

TROOP 726 FLASH

FEBRUARY 2015

Upcoming Events

Scout Sunday – Feb 8

Red and Green Dinner – Feb 11 Troop Meeting,
7 PM

Jelly Belly Sales- On-going event- deadline
March 11th

Winter Awareness Training – Feb 14

Black Diamond Caves Camping
and Mountain Biking (with
Webelos) – Feb 21 - 22



Shooting Sports –Mar 6



Snow Camping and Skiing – Mar 28-29



Chocolate Factory Tour – May 9th (tentative date)

Summer Camp at Wente - June 25-June 27

Bay Area Ridge Trail- Backpack –July 10

Big Adventure – July 25- August 1

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 –Feb 16

Committee Meeting –Feb 2, Mar 2 (7 PM, FLC)

PLC Meeting –Feb 14 (after winter awareness training)

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

Next Court of Honor- Mar 18



Website

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

Yuri Overton is our Troop Website master. Also please send him (yurioverton@yahoo.com) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc and plain text format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

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!

Scout Sunday – Feb 8, 2015, 8-10 AM

Scout in Charge: Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Adult in Charge: Mr. Hubbard

Each year for Scout Sunday we gathered together to celebrate that a Scout is Reverent. Scout Sunday is on **February 2, 2014**, at **Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley**. **The service begins at 9am and last about 1 hour**. Scouts will need to be there at 8 am. Refreshments are served. Boys and girls from all over Castro Valley and Hayward attend this event. This will be a "Scout Ran Service" and all **family members are invited**.

Faith Lutheran Church is very supportive of Scouting and Troop 726. Please plan on attending and helping Troop 726 give back to the Faith Lutheran Church for all they do for us during the year. Permission slip is on Troop Website.

A Scout is Reverent

Red and Green Dinner– Feb 11

Scout in charge- Robert Fusinati Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Come join our Troop on **February 11, 2014** to celebrate the birthday of Boy Scouts! The entire family is invited to celebrate with Troop 726 with a **Pot Luck Dinner, Interesting speakers, a little history, and some pictures** from our past events.

Parents, please bring one of your family's favorite main dishes for 8 - 10 people to share with others. Dinner will start at 7:00 with the program to follow.

Scouters, it is Troop tradition for you to bring the dessert so please bring a couple of dozen cookies, cupcakes, or other easy to serve dessert each.

Black Diamond Caves Camping and Mountain Biking (with Webelos) – Feb 21 - 22

Scout in Charge: Joshua Siu, Adult in Charge: Mr. Mognaga

WHAT: We will be biking or hiking from our campsite to the Black Diamond Mines. We will spend an hour or so in the cooled caves. Trust me, they are really cold in there.

DATE: February 21st - 22nd

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center, Saturday, Feb 21, 9:30 AM

ENDING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center, Sunday, Feb 22, 1:00 PM

COST: 10\$

WHAT TO BRING: Bag Lunch for Saturday. 10 essentials, camping supplies, jacket. It may be warm during the day and cold during the night.



Shooting Sports– Mar 6-8

Details coming soon.



Show Camping and Skiing at Boreal – Mar 28-29

Scout in Charge Adult in Charge: Dr. Werning
Details coming soon.



Chocolate Factory Tour – May 9th (tentative)

Details coming soon.

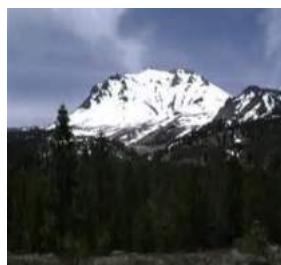


Bay Area Ridge Trail/Backpack/Campout – July 10th

[Details coming soon.](#)

Big Adventure – July 25- August 1

Lassen/Crater Lake/Redwoods
[Details coming soon.](#)



Summer camp at Wente– Jun 21-Jun 27



What will you find in Troop 726 weekly meetings during the month of February

Bike Safety - 02/04/15

Red and Green Dinner -02/11/15

Orienteering Outdoor Meeting Canyon Middle - 02/18/15

Dinning Fly/Tarp Tent Outdoor -Cull Canyon- 02/25/1

ASM Patrol Advisors

Bobcats- Dr. Werning

Scorpions- Dr. Werning

Wolverines Patrol – Mr. Andrews /Mr. Raynor

Fox Patrol - Mr. Jiang / Mr. Yi

Bats Patrol - Mr. Lee

Ravens Patrol – Mr. Bertetta

Cobras - Mr. Smith

Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 726

2730 Jennifer Drive

Castro Valley, CA 94546

Scoutmaster: Phil Avery

Email: pack705@earthlink.net

Website:

<http://troop726.scoutlander.com>

Charter Organization: American Legion

Patrol News

Patrol leaders / members please submit your article to Mrs. Overton by the Last Friday of the month at a meeting, by email to kimmyoverton@yahoo.com or by putting the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

Bobcats  no update

Scorpions 

Many Things happened during the past few weeks. We caught some really small crabs and two fishes and had a squid flight, and this occurred at the Crabbing and Fishing Event . We have upcoming events such as snow camping, Black Diamond Mines mountain biking, and Scout Sunday. Scouts in the Scorpion Patrol have been quickly advancing ranks and striving to gain a higher class. Over all the Scorpions have many events coming up and many exciting things that have happened!!!

-Caden and Rafi and Quentin

Wolverines 

Liam, Jack and Joey went to the Troop meeting on 1/21/15 at the Masonic Center because it was mandatory.

-Liam Smith

Fox  no update

Bats  no update

Ravens  no update

Cobras  no update

Happy January 2015!
Big Basin Hike



Berry Waterfall-Big Basin-Troop 726-January 2015
"You have only to open your eyes to see the hand of God."
Author unknown
Big Basin Hike by Aviram Bhalla-Levine

On January Third, 2015, Troop 726 went on a hike to Big Basin State Park. The hike included ten enthusiastic Scouts:

Joey Bertetta

Ashir Bhalla-Levine

Aviram Bhalla-Levine

Aaron Bull

Rafi Overton

Yuri Overton

Jack Qin

Vincent Ruiz

Liam Smith

Sammy Wilson

and nine dedicated Adults:

Mr. Andrews

Mr. Bertetta

Mr. Jiang

Mrs. Overton

Mrs. Peng

Mr. Qin

Mr. Ruiz

Mr. Smith

Mr. Wilson

At Big Basin, we hiked a ten mile long hike through the beautiful park. We observed diverse redwood forests, crashing waterfalls and massive hills. Many scouts gained a better understanding for the importance of nature and were able to complete requirements for identifying elements of nature. Although it was quite cold in the morning, the hike was a great start to the year and certainly helped some people begin to fulfill their new year's resolutions.







Big Basin-Troop 726-January 2015

**“in every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks.”
-John Muir**

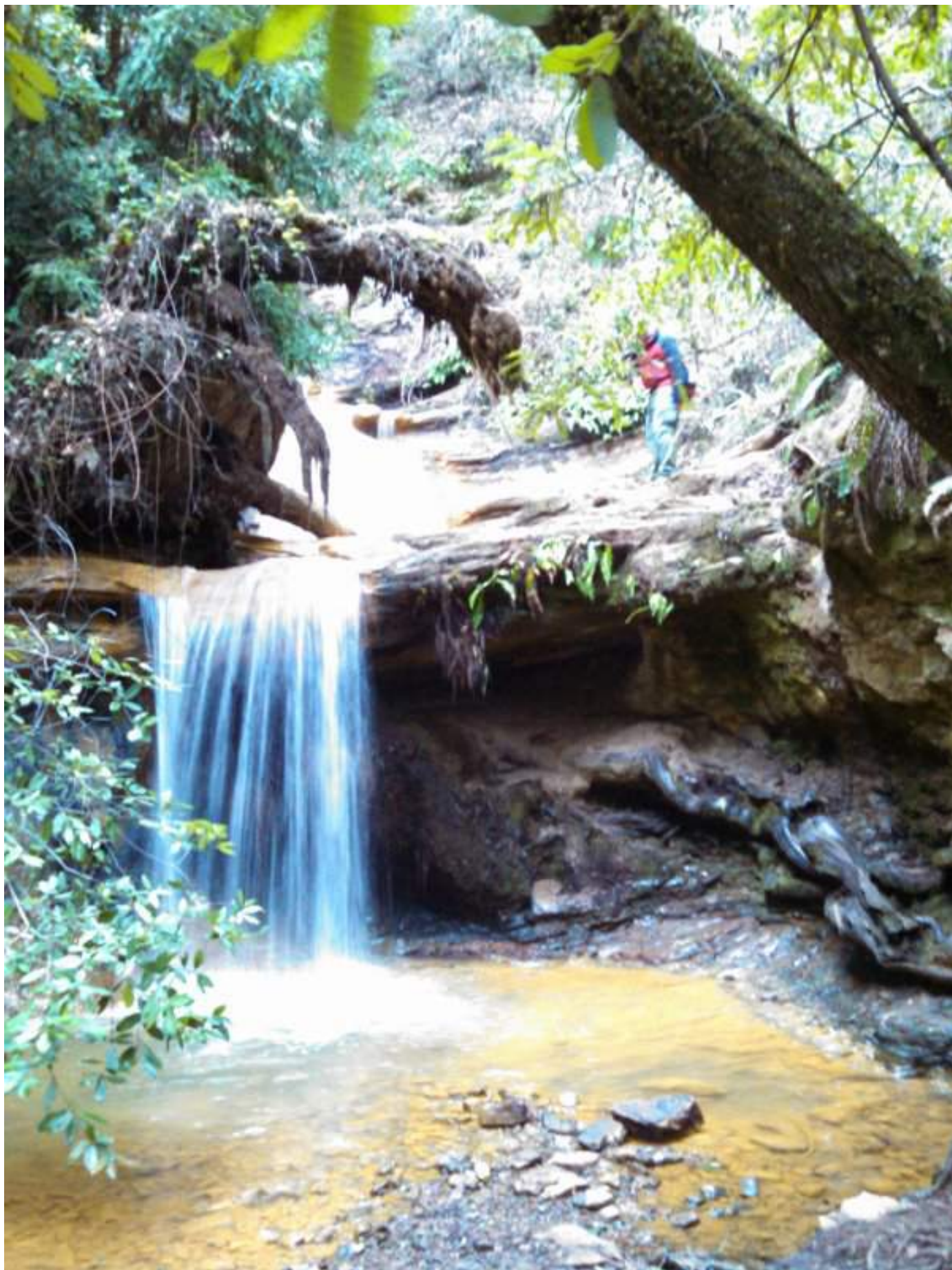




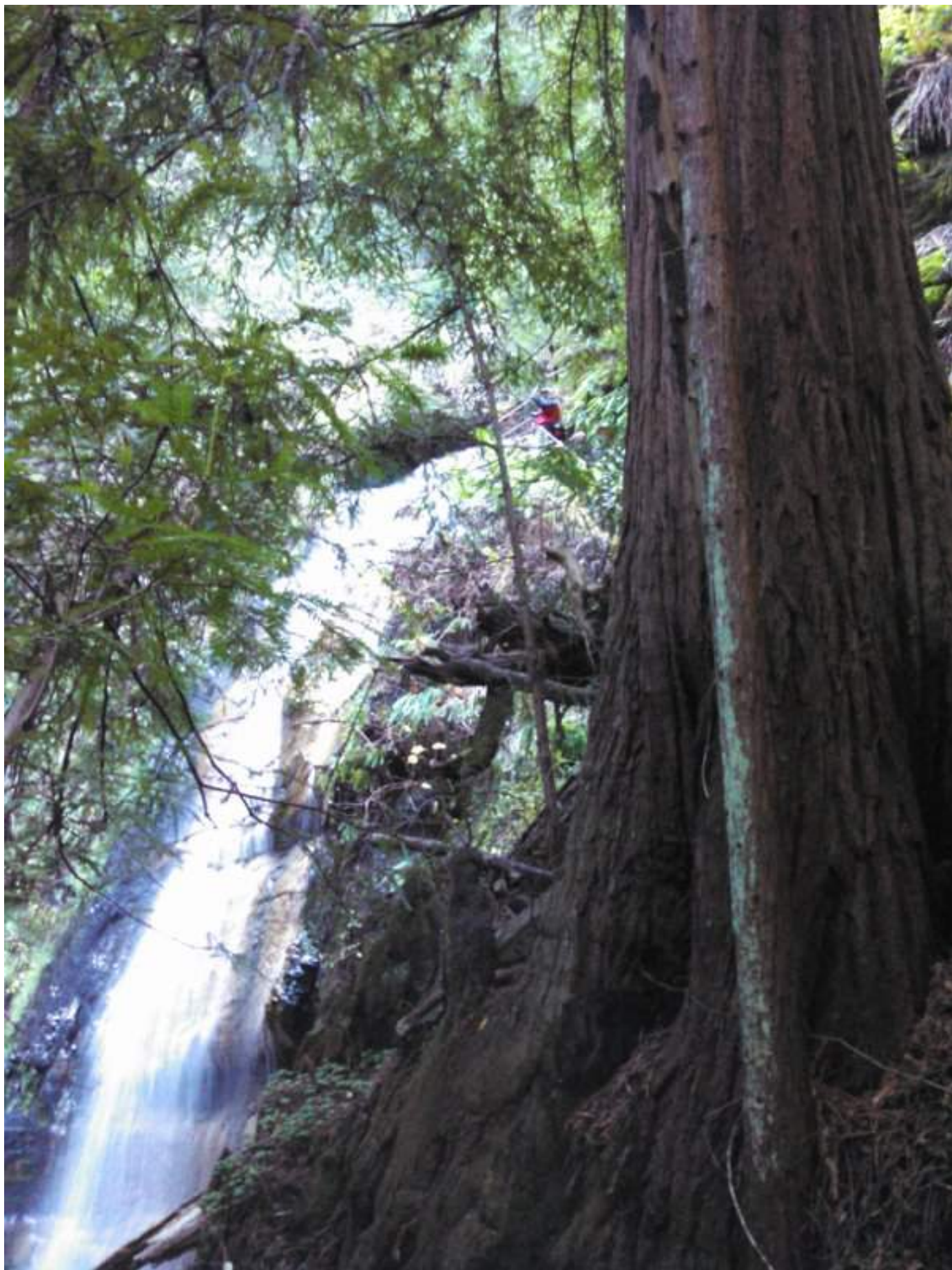




**“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”
-Albert Einstein**



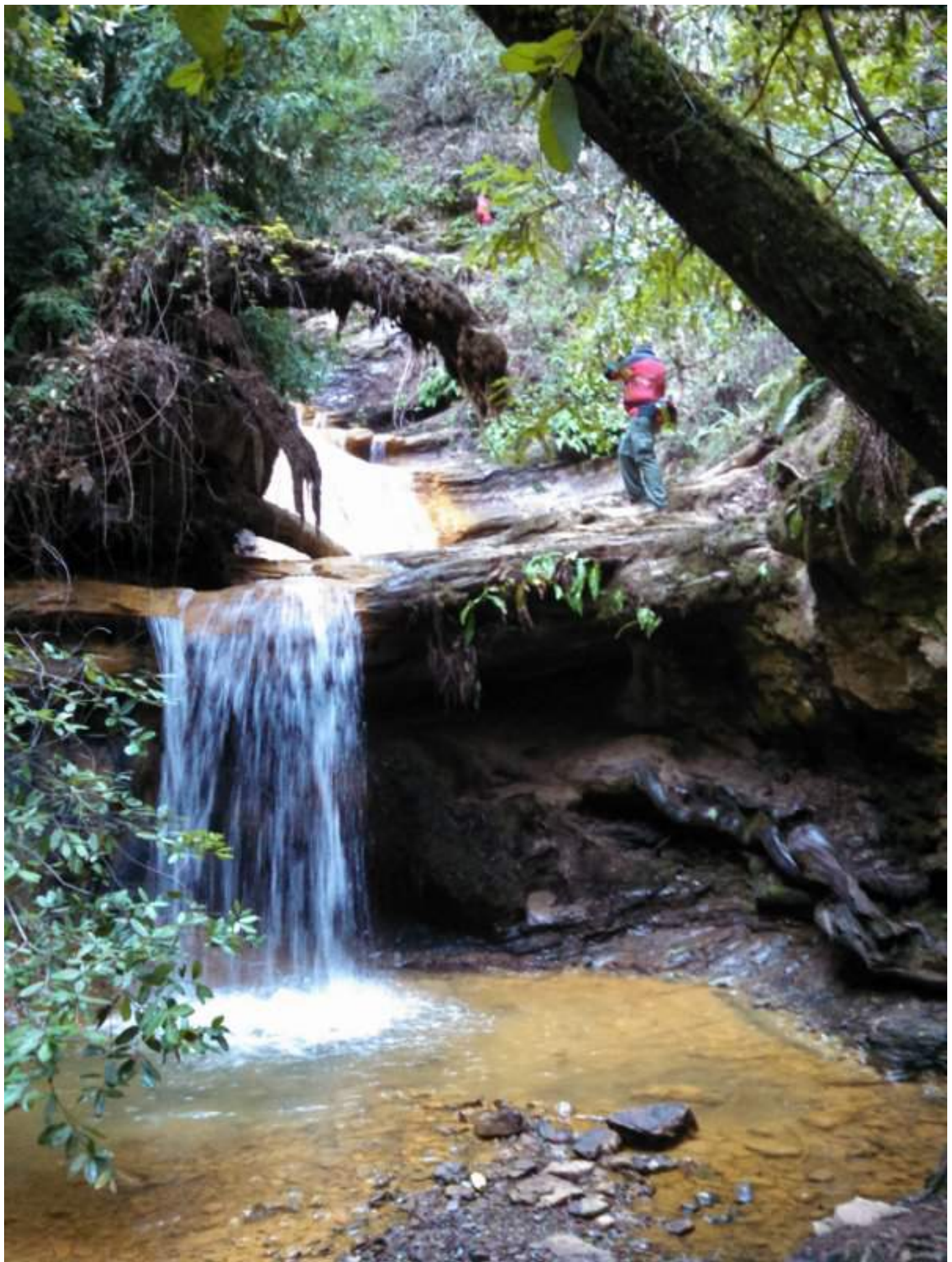




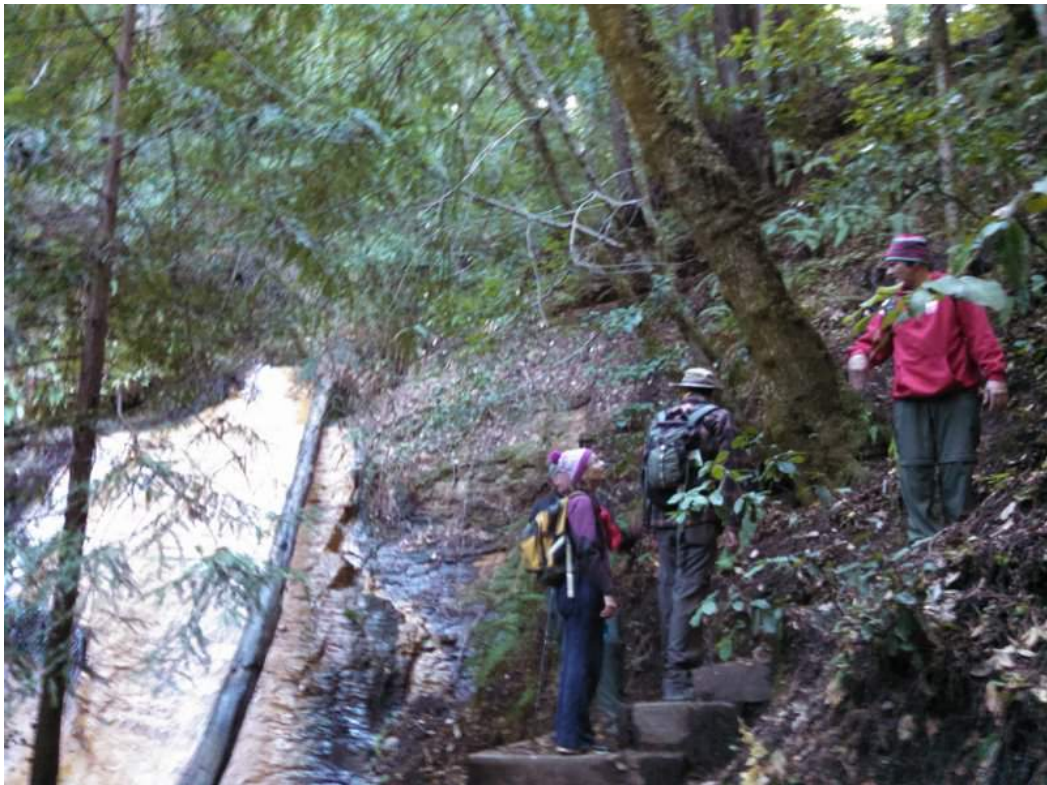














Crabbing and Fishing at Point Pinole

In this trip 17 scouts and 4 adults attended. While crabbing and fishing, we saw many creatures including rays, golden fish, smallish fish, striped bass, and a couple crabs. Unfortunately this year there were not that many crabs. The meals ran smoothly. My patrol had pork shoulder that we cooked in a dutch oven for multiple hours at low heat. We saw a sunset that was very beautiful and returned to camp to start eating. Later we had a campfire and played cards until we decided to go to bed. All in all, this was a very successful fun trip for everybody.

By Raymond Akagi















Farewell Raymond



Happy Birthday Mr. Akagi !!

Native Sons Crab Feed

This event was held Jan. 26th. Spenser Lin-Jones was the scout in charge. The participants were:

Spenser Lin-Jones
Xavier Wilmott
Joey Bertetta
Josh Fewx
Josh Siu
Kyle Avery
Jack Qin
Ben Martin

Luke Martin
Sammy Wilson

Adults:
Mr. Siu
Mr. Avery
Mr. Jones

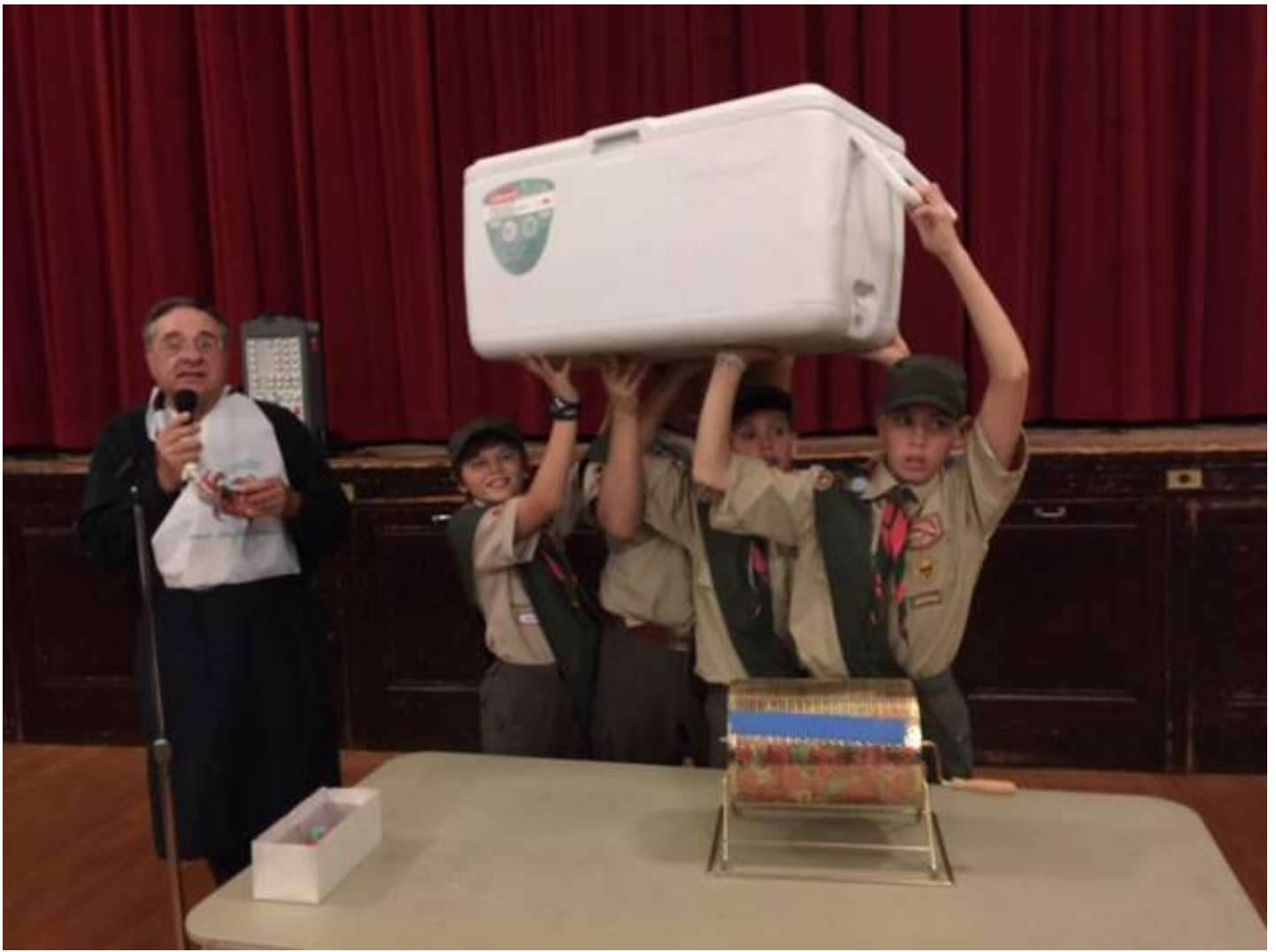
The boys did their jobs well and were well behaved. They made ~ \$500 in tips that were evenly distributed among them. Sammy Wilson, who had participated in previous years, reported that the event "went very smoothly."

-Spencer Li-Jones





Photos courtesy of Spenser Li-Jones



Courtesy of Mr. Siu

University of Scouting

Note: Photos and the story of University of Scouting will appear in the upcoming March 2015 Troop Flash!! Don't forget to read it!!

Scouting History

In celebration of the birthday of scouting and Red and Green, we want to acknowledge those adults in our troop with their own scouting experience. Thank you for your continuing support of Troop 726!

Neil Guerin - Wolf Scout and Bear Scout, San Lorenzo, Ca. 1966-67

Pat Schultz - Girl Scout from Brownies through Seniors, Lafayette CA

Phil Avery - Wolf Scout and Bear Scout, North Syracuse, NY - 1974 – 1976

Zurvohn Maloof - Club Scout, Pack 333, 1976-1978; Webelos, Pack 333, 1978-1980; Boy Scout, Troop 285, 1980-1982, Paramedic Explorer Post, 1982-1983, San Francisco, CA.

Sum Woo - Boy Scout in Hong Kong from 1964 to 1969. He never made a Queen Scout (Same as Eagle Scout in the US). Then he became a Sea Scout from 69-70.

Phyllis Lozano - Brownie, Junior Cadet, Hayward, CA, 1966- 1972

Randy Wright – Cub Scout, Pack 1015 Den 3, Alameda Council, Arrow of Life; Boy Scout, Troop 1015. Alameda Council, Eagle Scout, Order of The Arrow.

Michael Andrews – Cub Scout, Monadnock District, Daniel Webster Council, New Hampshire, 1969-1970, Arrow of Light; Boy Scout, Monadnock District, Daniel Webster Council, New Hampshire, 1971 – 1974, 1st Class.

Bob Fusinati - Boy Scout Troop 702, Tucson, AZ, 1966 – 1971, first class

Steven Bertetta - Made it to Eagle and is a NESA Life Member

Jose Siu- Scout for one year in Panama , Central America (1974)

Anu Bhalla-Levine –Girl Scout

Kimberly Overton- Brownie

Please let us know if you were also in scouts so we can acknowledge you and continue to celebrate this tradition



Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting 2015 is here. This is the time to support the Boy Scouts of America. Any and all contributions are encourage, your contributions help pay for the Summer Camp, Camporees and Trainings such as NYLT and Adult Training.

Troop 726 will have a FOS presentation on Wednesday, February 11 at our Red and Green Dinner. This will be our official kick off. We look forward to your contributions.

Local Merit Badge Opportunities

Swimming Merit Badge

Troop 726 - The council is organizing a **Swimming MB** event on April 18th.

This is the same day as our ILST Training for the new scouts. If you want to be a Troop Guide, then ILST is your priority that day.

Wente has a reservoir instead of a pool and we do not not what swimming facilities there will be at summer camp 2016 so if you are more comfortable in a pool than a lake or reservoir, then this is your chance.

For those who can plan for the long term, this event will repeat on September 26.

**The SFBAC Aquatics Committee, in partnership with the East Bay Lifeguard Service is proud to present:
Swimming Merit Badge Day**

Last Day to Register: 04/13/2015 11:00 AM

Late fee: After 4/10/2015 a late fee of \$5.00 will apply to either session

Contact E-mail: michelle.rodriguez@scouting.org

Cost: \$35.00 per Morning Session
\$35.00 per Afternoon Session
Snack will be provided

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

Interested in being a Summer Camp Counselor?

Unit Leaders - The San Francisco Bay Area Council is looking to interview people for a position on the **2015 Council Camp Staff**. There are 100+ full-time positions available this year. If you know of a Scout to be considered for one of these positions, please encourage them to apply and to attend an interview on the following date and times: Feb. 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

There are also 50+ two week **Counselor in Training (CIT)** positions. CIT Interview date is March 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/camping/seasonal_camp_staff_application_0.pdf

Interviews will be conducted at the San Francisco Bay Area Council Headquarters at: 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro.

Applicants should plan to attend the interview in a field uniform (Class A). If they are absolutely unable to attend in person, we can schedule the interview by phone. Please have them note this in the online sign up with their phone number.

February 7 Staff <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aaeaa2ba20-20152>

March 7 CIT <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aaeaa2ba20-summer>

Thank you,
Emily Determan
Office Assistant
Camping Department
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
San Francisco Bay Area Council, No. 28
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro CA 94577-1514
P 510.577.9218 | F 510-577-9002

Local Trainings Available

American Red Cross First Aid & CPR Training

Course cost includes all Red Cross fees/certification for First Aid with CPR - Infant and CPR/AED - Adult & Child

Lunch will be provided.

This course is being offered in partnership with East Bay Regional Park's Lifeguard Service & is open to any registered Boy Scouts and Adult leaders.

Troop leadership must be provided for troops.

Individual scouts must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Spaces are LIMITED, register now!

Start Date/Time: February 28, 2015 8:30 AM

End Date/Time: February 28, 2015 4:00 PM

Online Registration Accepted Until: February 26, 2015

To register:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1598007&OrgKey=2743&Signon=N>

Contact Person: [Michelle Rodriguez](#)

Cost: \$70

Location: 1001 Davis St, San Leandro

NRA Pistol Instructor Training Course

Sign up now to get your **NRA Pistol Instructor training**. This is a very fun and informative class for those **aged 21 and UP**. Register now!

Friday-February 21 from 7PM-10PM course will be held at 1001 Davis St, San Leandro

Saturday & Sunday-February 22-23 from 9AM-6PM both days at Rancho Los Mochos; 18450 Mines Rd, Livermore

The fee for this course is \$125 plus another \$25 paid directly to the NRA after the course is completed.

Start Date/Time: 2/20/2015 7:00 PM

End Date/Time: 2/22/2015 6:00 PM

Online Registration Accepted Until: 2/16/2015

To register:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1596445&OrgKey=2743&Signon=N>

Contact Person: [Michelle Rodriguez](#)

Course Instructor: [Jason Lewis](#)

Cost: \$125

Jelly Belly Fundraiser- Promoting!!!

Scouts currently have the opportunity to earn money for their scout account by selling Jelly Belly products. See Aaron for a brochure if you didn't get one. You will earn 32% profit on all your sales. All orders and money must be turned in to Mrs. Schultz by March 11th. There will not be an extension on this deadline. Product will be received in time for the Easter holidays.



Sell Jelly Beans Now!



Troop Meeting News



Adults at work!!



only guessing – Mr. Hubbard is telling a joke- and it brings with it a smile...



Scouting takes a village...



Yes. It takes a village.



And a Red Van (and owner of course!)



and some patience....



and some more patience.... and good cheer

*Thanks you for the Troop Meeting photos, Mrs. Bertetta!
Photos are always welcome- we just may not be able to use every one...*

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

In February we celebrate the history of Scouting. Just as the roads we drive on, the schools we attend, the municipal supply of fresh water that we drink, the sewer systems we rely on, the parks we play in, and the national defense that keeps us safe were built on the sacrifices of those who came before us, so too is the Scouting program. People we have never met and whose names are likely unknown, took their time to develop Merit Badge books, assemble the information for your Boy Scout handbook, and organize well run and fun packed summer camps. People in the past developed training programs and designed uniforms and were inspired to start traditions like the pinewood derby. From the scouting seeds sown generations ago that grew to become great scouting trees, the Scouts today are the living fruit of such.

All of these Boy Scout programs are great but mean nothing without BOYS! Many adults in our Troop were in the scouting programs themselves as youth. Without boys, there would be no boy scout program in the past, present, or the future. Look at the adults in your Troop who were scouts as kids and try to imagine them in uniform and goofing off at Troop meetings. Do not try to imagine them fiddling with their phones. Our phones were attached to a wall by a leash. Try to imagine yourselves all grown up looking like these adults with jobs and children of your own. Will you still have the scouting spirit in the future? Speaking of the future, the Scout today that is the fruit of the scouting tree has in himself the seeds for the next generation of seeds. Whether it is the 17 year old Eagle Scout providing a seed of inspiration in the fertile ground of an 11 year old Tenderfoot Scout or the Scout of today who grows up to have boys of his own who also enjoy scouting, the life cycle of Scouting continues. Think about what kind of scouting trees you are planting.

The same can be said of Citizenship, one of the Aims of Scouting. Just as we live off the decisions of generations before us, so too will generations after us have to live with our decisions. Will they live with results of good, well thought out, and well founded decisions, or will it be otherwise? We are the Boy Scouts of America. It is up to us to make sure there are strong Boy Scouts in the future as well as a strong America.

Committee Chair's Corner
By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Stay tuned for our State of the Troop address on Wednesday, February 11th.



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

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.

Can you find The Committee Chair's Jelly Belly Sales Promotion in this issue of the Flash????????????????

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.scouter.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
619-298-6121
www.sdicsa.org

26 Camp Fiesta Island
San Diego Youth Aquatic Center
San Diego-Imperial Council
619-298-6121
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,
Randy Wright
510 885 0527
Wright-s@comcast.net

Be A Trained Leader

TRAINING UPDATE from SFBAC Council - Training Information for Adults & Youth

The Training Committee has opened new webpages on our Council Website for Training. Please visit the site for all your training needs. Go to: <http://www.sfbac.org/training>

The Training Times

If you had a magic wand, would you use it to make the Scouting program better and more fun for son and his scout buddies so they stayed in Scouting longer, so it had a larger impact on their lives? What if the same magic wand made leadership roles easier and more rewarding, and also led to better retention among adult volunteers? Would using that magic wand be a top priority?

Well, such a magic wand does exist—in the form of the training program for volunteer leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Common sense tells us training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, our first Chief Scout Executive James E. West was asked what the three greatest needs of the new movement were. He replied, "Training, training, and training." That is still true today.

A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, and a whole lot more. And a trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be for the youth and other adult volunteers!

Training classes are offered locally several times each month. To find out more, please visit the training website at www.sfbac.org/training. A printable training calendar is available for your reference.

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAININGS

Troop Committee Challenge - Saturday, December 13, 2014

Merit Badge Counselor Orientation - Saturday, December 13, 2014

WOOD BADGE February 20-22, 2015 and March 14-16, 2015

Univeristy of Scouting Saturday, January 31

Volunteer Training Conferences

Many of our volunteers have had the opportunity to attend Volunteer Training Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, now a new opportunity for the same high level of training is available at the Florida Sea Base in 2015. Three weeks of conferences and an extra day each week! A weeks in the Florida Keys learning with experienced and informed Scouters with ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys! What a great deal!!

January 4-10, 2015 *Train the Trainer*, Conducting Advanced Leadership Training, The New Cub Scout Adventure, ALI About Venturing

January 11-17, 2015, Conference on **Education for Advancement Administrators** (CEAA)

January 18-24, 2015, **Overview of Commissioner Service**, STEM-tastic!, Youth Protection Champions & Delivering Training to Unit Leaders

Registration for the 2015 training conferences is now open. Go to <http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/34182> to sign up. Registration fee is \$495 per conference participant and \$300 per non-conference attending spouse. All registrations must be received no later than **December 31, 2014**. A confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms. Please note that due to the conference and Sea Base schedule, early arrive and/or late departure will require you to find off-site housing.

The conference fee includes housing, meals, snacks, bedding and towels, and meeting facilities and course materials. There are a variety of additional available spouse opportunities also.

Although the Florida Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico), it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms. The dorms consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The forms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.

Questions? Conference related [972-580-2459](tel:972-580-2459)

Facility Related 305-664-561

Reminders:

- 1. Adults in charge of events needed- talk to Mr. Avery***
- 2. Personal Data Updates needed- talk to Mr. Siu***
- 3. Summer camp deposits and medical forms needed to attend summer camp***