

TROOP 726 FLASH

APRIL 2015

Upcoming Events

Moose Lodge Dinner – April 11
Moose Lodge

Luke Martin's Life Project – April 12
Masonic Center

Introduction To Troop Leadership Training
Campout- April 18-19
(all new scouts need to be there!)

Annual Planning Conference- April 25
Scout in Charge-Kyle Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr. Avery
(patrols need to come up with ideas for next year!!)

Earth Day Service Project- April 25
Albert Tran, Scout in charge
Adult in charge – Mr. Fusinati
(at Independent School that stores our container for free)

Mt St Helena Hike/Russian River Campout-May 2-3
Mathew Kuan, Scout in charge
Mr. Siu- Adult in Charge

Chocoate Factory Tour- May 9
Luke Martin, Scout in charge
Mr. Yi- Adult in Charge

Skills Weekend Campout- May 15-17

Hike-a-thon- May 16

Lone Tree Cemetary Flag Placement – May 22

Natue Sons Flag Ceremony Service Project- May 24

Lone Tree Cemetary Flag Removal Service Project-May 25
Eagle Court of Honor- Saturday June 20th
Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Austin Le

Summer Events

Summer Camp at Wente- June 21-27

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

Bay Ridge Trail Backpacking and Campout- July 10-12

Scout in Charge-Mitch Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr. Jiang, Mr. Smith

Big Adventure Lassen/ Crater Lake /Redwoods- July 25th –August 1

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

Meeting Dates

Board of Review – April 20th, May 18th at Faith Lutheran

Committee Meeting – April 13th (7 PM), May 4th
Always at Faith Lutheran

PLC Meeting – Unknown ???

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center (no meeting April 8th - Spring Break)

Instruction and Games at Troop Meetings

4/1 – Color Guard, Tag

4/8 - No Meeting

4/15 - Maintaining Troop Cooking Equipment, Sharks and Minnows

4/22 - Pool Meeting (\$3/person)

4/29 - Safety afloat, Log Game

5/6 - Water Filtration, Water Gun Fight

5/13 - Paper airplane, Paper airplane contest

Continuing Announcements

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.

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!

Website



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

Ashir Bhalla-Levine is our new Troop Website master. Also please send him (ashirbhallalevine@gmail.com) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc and plain text format so they can be.

Details on Upcoming Events (added to this section as they become available)

Luke Martin's Life Project – April 12
Scout in Charge: Luke Martin

We will be weeding and planting trees. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. I would like all permission slips to be signed and turned into me by this next meeting.

Earth Day Service Project- April 25

Albert Tran, Scout in charge

Robert Fusinati- Adult in Charge

(at Independent School that stores our container for free)

Mt St Helena Hike / Russian River Campout – May 2-3

Scout in Charge: Matthew Kuan

You must have completed your BSA swimmer test.

March Events –Summaries and Pictures

Shooting Camp Sports Los Mochos

Scout in Charge-Zurvohn Maloof

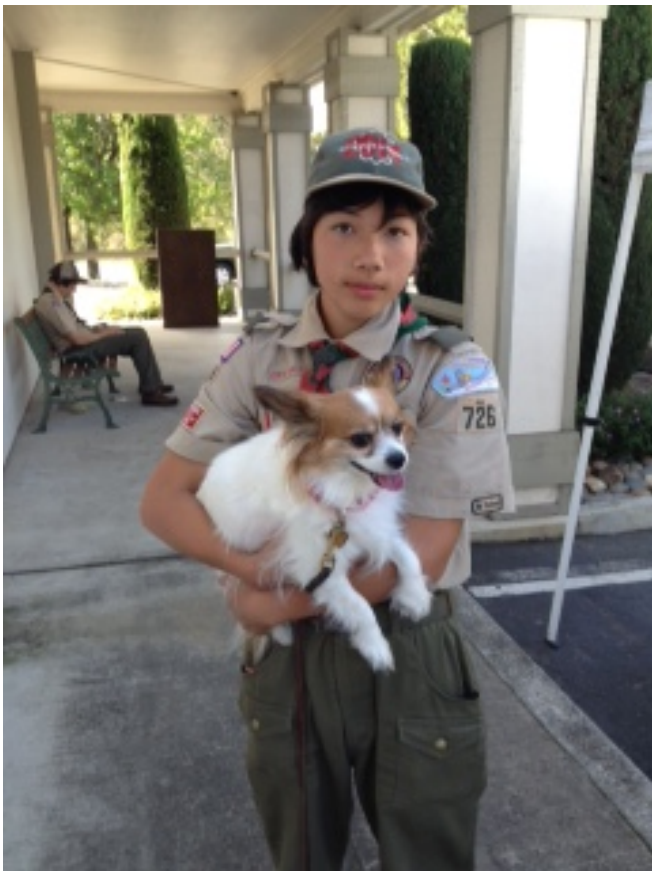
Pet Show

By Josh Fewx-Scout in Charge

Here are the names of scouts, pets, and parents at the pet show. Josh Fewx - Carrots the chicken Liam Smith - Enzo the Sheltie, rolled over! Kyle Ortizow - Penelope the rabbit Joey Bertetta - Kirin the papillon, sat on command! Aaron Gallagher - Rumble the Madagascar hissing cockroach & Fang the Chilean rose tarantula Curtis Werning - Obi the orange cat Jaron Garcia - Nala the Pomeranian poodle Luke McCutcheon - Chip the dog, sat on command! Adults - Mr. Weavil, Mr. Avery, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Garcia, Mrs. Garcia, Mr. McCutcheon, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mr. Bertetta, Mr. Fewx, Mrs. Fewx

The pet show was a fun event with a variety of pets, we had dogs, cats, bunnies, insects, and chickens.







[Public Flag Retirement](#)

[Snow Camping at Boreal](#)

The Snow camping trip at Boreal was cancelled due to lack of snow!! Let's hope for snow next year so you can use your winter awareness training!

Spring Court of Honor

At the Spring Court of Honor our troop recorded 33 new merit badges and 22 rank advancements (including 3 eagle palm bronze!) .

Congratulations Troop 726!





Rank Advancements:



Tenderfoot: Joey Berteta, Ashir Bhalla-Levine, Nicholas Chung, Caden Liang, Spenser Llin-Jones, Xavier Wilmott



Second Class: Joey Bertetta, Ben Martin, Kyle Ortzow, Nicholas Weavil



First Class: Jaden Evans, Joshua Fewx, Robert Fusinati, Vincent Ruiz





Star: Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Justin Raynor



Life: Jeffrey Jiang, Zurvohn Maloof, Michael Yi



Eagle Palm – Bronze: Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Austin Le



New Leadership

Thank you to all our outgoing scout leaders!!

Kyle Avery-Senior Patrol Leader

Jeffrey Jiang- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Spenser Vanderspan- Assitant Senior Patrol Leader

Zurvohn Maloof- Bugler

Vincent Ruiz- Chaplain Aide

Luke Mratin- Den Chief

Robert Fusinati- Gamemaster

Kyle Ortzow- Gaemmater

Aviram Bhalla-Levine- Intructor

Sam Pica- Instructor

Curtis Werning- Librarian

Joshua Siu- Quartermaster

Yuri Overton- Recruiter

Aaron Lee- Scribe

Jaden Evans- Troop Guide

Sammy Wilson - Troop Guide

Jack Qin- Troop Historian

Ashir Bhalla-Levine- Webmaster

John Mahoney- Bobcats Patrol Leader

Ben Martin- Scorpions Patrol Leader

Joey Bertetta- Wolverines Patrol Leader

Luke Martin- Fox Patrol Leader

Mathew Kuan Bats Patrol Leader

Zachary Eslick- Ravens Patrol leader

Michael Yi- Cobras Patrol Leader

Welcome New Scout

Let's welcome Aaron Gallagher- the newest member of Troop 726!

New Adult Leader

Thank you Mr. Jones for stepping up as a new adult leader!!

Scout Training

Swimming Merit Badge Day

The SFBAC Aquatics Committee, in partnership with the East Bay Lifeguard Service is proud to present:

Swimming Merit Badge Day

When: April 18th, 2015

Morning Session: 8 AM - 12 PM (Check-in at 8 AM)

Afternoon Session: 1 PM - 5 PM (Check-in at 1 PM)

Where: Robert's Pool/Recreation Area.,

10570 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94619

Cost: \$35 per scout. Snack will be provided.

This merit badge day is for Boy Scouts **only** and will provide the opportunity for Scouts to work on completing Swimming Merit Badge requirements.

Class will follow 2014 version of Swimming Merit

Badge and requirements 2-7 will be covered. Class limit of 25 scouts per session.

Scouts please remember to bring a blue card signed by their Scoutmaster.

Online Registration Accepted Until: 4/13/2015 11:00:00 AM

To Register: [Click Here](#)

Contact Email: michelle.rodriguez@scouting.org

After 4/10/2015 a fee of \$5.00 will apply to all Afternoon Session Registrants.

Troop 726 - On April 26 there are two scouting events that you can participate in individually with your family. The first is **Stamp Collecting Merit Badge** at WESTPEX. This is a very popular event that fills up every year. Some details are at <http://www.westpex.com/html/youth.html> I have the contact information for the organizer if you are interested. There is a nominal fee and I suggest you register early.

Also, the **Oakland A's** have a **Scout Day** on April 26. Information can be found at http://mlb.mlb.com/oak/schedule/group_events.jsp?content=scout

Troop 726 Summer Camp

It is time to start thinking about summer camp merit badges and schedules. In addition to merit badges Wentz offers horseback trail rides, mountain biking, BSA aquatics programs, camp hiking programs, open shooting, open boating, open climbing, and outposts among other programming. Kyle will be in touch with you via Troop Meetings and PLC Meetings about scheduling Troop Climbs and Troop Shoots and campfires and cobbles.

Merit Badges - please refer to page 54 of the link below or to the attachment for the merit badge schedule. You can start submitting your schedule to me at anytime via email or by note. I would like to see something like this:

- 9:00 a.m. - Camping
- 10:00 a.m. - Swimming
- 11:00 a.m. - Environmental Science
- 2:00 p.m. - Lifesaving
- 3:00 p.m. - Personal Management
- 4:00 p.m. - (M-W) Citizenship in the Nation
- 4:00 p.m. - (Th) Citizenship in the Community
- 7:00 p.m. - M - Fingerprinting
- 7:00 p.m. - T & Th - Snorkeling
- 7:00 p.m. - W - Open

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 will discuss 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

THE ULTIMATE SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE

GO BIG ★ GO CALIFORNIA!

1 Camp Fleischmann
Nevada Area Council
775-787-1111
www.scouters.org

2 Camp Lassen
Golden Empire Council
916-929-1417
www.gec-bsa.org

3 Wente Scout Reservation
San Francisco Bay Area Council
510-577-9000
www.wentescoutreservation.org

4 Camp Marin Sierra
Marin Council
415-454-1081
www.boyscouts-marin.org

5 Camp Royaneh
San Francisco Bay Area Council
510-577-9000
www.camproyaneh.org

6 Camp Winton
Golden Empire Council
916-929-1417
www.gec-bsa.org

7 Camp Wolfeboro
Mt. Diablo Silverado Council
925-674-6100
www.bsa-mdsc.org

8 Camp John Mensinger & The Pendola Sierra Adventure Base
Greater Yosemite Council
209-545-6320
www.yosemitescouting.org

9 Camp Hi-Sierra
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
408-638-8300
www.camphi-sierra.org

10 Camp Kern
Southern Sierra Council
661-325-9036
www.sscbsa.org

11 Cutter Scout Reservation
Pacific Skyline Council
650-341-5633
www.pacsky.org

12 Camp Oljato
Pacific Skyline Council
650-341-5633
www.pacsky.org

13 Camp Chawanakee
Sequoia Council
559-320-2100
www.chawanakee.com

14 Camp Pico Blanco
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
408-638-8300
www.camppicoblanco.org

15 Camp Whitsett
Western Los Angeles County Council
818-785-8700
www.campwhitsett.org

16 Camp Three Falls
Ventura County Council
805-482-8938
www.vccbsa.org

17 Rancho Alegre
Los Padres Council
805-686-5167
www.lpcbsa.org

18 Camp Holcomb Valley
San Gabriel Valley Council
626-351-8815
www.campholcombvalley.org

19 Forest Lawn Scout Reservation
Los Angeles Area Council
213-413-4400
www.boyscoutsla.org

20 Camp Tahquitz
Long Beach Council
562-427-0911
www.camptahquitz.com

21 Firestone Scout Reservation
Los Angeles Area Council
213-413-4400
www.boyscoutsla.org

22 Camp Emerald Bay
Western Los Angeles County Council
818-785-8700
www.campemeraldbay.org

23 Camp Cherry Valley
San Gabriel Valley Council
626-351-8815
www.campcherryvalley.org

24 Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley
Orange County Council
714-546-4990
www.ssriv.org

25 Mataguay Scout Ranch
San Diego-Imperial Council
619-298-8121
www.sdicsa.org

26 Camp Fiesta Island
San Diego Youth Aquatic Center
San Diego-Imperial Council
619-298-8121
www.sdicsa.org

Discover what makes the Scout camps of California the premier destinations for your summer adventures! Call or visit online to learn more about all that these facilities have to offer.

Next Summer Go Big, Go California!

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 www.sfbac.org. 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,

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Be A Trained Leader

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Charter Organization: American Legion

BE PREPARED

ASM Patrol Advisors

Wolverines Patrol - Dr. Werning / Mr. Raynor
Fox Patrol - Mr. Jiang / Mr. Yi
Bats Patrol - Mr. Lee / Mr. Strand
Ravens Patrol - TBD
Cobras / Scorpions - Mr. Andrews / 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