

TROOP 726 FLASH

NOVEMBER 2013

Upcoming Events

Serve Dinner at American Legion Post 649
Veterans Day Dinner – Nov 9

Veterans Day Event – Nov 11



Scouting for Food – Nov 9 and 16

Garin Park Webelos Overnight and Night Hike –
Nov 16 - 17



Winter Court of Honor – Dec 4

Stamp collecting – Dec 7



Pinnacles Day Hike – Dec 14

Serve Dinner at American Legion Post 649
Christmas Dinner – Dec 15

Holiday Gathering – Dec 19



A Holiday Gathering



Meeting Dates

Board of Review – Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20

Committee Meeting – Dec 2, Jan 6

PLC Meeting – Dec 8 (7 pm TBA), Jan 5

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm
sharp at Masonic Center, exception: Nov 27 and
Dec 25 (no meeting)

Website

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

Sam Pica 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 (pica@batnet.net) any and
all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc
format so they can be uploaded to the website
for all to download.



Veterans Day Dinner – Nov 9

Scout in Charge: Patrick Lee

Saturday, November 9 - 5:30 -
9:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge
**(20835 Rutledge Rd,
Castro Valley)** - American
Legion Post 649 Veterans
Day Dinner - Scouts will serve
dinner.



Re-Charter

This year's Scout fee is \$36.00 (\$24.00
membership and \$12.00 Boy's Life Magazine).
Please approach Mrs. Woo if you wish to pay
using your Scout account. Write a check
payable to Troop 726 if paying by check.

**You must have payment turned in by
Wednesday, Nov. 20th (the sooner the better)
to Mr. Pica.**

Scouting for Food – Nov 9 and 16

Scout in Charge: Yuri Overton, Adult in Charge: Mr. Smith and Mr. Maloof



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. 9** and Saturday, **Nov. 16**. 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.

Veterans Day Event – Nov 11

Scout in Charge: Vincent Ruiz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison and Mrs. Wilson

This year's Veterans Day event is going to be at the **memorial at the Castro Valley Community Center** (Quail Ave and Lake Chabot Road, by Chabot Elementary School). Event starts at **8 am, Nov 11**. Scouts should come in full class A with sash, to assist with parking, passing out programs, and serve as gateway for the presentation. Please join us in honoring our nations' Veterans.



Garin Park Webelos Overnight and Night Hike – Nov 16 - 17

Scout in Charge: Josh Siu, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Lee

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center 1:00PM, after Scouting for Food, bring sack lunch.

ENDING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center 10:00AM

COST: \$10.00, Class A and B Uniform

FOOD: Patrol Style cooking Dinner and breakfast. Bring extra for 5 WEBELOS.

WHAT TO BRING: Hiking gear for 5 miles. One night sleeping essentials. Jacket.

AGENDA: Go to the container at 1 pm: Arrive at Garin Park @ 2:30 pm. Setup tents, then free time. 5:30 pm start cooking dinner. 7:00 pm Start Night Hike. Back to Camp @ 10:00 pm, sleep. Wake up 7:30am, break camp and pack, cook and eat breakfast, leave at 9:30 am.

SCOUT-IN-CHARGE: Josh Siu (510) 537-8998 pillmaster@gmail.com

ADULT-IN-CHARGE: Mr. Avery 925-698-1514 pack705@earthlink.net, Mr. Lee albert_lee@rsconst.com



Pinnacles Day Hike – Dec 14

Scout in Charge: Austin Le, Adult in Charge: Mr. Jiang and Mr. Maloof

We will going on a day hike at Pinnacles National Park. Make sure you bring lots of water and properly fasten your backpack straps because it will be the hike of your life.

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center at 7:00am Saturday, Dec 14th

ENDING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center at 6:00pm Saturday, Dec 14th

COST: \$20 per scout (\$60 gas per car, \$5 car admission fee)

FOOD: Bring lunch

WHAT TO BRING: Backpack, 10 essentials, broken-in boots, sunscreen water.

AGENDA: Hike at Pinnacles. Have fun.

SCOUT-IN-CHARGE: Austin Xing-Le (510) 708-6881

ADULT-IN-CHARGE: Mr. Jiang (510) 200-6144 and Mr. Maloof (415) 405-5754

PLEASE RSVP BY: November 20th



Stamp collecting – Dec 7 (Individual or Patrol Outing)

Have Fun Earning Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. There are two workshops coming up soon:

Filatellic Fiesta Stamp Show
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road, San Jose
Saturday November 9, 2013 from 10:30-4:30pm
OR
PENPEX Stamp Show
Redwood Community Center
1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City
Saturday December 7, 2012 from 10:30 to 4:30

Beginner collectors are welcome and encouraged. Discover the fun stamp collecting. Build a collection on a topic or country interesting to you. The merit badge workshop costs \$12 which covers the costs for a stamp collecting starter kit and access to a huge hoard of stamps to pick from to build your first collection. You'll receive a special guided tour of the show. Contact Brian Jones at bfj39@yahoo.com for more details and to register for the workshop. Space is very limited, so sign-up quick to save your spot!

Remember to see Mr. Avery for a Blue Card.

Training – BSA Climbing Instructor, Nov 13, 15, 16, 17, 20 (Individual or Patrol Outing)

Wouldn't YOU like to be a BSA Climbing Instructor?

If any unit is planning to have a climbing outing in the next year, this is the perfect opportunity to make sure your leaders have the necessary training for a safe and fun activity.

-Please bring a bag lunch for the weekend days as no food will be provided.

-Sign up by 10 a.m. on first day of course, Wednesday, November 13 either online or at council.

Cost: \$125 ONLY 12 SPACES AVAILABLE
Dates/Location: Nov 13, 15, and 20 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at YLTC
Nov 16 and 17 from 8:30-5:00 pm at Outdoor Climbing Location TBD

Note: Participation in all 5 sessions (3 evenings and 2 day sessions) is required for completion of the course. This course is open to any registered adult leader age 21 or older.

You can sign up TODAY. Contact Michelle Rodriguez at (510) 577-9214 for additional info.

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: pillmaster@gmail.com
Troop Mug = \$5.00
Troop T-shirts = \$10.00
Duffle Bag = \$26.00

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. Thank you!

Training

By Randy Wright, Tres Ranchos District Boy Scout Training Chair and Troop 726 Training Chair.

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.

The Boy Scouts of America list the following trainings as being offered this year. PLEASE check the date you last completed Youth Protection. Must be renewed every TWO years.

1. HAT – **NRA Range Safety Officer Training** - Sat., Dec 14, 2013 Go to <http://www.sfbac.org/training/adult/hat> - click for [online registration](#). HAT stands for High Adventure Training
2. ASM/SM **Leader Specific Training**: Saturdays, Jan 11, Feb. 15, April 9 or May 3, 2014. You have many opportunities. These are being offered by the Twin Valley District.
3. **Den Chief Training**, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 at Twin Valley District
4. **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**: Wed, May 14, 2014 and May 30 to June 1, 2014 Sept 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm and Oct. 26-27, 2013.
5. **University of Scouting**, Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014. Many training opportunities.
6. **BSA Climbing instructor Training**, Nov. 13, 15 and 20, 7:30 pm to 9 pm at YLTC. And outdoor portion Nov 16 – 17, 2013, 8:30 – 5pm.

Other trainings are offered by the Boy Scout of America online at www.sfbac.org. Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page. Please see www.sfbac.org for more info.

Thanks,

Randy Wright
510 885 0527
Wright-s@comcast.net

A large, 3D, yellow and orange graphic that reads "Be Trained" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters have a slight shadow and a gradient, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Special Meeting Dates for the year ahead include:

- 11/27/13 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Thanksgiving
- 12/04/13 - Court of Honor
- 12/18/13 - Holiday Celebration Meeting - Brown Bag Lunches, Scout band, White Elephant
- 12/25/13 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Christmas
- 01/01/14 - NO MEETING - Enjoy New Years Day
- 02/12/14 - Red and Green Pot Luck Dinner
- 03/19/14 - Court of Honor
- 04/09/14 - Oakland A's Game - Subject to Schedule
- 04/16/14 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Easter Break
- 04/30/14 - Outdoor Meeting - likely Canyon
- 05/14/14 - Swimming Meeting - Subject to Availability
- 06/04/14 - Court of Honor

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Be Prepared - A Story of Survival - How many of you followed the story from last month of a 72 year old San Francisco man who went missing for 18 days in the Mendocino National Forest? The details of the story included how he ate lizards and a squirrel and slept under a log to stay warm. After sustaining a concussion after a fall (how far away was his buddy?) he awoke disoriented. He was able to find forest food and water and was prepared enough to have matches and smart enough to build shelters. What was missing from every story was the first lesson of the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge - the man had a will to survive.

We never know when an accident will happen. That is why we keep emergency gear in our homes, in our cars, and in our backpacks. What we also need to remember is to keep the will to survive in our heads and in our hearts and to remain calm. Almost all of us will never be faced with being lost in the remote wilderness but we may incur a broken leg during a local bike ride or have our car stall out in a snow storm or in the Mojave Desert. When in a situation like that remember that you cannot go back in time and undo what has passed, you can only move forward.

The same could be said about your road to advancement to Eagle. You may stall out and fall behind but if you have the will to complete the requirements, then you will achieve your goal. Unlike the hunter who was alone for 18 days, the scout on his way to Eagle has a whole Troop around him to help. Stay on your path. Ask for help when you need it and offer help when you have some to give.



Popcorn Fundraising Opportunity – 2013

Five members of Troop 726 turned in \$341 in popcorn orders on Wed. Oct. 23. The actual popcorn will be available for pickup from Ms. Smith at the second "Scouting For Food" day, Saturday November 16... in plenty of time to deliver to our patrons before Thanksgiving week!

Great job to those making use of this fundraising opportunity:

- from Fox Patrol: Curtis Werning and Luke Martin;
- from Bats Patrol: Zurvohn Maloof;
- from Wolverine Patrol: Jack Qin and Liam Smith.



Who won the demonstration toy crossbow? The highest seller, Liam, at only \$181! Perhaps as a group we can come up with a plan for easier, more enticing sales plan next year. I've heard some GREAT ideas.

YIS, Ms. Smith
(Liam's mom)

Santa Cruz Beach Jam – Oct 11 - 12

Scout in Charge: Spencer Vanderpan,



Santa Cruz Beach Jam – Game On!



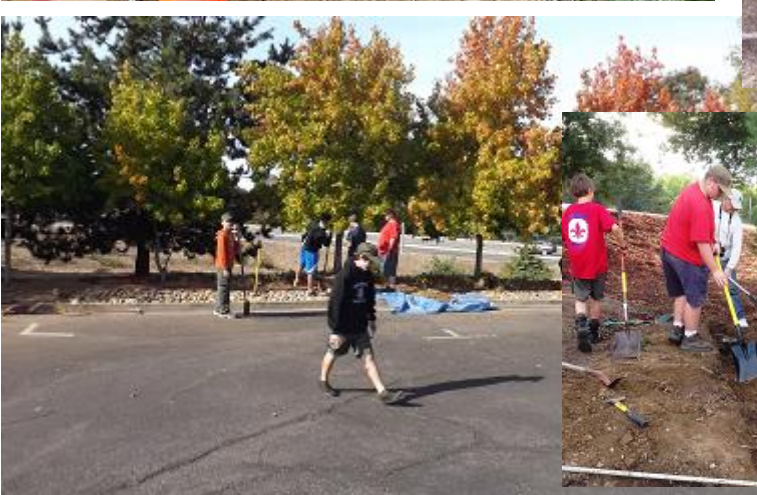
Sam Wilson's Life Project – Nov 3

By Scout in Charge: Sam Wilson

For my life project we cleared ice plant, dug a 70 ft. trench, place PVC piping and then backfilled the trench. It was a service project for Masonic center, a lot of work but eventually we got it finished. We all had a blast. Big thank you to all those who came out and helped me with my project, I really appreciate it.



Sam Pica's Life Project – Nov 3

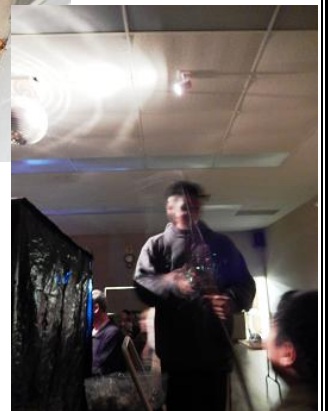


Troop News – Webelos Skills Night (Oct 16)



Troop News – Webelos Halloween Night (Oct 30)

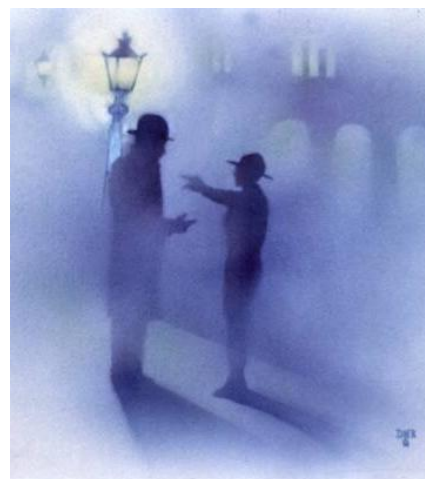
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Committee Chair's Corner
By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

November starts the season of giving.

Troop 726 has many meaningful events during this wonderful season. These events are design to teach our young scouts the values of giving to others. A scout is helpful: A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward. Participation in these events is an important part in the development and self esteem of our young scouts. It is very rewarding to know you are helping someone in need. We will be very busy in the next few months and it is all for a great cause. Scouting for food, holiday gathering, making brown bags and the many service hours we give to help many organizations are all designed to teach our scouts the value of giving from the heart. Let's give them a helping hand by providing all the support they need to participate in these events.



November is National BSA re-charter month.

We will be approaching each of you to determine if you would like to continue in scouting as a member of troop 726. We will take care of the rest.

Attention All

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!

Scout Due

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!

Help Keep Our Troop Gear Ready for Use

11/06/13 - Astronomy
11/13/13 - How to tell directions day and night
11/20/13 - Troop Mobilization
12/11/13 - Game Design (per the new MB)

Troop Meeting Instruction Topics

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Email: pack705@earthlink.net
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Charter Organization: American Legion
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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 - Mr. Markison
Cobras / Scorpions - Mr. Andrews / Mr. Smith
Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

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.

Wolveries



Liam, Albert, Xavier, and Jack made clay sculptures with the Webelos and made paper airplanes. We did this at Masonic Center. This was 10 Oct 16, 2013. We did this because it was Webelos night.

By Drew Mitchell

Fox



No submittal.

Bats



Nov. 3 Sammy Wilson/Sam Pica Life projects. Members: Josh Matthew Zurvohn
We dug a trench for a new irrigation system for Sammy's project. Then, we dug a French drain system for Sam's project. We had pizza for lunch.

Oct. 11-12

We went to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to play in the arcade and ride the roller coasters. We had to choose our lunches and dinners carefully, because we had only \$20 to use on food. Camping on the boardwalk was bad because we were on a slope. The movie we watched on the beach was Wreck It Ralph.

By Josh Siu

Ravens



This past month the event we participated on was the Webelos meeting. We were unique and split into multiple groups to teach the webelos different skills (most patrols only did one skill). That's all.

By Aviram Bhalla-Levine

Cobras/ Scorpions/ Dragons



On December 14th, Troop 726 is going to Pinnacles for a day hike. We will leave the Masonic Center at 6 am and return at 6 – 7 pm. Make sure you bring your water, lunch, and your 10 essentials. You must bring them because they are essential for a reason! Hope to see you there!

By Austin Xing-Le