

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

Webelos Skills Night at Troop meeting – Oct 3, Oct 10

Fleet Week and Alcatraz - Oct 6



Moose Lodge Spaghetti Feed - Oct 7

Miramar Air Show, San Diego – Oct 12 – 14

Jose Velasco Eagle Project – Oct 20, 21

Geocaching Trip- Saturday, Oct 20

Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project– Oct 27, 28



Scouting for Food – Nov 10, Nov 17

Webelos Camporee – Nov 10, 11

Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11



## Meeting Dates

**PLC Meeting** –Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Nov 26, 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

**Board of Review** – Oct 15, Nov 26

**Troop Meetings** –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. **No Troop meeting on Oct 31**

## Website

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

**Raymond Akagi** 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.

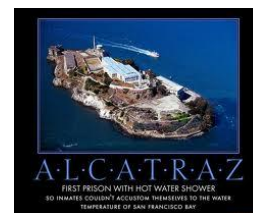
Also please send him any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

## Fleet Week and Alcatraz - Saturday, October 6

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery, Mr. Siu, Mr. Andrews

We will meet at **Masonic Center at 7 am on Saturday, Oct 6** for this once in a life time event. The plan is get an early start to see the parade of ships and take tours of Navy ships. Then take the ferry to Alcatraz, get our tour in, and then enjoy the airshow from Alcatraz culminating with the Blue Angels from 3:00 - 4:00. We will have the best seats in the entire Bay Area.

The cost is \$35 per scout. Bring Class A uniform, jacket with hood, day pack with sack lunch, snacks and water. Permission slips are available and there are only limited spots available. Please get the permission slip from Bryant Ling, sign up and turn in your money to guarantee a spot.



### Miramar Air Show, San Diego – Oct 12 - 14

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Andrews



Troop 726 will be going camping and watching an air show **on Oct 12-14 at the Miramar Air Station in San Diego**, the “Top Gun” base. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Friday at 4 pm** and we camp in Angeles national Forest. On Saturday, we will drive to San Diego and watch the air show, and camp at Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

The cost is \$61 which includes gas, camping, and admission. Money for food will not be provided. You need to prepare for 2 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners. The space is limited to 15 scouts and 3 adults. Come see the Blue Angels, Canadian Show Birds, and many many more exciting flights. There is only one more slot open. Talk to Kyle or Mr. Siu to sign up!

### Moose Lodge Spaghetti Feed – Oct 7

Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Schultz

Meet at **Moose Lodge (20835 Rutledge Rd, Castro Valley)** on **Sunday, Oct 7, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm** for this service project and a chance to earn money. Wear full Class A uniform (no sash). Ask Jacob for a permission slip.

### Geocaching Trip – Oct 20

Scout in Charge: Sam Pica, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wilson

Troop 726 will be going to **Lake Chabot Marina for a Geocaching trip on Saturday, Oct 20 from 10:30 am to 12 noon**. Scouts can learn how to navigate using compasses and maps, as well as using GSP to hunt for “treasures”. Bring compass and map (if you have one). Wear class B uniform, \$5 fee is you park inside, better to park on Lake Chabot Road if you can. Ask Sam Pica for a permission slip and sign up soon!

### Scouting for Food – Nov 10 and Nov 17

Scout in Charge: Vince Ruiz and Aaron Lee, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. Keep the following dates open to participate in this event. Saturday, **Nov. 10** and Saturday, **Nov. 17**. We will **meet between 8:30am - 12:30pm on both dates**. It is our goal to have **100% participation** from all scouts and families in this most important outreach to our community. **Please volunteer both days**, if you can, if not please plan on making it at least one day – all it takes is a couple of hours.



### From Larry Whitmeyer

Dear Troop 726  
Thank you for all of your support and help at my Eagle Court of Honor. I had a lot of fun being in the troop and want to thank everyone for my experiences.

Sincerely,  
Larry Whitmeyer

### Jose Velasco Eagle Project – Oct 20

Please save the date for Jose’s Eagle project at **Kennedy Park on Oct 20**. Sign-up sheet will be available soon.

### Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project– Oct 27, 28

Please save the date for Kyoshi’s Eagle project at **Masonic Center on Oct 27 and 28**. Please sign up to help!

### **From Mr. and Mrs. Whitmeyer**

Thank you to the scouts and the troop adult leaders that gave so much of themselves for this memorable occasion. Our extended family had no idea what an accomplishment Larry had obtained until all of you did such a fabulous job of showing those who attended what scouting is all about. This was truly, for us, a time for overwhelming joy and thank you for such a wonderful scouting experience for us as parents and for what we saw Larry experience. Hands down Troop 726 is a great Troop/ family to be a part of.

Blessings to everyone,  
Mr. and Mrs. Whitmeyer

### **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](http://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!**

**Please, inform me of your trainings.** 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.

**From time to time new trainings are added to those on-line. Please check often.**

Need info about future trainings? Have questions about training? Call Randy Wright at 510-885-0527 or email [wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:wright-s@comcast.net). All fliers are on the Tres Ranchos District Web page via [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org).

### **What is a Committee Chair?**

BSA describes the Committee Chair position as follows:

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and the Scoutmaster.
- See that unit leaders and committee members have training opportunities.
- Interpret national and local policies to the unit.
- Work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing Troop Committee meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly unit committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure unit representation at monthly roundtables.
- Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp membership.
- Arrange for charter review and recharter annually.
- Plan the charter presentation program.

# Will You Be Our Next Committee Chair?

# Will be updated



## Car Wash

Write-up by Mr. Strand, Photo by Mr. Fong

**Thank you** to everyone who helped out with the annual Troop car wash. We were busy the whole day and many families helped make it possible by staying longer and pitching in. We set a record for most cars washed in recent history. I would also like everyone to know that without the support from the Masonic center it would have not been possible. They kindly waived their standard fee's and allowed us to be more profitable.





## Car Wash – Team Work





## Car Wash – Many Hands Made the Work Go Faster





## Friday Night Skills-to-First Class, Sept 14

Photo by Mr. Fong



Jose with Foxes



Raymond teaching skills



Next morning



Foil wrapped dinners



## Friday Night Skills-to-First Class – Breakfast Time!



Mr. Maloof showing the scouts how to cook a “man-sized breakfast”!



Justin cooking an egg



Travis enjoying the fruits of Ashir's labor



Aviram and Ashir cooking



Troop formation



## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor

By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Photo by Mr. Fong

On September 14th through the 16th, many 726 scouts came out to Hawk Ridge at Anthony Chabot to enjoy our annual family. We had PLC, our fall court of honor, and each patrol was able to cook meals for their families. At the end of the night, we had a campfire and everyone enjoyed it. In the morning we cooked breakfast and left. That was family camp 2012.



Joshua & Luke  
cooking meatballs



Matthew & Justin preparing Meatball  
sandwiches for PLC & ASM's



Yum!!!

PLC with Kyle



Curtis and Anthony  
enjoying the fruits of  
Matthew/Justin's labor.





## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor

SPL: Mitch Avery/Kyoshi Ito, ASPL: Raymond Akagi/Ryan Flynn

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Passing the baton of SPL from Mitch to Kiyoshi. Thank you, Mitch, for a job well done!!!

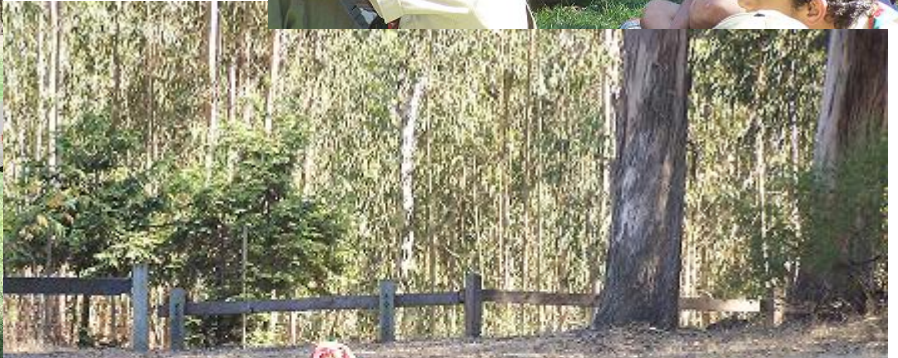


Ryan Flynn – Scout of the Week, Summer Camp 2012





## Fall Court of Honor – Family and Friends





## Fall Court of Honor – Sash Presentation and Troop Picture





## Fall Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Aaron Lee and Patrick Lee - Scout



Yuri Overton and Robert Fusinati - Scout



Luke Martin - Scout

Aviram Bhalla-Levine - Tenderfoot



Not Pictured:

Vincent Ruiz - Scout

Travis Engstrom - Scout





## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor – More Rank Advancements



Mac Strand –  
Second Class



Joshua Siu – Second Class



Bryant Ling - Life



Not Pictured:

Allen Saylor – Eagle

Seamus Guerin –  
Eagle 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Palm



## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor – What's for Dinner?



Fox Patrol Cooking



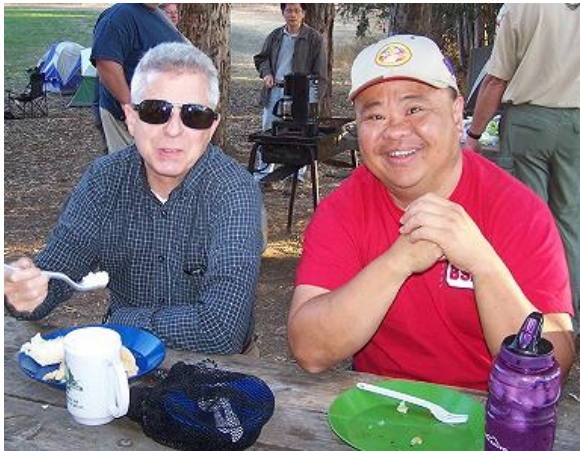
Bat Patrol



Dragon's stir-frying  
shark's meat



## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor – Family Time and Camp Fire



Campfire with Kyle & Conrad



Flag retirement



Scouts paying last respects



## Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor – Making Memories



Morning after...



Turkeys disappointed that Scouts Left No Trace!



## Troop News

### Outdoor Troop Meeting – Sept 26



Fox Patrol doing physical activities

### Jamboree on the Air – By Mr. Avery

**Troop 726** - although this is not a Troop function, I wanted to make you all aware of the **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)** on **Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the San Leandro Scout Office. \$5 will get you a patch and lunch and time on the rock wall from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A flyer may appear on the SFBAC website. The contact info is [cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net) and [kd6yst4577@att.net](mailto:kd6yst4577@att.net)

Mr. Wright in our Troop is a **Radio Merit Badge** Counselor and can advise you if attending will help you achieve your Radio MB. Have fun.

### Kyle Avery's Life Project – By Kyle Avery

At my life project on 9-8-2012 multiple scouts went to the Masonic Center at 9:00am to paint the bottom half of the room in which we have our weekly Troop meeting. We finished by 12:00pm and went outside to play while we waited for my mom to bring a delicious lunch of chicken, pasta, and watermelon. We all had a great time.

### HEY IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR SPORTING CLAYS!

Visit [www.sfbac.org/SportingClays](http://www.sfbac.org/SportingClays) and join us **October 12th** for the 2nd Annual Sporting Clays for Scouting. Help support local Scout programs, have fun, shoot 100 clay targets, Auction, special drawings, and BBQ dinner. Put this exciting event on your calendar today. Signups are being taken individually and in teams. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

### ANNOUNCING THE SCOUT STRONG WEB PORTAL

Your location for news, articles, blogs, podcasts, videos, and original content related to the health and wellness of the Scouting community. Content includes information about: - Physical Fitness & Nutrition - Emotional Fitness - 2013 National Scout Jamboree Preparation Tips Visit [www.scouting.org/scoutstrong](http://www.scouting.org/scoutstrong) for more information.





## 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:** including tour, Jamboree dates are July 13 - July 24, 2013

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

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.

## A FUN DAY TO CONNECT WITH SCOUTS AROUND THE WORLD!

Visit **October 20, 2012**, 9am–3pm  
Youth Leadership Training Center, San Leandro \$5.00 per participant includes patch and lunch.

**What is JOTA?** JOTA stands for Jamboree on the Air. This is a fun and educational event where Scouts from around the world talk to each other through ham radios. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts can find out about Scouting in many other countries.

To schedule air time for your Scouts, contact Alan Marples at 510-895-9080 or by email at [kd6yst4577@att.net](mailto:kd6yst4577@att.net)

### International Scout Day

International Games, Crafts and Activities, featuring games and a craft from Around the World. For more information contact Cindy Jeans at [cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net) or call 510-895-9800. This year we're featuring EGYPT.

**NOTE: The Council Climbing Wall will be open from 10 am – 1 pm**

## 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](mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net), or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

**Fox**

The Fox Patrol had a great time at Family Camp. We received our merit badges and our sashes at Family Camp. We all earned our First Aid and most of us earned our Swimming merit badges. At Canyon middle school we improved on pull ups, push ups, sit ups and quarter mile. We all had fun the rest of the time.

By Justin Raynor

**Bats**

Recently our troop went to Hawks Ridge for Court of Honor/ Family Camp. We had lots of fun watching the Awards Ceremony and celebrating what each of us accomplished. After the fantastic Court of Honor, we cooked food for our parents. Our patrol had hamburgers, hot dogs and macaroni and cheese. Our parents really enjoyed the cooking. Personally my favorite event was the campfire. We told jokes and performed skits around the campfire. Our patrol acted out two skits about a fruit stand and a person with a stiff neck. It was hilarious !!!

By Matthew Kuan

**Ravens**   
No submittal

**Cobras**   
No submittal

**Scorpions/ Dragons**   
No submittal



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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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*

Who will be our next committee chair???

The position of troop committee chair has been a very rewarding, exciting and sometimes challenging position. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. It is now time to begin the process of selecting a new chair and to this end the troop committee has formed a Committee Chair Selection Committee. This committee is in the process of gathering names of individuals that are interested in being our next committee chair. The Selection committee consists of two committee members, two members from the Scoutmaster side and 1 parent. They are:

Pat Schultz, Laura Pica, Phil Avery, Jose Siu and Linda Fusinati. These five volunteers will be quickly approaching as many parents as they can to find a good match for our next committee chair. However, don't wait for them to ask you, please feel free to approach any of them and volunteer to be considered for the position. If you know a fellow parent that would make a good committee chair, please let the Selection Committee know so they can approach them with this great opportunity.

### Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$10.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00

Mrs. Lozano. Email: [Phyllis@gantel.com](mailto:Phyllis@gantel.com).

### 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!

### Brave

A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

# 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.**