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TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Snowboard/Skiing Day - Feb 12



Bobby Paiz's Eagle Project - Feb 18 and 19

American Legion Crab Feed – Feb 18



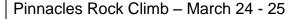
Troop Meeting at Cull Canyon for Stove Usage Training – Feb 22

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25

Klondike Derby – March 2 - 4



Spring Court of Honor - March 14





Planning Conference – March 31

Model Airplane Contest - March 31



White Water Trip – April 21 - 22

Earth day – April 28



Meeting Dates

Board of Review - Feb 27, March 19

PLC Meeting – Sundays, Faith Lutheran Church, Feb 26 and March 18 at 7 pm

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, no meeting on Dec 21 and Dec 28. The Masonic Center is not available on Feb 22, April 25, June 27 (summer, no meeting scheduled) and Sept 26, 2012. On Feb 22, we will meet at Cull Canyon

Troop 726 Website

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

Seamus is our Troop Website master. Please send photos from recent events to him. Please include dates and locations when you're sending pictures if possible.

Also please send him any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

American Legion Crab Feed - February 18 Scout in Charge - Sammy Wilson, Adult in Charge Mr. Avery

American Legion Crab Feed is on Sat, Feb 18 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, Moose Lodge on Rutledge Rd. in Castro Valley. Sammy has 10 scouts already for this event but scouts can sign up as alternates in case one of the 10 drop out. The American Legion is our Chartered Organization.





Model Airplane Contest – March 31 Scout in Charge – Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: TBA

Model Airplane Contest will be on Sat, March 31 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Oakland Aviation Museum at the Oakland Airport. Bryce will be looking for volunteers for the 3rd Annual Model Airplane contest to work on the F4U Corsair. This event is sponsored by the American Legion, the Chartered Organization for Troop 726, and has been won by Troop 726 the first two years.

Snowboard/Skiing Day – Feb 12

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof and Mrs. Shcultz

WHERE: Dodge Ridge Ski Resort, # 1 Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest, CA 95364

WHEN: Sunday, Feb 12, 2012, 6:00 a.m., Meet at Masonic Center. Return approx. 7-8 p.m.

COST: Ski or snowboard, rent equipment if you need. Have fun on the slopes with your friends. The cost consists of **\$15 per Scout** for gas **plus** (pick what you need)...

- Youth tickets (ages 7-12) are \$44 for rentals/left ticket and lessons. \$32 without lessons.
- Youth tickets (ages 13-19) are \$69 for rentals/left ticket and lessons. \$54 w/o lessons.
- Adult tickets are \$71 for rentals and left tickets.
- Scouts/adults who do not need to rent gear would save approx \$22.

WHAT TO BRING: Money for food if you want to buy lunch or pack some food. Snow equipment such as snow pants, goggles, and jacket, etc. Class A for ride up there. Extra pair of clothes if you get wet (socks). If you have your own equipment I need to know so we can figure that into transportation.



The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25 Scout in Charge: Jose Velasco, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed event is a community service event. Mrs. Woo is on **the Wa Sung** Committee.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

http://www.wasungserviceclub.org. Location of the event is San Leandro Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, Feb 25, around 5:45 to 9:30pm. We need 17 scouts and 2-4 uniformed adult leaders. This is a full uniform event from head to toe and as the uniform inspection sheet says, clipped fingernails, combed hair, clean hands and face, and good posture.

Planning Conference – March 31

Scout in Charge: SPL, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Bring your ideas to our planning conference on **Saturday, March 31** (exact time TBA but in late afternoon or early evening), and the location is TBA but the agenda is NOT TBA. Each patrol has to start working now on at least five good ideas for events for the **calendar year September 2012**

- August 2013. This includes what Out of Council Summer Camp we are going to attend in June or July 2013. All events should be scouting related and are allowed to be fun. Scouts can think about big events like going to Miramar or White Water Rafting or Santa Cruz along with smaller events such as local campouts. We need to have balance among events that are higher in price and lower in price, balance among events that are best done at different times of the year, and balance among skill levels and interests of all the scouts. Scouts who come prepared with information on costs and details of their events will more likely get their fellow scouts on board. Come and have a say in what activities the Troop will have next year. See you there!

Klondike - March 4 - 6

Scout in Charge: Ben Andrews, Adults in Charge: Mr. Andrews & Mr. Fong

Mark your calendar, **March 2 – 4** for the "coolest" camping event attended every year by T726 Scouts!!! Held annually at the Snowflower Preserve and Snow Park off I-80 in the Sierra Mountains, this year's winter storms will ensure plenty of snow for some chilly fun: snow-shoeing, sled-racing, competing at Scout skills, and cooking out under the tall pines. **This event is open to all Boy Scouts and adult leaders who have attended the OA Winter Camping Awareness program.** Register by the February 9th Troop meeting, and be prepared for the challenges of winter camping conditions.! We will meet **at Masonic Center on Friday March 2 at 5 pm, returning around 3 pm on Sunday March 4.** The cost is \$65 per Scout person includes SFBAC registration, patches, troop equipment fee, shared leadership costs and transportation fuel, and Sunday lunch at Auburn's Sierra Grill!

Permission slips with further details have been passed out. Sign up early, you definitely don't want to miss out on this trip! Question? Contact *Mr. Andrews, Outdoor Program Coordinator* (510/728-1426 or sierrascout@sbcglobal.net).

Adults: The Troop will need 3-4 drivers with SUV's or pickup trucks. Please help if you can.

White Water Trip - April 21 - 22

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof, Mrs. Schultz

The trip is to go white water rafting down the American River and camp overnight. We will **leave from Masonic Center on April 21 at 10 am and return on April 22 around 4 pm**. The cost is \$106. Permission slips have been handed out. There are only a few slots open. Please give permission slip and money to Kyle or Mr. Maloof right away if you want to sign up.

Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 3, 2012



Earth day - April 28

Scout in Charge: Ben Eckman, Adult in Charge: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Ling

We will be cleaning up Independent hillside on **April 28th.** We'll need various equipment and tools such as rakes, shovels and gloves. Permission slips and more detail to follow.

Scout Advancements

By Donna Platou, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

We have a busy January Board. Bryce Fong pass passed his 2nd Bronze Palm, Anthony Sulayao was awarded his Life rank and Kiyoshi Ito was also awarded his Life rank. I received many blue cards this past month - keep them coming!

The next Board of Review is set for February 27th at 7p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Please contact me at least 1 week prior to the BOR date so that I have time to schedule adults for the review. See me at a meeting, call me at 510-432-4666 or email me at platou@comcast.net

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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 than select online training for the above. You will need to register.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

<u>Please, inform me of your trainings.</u> You can email the info, mail it, put it on the sheet in your troop mailbox, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521-7473.

If you are a Troop Committee Member or an Assistant Scoutmaster **please** make sure you take the following on line trainings (all are online):

- 1. This is Scouting
- 2. Weather Hazards
- 3. Troop Committee Challenge
- 4. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- 5. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training

These are really important for you to be considered trained.

Attached is a list of trainings and how long they are good for. Many are "2" years.

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.

Join us at Good Turn Weekends at Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation

Good Turn weekends are a time for our units to help improve and make repairs at our camp facilities. The weekend for this spring is **April 13-15** at both camps. We will even provide Saturday dinner for those units participating. Sign up forms can be obtained by emailing emilyd@sfbac.org who will email you the reservation form.

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!

Also, please check your garage for Troop equipment, clean and return them promptly.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT National Youth Leadership Training June 25 to June 30

NYLT is the advanced leadership training for youth. Open to 1st class and above Scouts who will be at least 13 by October 1, 2012, this course provides the basic knowledge on how to become a better leader. The Course is also open to all Venturers and accepts Scouts and Venturers from all Councils. Cost this year is \$275 before May 1 and \$295 after May 1.

This year, NYLT will be held June 25 to June 30 at Camp Cutter in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Online registrations are ready NOW at www.sfbac-nylt.org. For further information, contact: info@brownsea-nylt.org.

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

What is leadership? Do you have to be the SPL to lead? Is attendance leadership? Is organization leadership? Is caring leadership? Is wearing the full uniform and being quiet during announcements leadership? What is better leadership, asking a fellow scout or telling a fellow scout? In the Boy Scouts of America there are many chances for boys to experience leadership.

One of the most obvious ways for a boy to lead is in the Troop leadership structure of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and the individual Patrol Leaders. These are positions with the word "Leader" as part of the name. Does a scout have to be in one of these positions to "lead" the Troop or his Patrol? The answer is simply no. In Troop 726 we are much less a top down organization and we are much more about consensus. Decisions such as what outings to plan and what instruction topics to teach and where we should meet when the Masonic Center is unavailable are all started by suggestions, furthered by discussions, and agreed upon by the group. Certainly the SPL can make summary executive leadership decisions such as which Patrol will set up and which will clean up after Red and Green dinner, but to be effective as a leader he must keep in mind what is best for the group and be sensitive to everyone's needs.

Another avenue to leadership lies with the youth leader positions such as Troop Guide, Troop Instructor, Quartermaster, and Youth Recruiter among others. In Troop 726 these positions are part of the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) decision making body. This differs slightly from the "by the book" way PLC should be run but by general agreement the boys think that the practice we keep is better. Every position is important and each one has his own responsibility. Communicating when you are unable to fulfill your obligation personally and making sure your job still gets done is leadership. Planning your instructions, helping the younger scouts, keeping track of the Troop equipment, writing out your Scout's Own in advance, and yes, even bringing the library books every week is leadership.

Perhaps the most acute form of leadership in Troop 726 is the Scout in Charge method. The Scout in Charge of an event is in charge of the event whether he is a Tenderfoot or an Eagle with several Palms. The other scouts on the event need to defer to him on how the event is run. Sometimes there is a lot of freedom with being Scout in Charge such as choosing which alpine lake where we will go fish in July but then there is a lot of responsibility such as arranging reservations, planning ahead, promoting the event, providing enough drivers, being available on the event to make spot decisions, making it fun, and keeping it safe under the Guide to Safe Scouting.

In addition to these formal, structured leadership opportunities there are the day to day leadership opportunities such as helping a younger scout with his cooking or tent set up, setting the example by showing up on time (6:55 for a 7:00 meeting) and in full uniform while being respectfully quiet during another scout's announcement, and of course, the frequent Good Turn. Even the smallest actions like leaving the Masonic Center bathroom just as clean or cleaner than when you entered it, even if nobody ever knows you did such, are tremendous ways to be a leader.



Crabbing/Fishing Outing to Point Pinole Photo by Mr. Siu

Troop 726 went back to Point Pinole for a crabbing/fishing/overnight camping event on Jan 14. We also have several Webelos guests. We all enjoyed a day of crabbing and fishing. The weather cooled off to 32 degF overnight and we were reminded of the importance of being prepared.







Crabbing/Fishing – I Caught One "This Big!" but it slipped off 01 14 2012



Crabbing/Fishing – Fun in the Sun

Winter Camp Awareness Training

We had the Winter Camp Awareness training on **Saturday, Jan 21** at Mr. Avery's place of business (Hayward Business Park office complex located at 26250 Industrial Blvd). With help from Mr. Andrews, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Avery, the troop instructors, Mitch Avery and Raymond Akagi presented information on Tents & Terrain, Sleeping Warm, Winter Clothing, Winter Food Prep, and First Aid. Thank you Scouts for the great participation and all the adults' help to put this event on so our scouts are prepared for cold weather activities.



The University of Scouting

By Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling

Myself, Kenji Pinzon, Marcos Andrade, and Zach Eslick were at Foothill High School serving meat ball sandwiches on Jan 28th to people who are attending University of Scouting that day. Thank you Mr. Eslick and Mrs. Pica for being the adult in charge and help make this event happen.



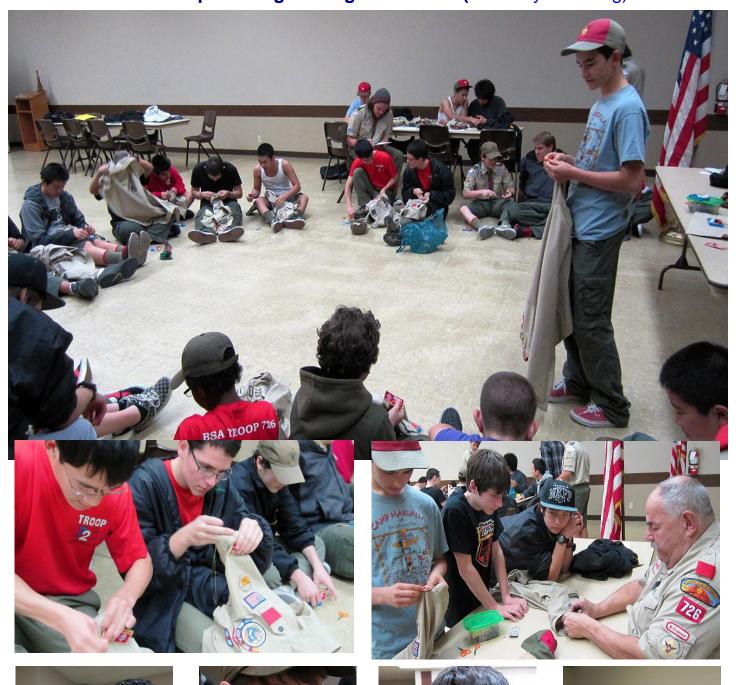
Jan 11 Troop Meeting - Sharpening Instruction Photo by Mr. Markison



Feb1Troop Meeting - Sewing Instruction (Photo by Mr. Fong)



Feb1 Troop Meeting Sewing Instruction (Photo by Mr. Fong)











Military Museum (Photo by Mr. Fong)

Scouts visited the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (mvtf.org) in Portola Valley on Saturday, Feb 4th, at 1pm. More details will be coming soon. Thank you Mr. Fong, Mr. Pinzon, and Mr. Siu for take us.



Military Museum Photo



German half-track vehicle used in the 1967 movie "The Dirty Dozen"

Scouting History

In celebration of the birthday of scouting and Red and Green, we did a survey of adults in the Troop of their scouting experience. Thank you for your response and your continuing support of the Troop.

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; Boy Scout, Monadnock District, Daniel Webster Council, New Hampshire, 1971 – 1974, 1st Class.

Troop News

Troop Meeting at Cull Canyon for Stove Usage Training - Feb 22

Scouts, Parents, and Leaders - the Masonic Center is not available on Wednesday, February 22. Our Troop will be meeting at the Cull Canyon Park instead. This will be an extension of our Winter Awareness training and the boys will be working with different stove types - white gas, butane, alcohol - than the standard propane stoves they usually use.

The meeting time will be the same, 7:00 -8:30. It will be dark outside and we will have lanterns and Sheppard's hooks but it will also imitate arrival late at night at Klondike.

Marcos Andrade Life Project

Marcos will have details on his Life project soon. Please watch out for his announcements.

Bobby Paiz Eagle Project

Bobby will have his Eagle project on February 18th and 19th from 9 am to 4 pm at the San Leandro Boys and Girls club. The project is to rebuild a chicken coop. Please sign up to help!

San Francisco Bay Area Council 2013 **National Scout Jamboree**

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is an all new National Jamboree emphasizing high adventure activities. Be one of the first Scouts to experience all this site has to offer including whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more.

Dates: (Tentative) July 13 – July 25, 2013 including Tour Jamboree dates are July 15 -July 24, 2013

Cost: \$2,800 (estimated) for Scouts (same as 2010 National Jamboree) \$2,400 (estimated) for Leaders

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.

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

Kendal, Josh, and Zurvohn went to Winter Camp Awareness training on a Saturday from 9 - 12.

By Zarvohn Maloof



Ravens

Zach, Sam, Sammy, Jeffrey, Kyle, and Ben went to the sewing meeting. We all sewed the new 2011 quality unit patches on our shirts. We also got a new scout to our patrol. His name is Spencer.

By Sammy Wilson





The scouts all did sewing at the troop meeting. Mitch, Austin, and Raymond were done with their first final at CVHS last week.

By Jason Zhao



Scorpions/ Dragons

No submittal

Owls



The owls are well on our way to living fruitful and happy lives. Ben has been accepted to University of Portland and received an awesome scholarship for being awesome. Bobby will be doing his eagle project on February 18th and 19th from 9 am to 4 pm at the San Leandro Boys and Girls club. So everyone should come help. Steve has been furiously trying to regrow his hair, after losing most of it on that unfortunate November day.

By Bobby Paiz

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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

In February of every year, we celebrate the birthday of scouting and reflect upon the scouting program. This is the time of year that we as leaders review the Aims and Methods of the Scouting program. Please take your time and review the State of the Troop address as it is presented at the Red and Green Dinner.

February is also our Friends of Scouting Kickoff campaign. Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual campaign where the San Francisco Bay Area Council asks Scouting families, business and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in the Bay Area. The registration fees paid each year goes directly to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, whereas, the funds collected during the FOS campaign stays with the local council and helps with items such as maintaining our council camps, camperships for summer camp, and day camp programs. Please consider a gift to the Friends of Scouting campaign.



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. 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!

Helpful

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Annual Medical Evaluation Form

The Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting event have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider—a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. For your convenience here is a link to the forms. http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/pdfs/Annual_Health_part_C.pdf

Please contact me if you are unsure of your status. Also, I will try to follow up with scouts with outdated forms. Please return the forms to me or to Mr. Avery along with a copy of your insurance card. Thank you!

Danielle Wikler (mother of Kendall Law - Bats Patrol)

Aims and Methods of the Scouting Program

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Associations With Adults. Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

Personal Growth. As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform. The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

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Boy Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy,
- Loyal,
- Helpful,
- Friendly,
- Courteous,
- Kind,
- · Obedient,
- Cheerful,
- Thrifty,
- Brave,
- Clean,
- and Reverent.

Boy Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

Boy Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily!

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -

- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- · Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.