th, and all payment plans can utilize Scout account funds, cash, or checks written to TROOP 726. After March 10, the fee may increase to \$280. For further registration information, please contact Mr. Patrick Yi (510) 388-1829.

Don't miss out on this great adventure!



Camp Makualla, Here We Come!

Special Merit Badge Opportunity for 2010 Only

Do you know a Boy Scout who would like to do something few other Boy Scouts will ever do? Yes, I'm sure you do!

This year and this year ONLY...four historic Merit Badges are being offered to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the B.S.A. They MUST be done, finished and completed in 2010 and will never be offered again! The four are Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking. The actual merit badge itself appears to have gold around the edge too! Find more about it at the National website!



Signaling



Tracking



Pathfinding



Carpentry

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING AT THE 2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

There are still two spaces left for our Boy Scouts to join the SFBAC contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. A Jamboree is always an once-in-a-lifetime event and this Jamboree will be even more special. Many of our scouts are already signed to go. For further info, contact Mr. Andrews (sierrascout@sbcglobal.net) or if you need help with MyScouting contact JoAnn at the council office (510-577-9203).



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!

The following trainings will be held:

1. Roundtable every month. Meet people and have fun learning more about scouting. Second Thursday evening of each month at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro. **Up coming sessions are March 11 – Forestry, April 8 – Leadership, May 13 – Special cooking and June 10 – Backpacking.**
2. Did you complete any training lately? Please let me know. A copy of your training card would be the best. For example, University of Scouting or HAT trainings.
3. Beginning January 2009, leaders will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and training called **“Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training”** (this is only available online). These are required on tour permits.
4. **“This is Scouting”** is now on line. If you haven’t taken NLE please take this course at www.sfbac.org under adult training. I do have a video for this that I can loan to you.
5. If your HAT training is about to expire, please register for the upcoming HAT refresher course. Your training must be renewed every 5 years.
6. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what’s new!

If haven’t take Youth Protection in the last two years you need to before you can participate in any outing or programs with our youth. You also are required by National to take the Weather Hazards course if you are a tour leader or are signing the tour permit.

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.

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

This month Ben Andrews and Allen Saylor earned their Life Rank on 2/15. Kenji Pinzon completed his Camping MB on 2/23.

On March 28, there will be the first and main part of the Chemistry MB at the Greenridge Park in Castro Valley. Seamus Guerin is the Scout in Charge and Mr. Avery is the MB counselor.

The next Court of Honor is on Wednesday, March 17. The next Board of Review is on Monday, April 19.

Troop News

Updated Annual Health and Medical Record

If you haven't turned in your form yet, please give the completed forms to Mrs. McGrue (Larry Whitmyer's mom) as soon as possible.

See's Candy Fund Raiser Chocolate cases are still available from Mrs. Schultz. Please let her know if you want more and how many boxes.

Hike-a-thon this year is on May 1st. With agreement of the Troop committee, it will be opened up to the Jamboree troop, as well as incoming Webelos, to join in this fundraising opportunity. The Adult in Charge is Mrs. Schultz

An overnight skills camping session will follow.

Have Fun Earning Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

Come to the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop at the **WESTPEX Stamp Show, San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, Sunday April 25, 2010, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

Beginner collectors are welcome and encouraged. No previous stamp collecting experience is required. Experienced collectors can complete the merit badge. Each Scout attendee will receive a free starter kit including thousands of free stamps to pick from. You will receive a special tour of the show.

Contact Brian Jones at bfj39@yahoo.com for more details and to register for the workshop. Also check <http://www.westpex.org> for more information. Space is very limited, so sign-up quick to save your spot!



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.

Cobras



New patrol positions were established. We are still trying to plan a patrol outing but we can't go because we're still getting rained out.

Patrol Leader – Raymond
Assistant Patrol Leader – Jason/Michael
Quarter Master – Austin
Grub Master – Keane
Scribe – Mitch/Freddie
Cheer Master - Tyler

By Mitch Avery

Scorpions/ Dragons



We are all working hard to advance to our next rank. Jack is close and will possibly advance at the next Court of Honor.

By Will Oliveila

Owls/ Rocks



The average chocolate bar has eight insect legs in it, but the chocolate the troop is selling is **ABOVE** average!

By Steve Davidson

Court of Honor, Dec 9, 2009



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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

During the month of March we will be welcoming new scouts to our troop. Some of these new scouts will be crossing over from a Cub Scout Pack and some may be new to scouting. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new scouts and get to know both the scout and his family. In the April Newsletter, we will introduce them officially, but until then when you see someone new at our meetings, please welcome them with an open scouting spirit.

Great big shout out to Mrs. Pat Schultz for leading and organizing our fundraisers. If you need money for any scouting outing, please see Mrs. Schultz, I'm sure she will have a program that will work for you. THANKS!

At our Court of Honor on March 17, we will have two big announcements, please attend to hear our big news. Our Court of Honor is a time we publicly recognize our scouts for their attendance and advancements. It is important that all families are represented. The scouts and leaders appreciate having a full audience and the support of our troop families. Please plan on attending even if your scout is not receiving recognition at this Court.

Welcome, New Scouts!

Court of Honor, Dec 9, 2009
Flag Presentation to 1st Class Scouts



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!

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 Mr. Woo or Ms Huie 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!

Cheerful

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come this way. He tries to make others happy