

TROOP 726 FLASH

FEBRUARY 2014

Upcoming Events

Mt St. Helena Campout – Feb 8 - 9

Red and Green Dinner – Feb 12

Winter Awareness Training– Feb 15

Troop Basketball tournament at Canyon – Feb 26

Troop Election Meeting – Mar 5

Shooting Sports Outing– Mar 7 – 9

Boreal Ski and Camp – Mar 29 – 30

TLT Campout– Apr 18 – 19

Golf Outing – Apr 19

Earth Day – Apr 26



Meeting Dates

Board of Review –Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21

Committee Meeting –Mar 3, Apr 7

PLC Meeting – Feb 15, Mar 23, April 26

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, exception: Feb 26 (outdoor meeting) April 16 (no meeting, Spring Break), April 30 (outdoor meeting), May 14 (swimming 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.

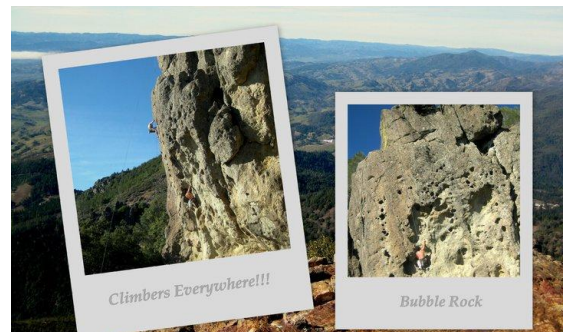


Mt St. Helena Campout – Feb 8 - 9

Scout in Charge: Sammy Wilson, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Werning and Mr. Maloof

We will be going to Mt St Helena for an overnigher and hiking, leaving on Feb 8, 9 am from Masonic Center, returning on Feb 9, 1:30 pm. The cost is \$27.

Bring bagged lunch and patrol will cook dinner and breakfast. There will be Webelos going with us on this outing so join in the fun and lets the Webelos what Troop 726 is all about. Please see Sammy about the permission slip.



Red and Green Dinner – Feb 12



Troop 726 invites you to celebrate the Birthday of Boy Scouts of America at the Annual Red and Green Dinner -- a good old fashion pot luck style dinner.

When: Wednesday, February 12th @ 7 PM SHARP.

Where: Masonic Center.

Each family is requested to bring a favorite main course dish.

Please plan a dish to serve 10 – 12 people.

A dish from your heritage is always a welcome hit.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Siu at the Troop meetings or via e-mail Billmaster@gmail.com.

Winter Awareness Training– Feb 15

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

Winter Awareness Training will be held at Masonic Center on Feb 15, from 8 am to 11 am. Come and learn how to be prepared for cold weather. The skills and knowledge you gain will help you in any type of camping experience!



Shooting Sports Instead – March 7 – 9

Scout in Charge: Matthew Kuan, Adult in Charge: Mr. Jiang

Troop 726 will be attending the **Shooting Sports Weekend, March 7 – 9, at Los Mochos**. The activities include rifle, shotgun, black powder rifles, archery and tomahawks. Scout in charge is Matthew Kuan. The cost is \$15 per person. Don't miss out, sign up early!



American Red Cross First Aid & CPR Training

Saturday, February 22, 2014 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) YLTC, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro

\$70 - course cost includes all Red Cross fees/certification for First Aid with CPR - Infant and CPR/AED - Adult and Child. Lunch will be provided.

This course is being offered in partnership with East Bay Regional Park's Lifeguard Service and is open to any registered Boy Scouts and Adult leaders. Registration is open to troops and individuals. Troop leadership must be provided for troops and individual Scouts must be accompanied by a paying adult. Register online at www.sfbac.org

Contact Michelle Rodriguez at [\(510\) 577-9214](tel:5105779214) for additional information.

Mark Your Calendar!

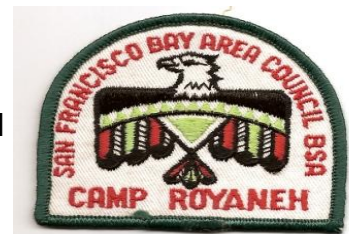
The annual **Troop Leadership Training (TLT)** will be **on Friday, April 18 at the El Venado campsite in Anthony Chabot**. At this event, new scouts will get a chance to learn the ways of the troop and what it means to be a boy scout.



Troop 726 is going to Camp Royaneh June 15- 21, 2014!

Camp Royaneh is located in the redwoods near Guerneville, CA.

While the actual cost of this event is \$451, the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$52 per scout from the unit's general fund; therefore the charge is \$399 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$150 and signed parental permission slip is due by Wednesday, January 15, 2014.** The remaining balance of \$249 and the doctor-approved BSA health form is due by Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts are accepted.



Application for adult leadership at summer camp is also available. The boys appreciate the sacrifice of a week of vacation from each of the adults so they can attend summer camp.

Mr. Siu and Mr. Avery



Royaneh Summer Camp, Here We Come!

Yellowstone High Adventure Trip

Mark your calendar, **July 26 to Aug 3!!!** Take part in this **once-in-a-life-time adventure** with your fellow scouts! **Yellowstone National Park**, established in 1872 and located primarily in Wyoming, was America's first national park. To this day, Yellowstone remains one of the country's most popular national parks with almost four million annual visitors. Yellowstone spans almost 3,500 miles, and extends into parts of Montana and Idaho, making it the largest National Park in the US. It sits on top of a dormant volcano and is home to more geysers and hot springs than any other place on earth. Approximately 50 percent of the world's hydrothermal features are at Yellowstone National Park. The most famous of all the geysers is Old Faithful, one of the most popular and recognized natural wonders in the United States.

Below is the preliminary itinerary. **The cost is approximately \$480.** Please contact scout-in-charge **Raymond Akagi** for more information.

Day 1- Saturday: Castro Valley to Angel Creek campsite

1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
2. Eat lunch on the road, stop somewhere.
3. 576 miles
4. 8.5 hours

Day 2- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to box canyon campground

1. Zip the snake in twin falls or craters of the moon.
2. 364 miles
3. 5 hours and 48 minute drive. (without craters of the moon).

Day 3- Monday: box canyon to mammoth campground

1. Monument geyser basin (2.8 mile hike), Norris geyser basin, artists' paint pots (1.1 mile hike), mammoth hot springs.

Day 4- Tuesday: mammoth campground to canyon campground

1. Take black tail plateau drive (great views)
2. Inspiration point, artist point, seven mile hole trail (about 11 miles)
3. Showers and laundry

Day 5- Wednesday: canyon campground to bridge bay campground

1. Old faithful, lower geyser basin, midway geyser basin, fairy falls (2.5 miles), biscuit basin, black sand basin
2. Eat dinner at lake hotel (expensive restaurant)

Day 6- Thursday: bridge bay campground to Colter bay campground

1. West thumb, Jenny Lake trail (2 miles w/boat ride) or 7 mile hike around lake.

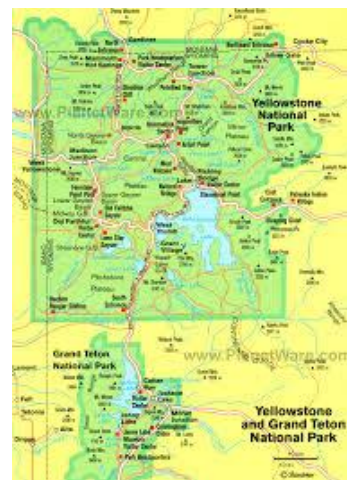
Day 7- Friday: Colter Bay campground

1. Jackson hole aerial tram, eat at Corbet's cabin for breakfast kinda.
2. Hike (12.4 miles)

Day 8- Saturday: Colter Bay campground to
Angel Creek campsite

Day 9- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to home

1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
2. 576 miles
3. 8.5 hours



Troop News



Robert and Luke at the Pinewood Derby for Cub Scout Pack 722, Jan 21, 2014



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.

Mark Your Calendars for the following:

1. Council recognition dinner is May 10, 2014.
2. The Tres Ranchos District dinner. Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrews are co-chairs for this adult event.

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

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Be A Trained Leader

Update coming soon!

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

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!

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

Do you know what's coming up?

Troop Meeting Instructions

February 12 - No Instruction - Red and Green Dinner

February 19 - No Instruction - Outdoor Meeting at Canyon Middle School - Basketball Tournament

February 26 - Snow Sports - Possible outdoor meeting at Cull Canyon

March 5 - Winter Awareness - Clothes

March 12 - Winter Awareness - Food

March 19 - No Instruction - Court of Honor

Special Meeting Dates for the year ahead include

March 19 - Court of Honor

April 16 - NO MEETING - Spring Break

April 30 - Outdoor Meeting - Canyon Middle School

May 14 - Swimming Meeting - Subject to Availability

June 4 - Court of Honor



PLC Meetings

February 15 - immediately following Winter Awareness Training at the Masonic Center - estimated start time 11:30.

March 23 - 7:00 p.m. Mr. Avery's house 2730 Jennifer Dr

April 26 - 5:00 p.m. immediately preceding the Annual Planning Conference - Location TBA

June 1 - Likely in an outdoor location to be determined by the SPL at that time

Scouts holding Troop position and all Patrol leaders need to attend. Contact Will Oliveira and Mr. Avery in advance if you cannot attend.

Native Sons Crab Feed

By Scout in Charge: Ben Eckman, photo by Mrs. Platou and Mr. Siu

On Jan 27, we went to the Veterans Memorial Building and help feed crab to people. We do this every year and have a lot of fun every time. After serving the food, two people helped with the auction. After, we got to eat some of the amazing crab. The evening was fun. The scouts did such a good job serving that we earned about \$400 in tips to split into our scout accounts. Good job!



Native Sons Crab Feed – Jan 27



University of Scouting

By Scout in Charge: Robert Fusinati, Photo by Mrs. Fusinati and Mr. Siu

On Jan 25, Troop 726 supported the University of scouting event by selling coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and lots of donuts for breakfast and a meatball sandwich meal for lunch to all the hungry people at the event! We had to get up really early to get to the Middle School to set up and be ready for our customers. We put lots of signs up to advertise and we also walked around with a sign so people knew where to go for a great meal at a low price! We had a number of scouts there to help set up and serve and I was grateful for everyone who was able to be there to help. Overall it was a great day.



Scout Sunday

By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi

This year, we celebrated Scout Sunday on **February 2, 2014**, at **Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley**. The event was good. The flag ceremony went off without a hitch. The ceremony itself was conducted by scouts and went very well. It was interesting being exposed to different ways of thinking and different ways of life. The food at the end was a treat as well.

Thank you to Mitch Avery, Kyle Avery, Sammy Wilson, Matthew Kuan, and Zurvohn Maloof for doing the opening and closing flags. And thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped our troop give back to the Faith Lutheran Church for all they do for us during the year.



Scout Sunday – Feb 2



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, 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



Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting 2014 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 12 at our Red and Green Dinner. This will be our official kick off. We look forward to your generous contributions.

Committee Chair's Corner

By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair



Happy 103rd Birthday Boy Scouts of America



Troop 726 invites you to join us at our
Red and Green Dinner on Wednesday,
February 12th at 7 PM
The Masonic Center in Castro Valley

February 8 marks date when The Boy Scouts of America originated in 1910. This year, we celebrate our 103rd Birthday. Troop 726 is planning to celebrate this event with our Red and Green Dinner Pot Luck. Each scout family is requested to bring a favorite main course dish. Please plan **a dish to serve 10 – 12 people**. A dish from your heritage is always a welcome hit. This year is also very special because we are inviting WEBELOS. Let's show our hospitality by making this event un-forgetful; this means GREAT Skits, Songs and Food for all. LET'S SHOW OUR TROOP 726 SPIRIT.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Siu at the Troop meetings or via e-mail Pillmaster@gmail.com.

Scouters: The dessert theme for this year is "COOKIES". Surprise our scouts with your culinary skills by bringing your best batch forward. We All look forward to desserts.

Summer Camp 2014

Summer Camp is fast approaching, if you haven't done so; please approach Mr. Yi with the permission Slip and a deposit of \$150.00. We are going to Camp Royaneh this year.



Committee Secretary Needed!

Our Committee is still looking for a parent with good organizational skills to join our team as our Committee Secretary. If you are able to help in this task please approach any committee member or Mr. Siu. We meet the first Monday of every month at Faith Lutheran Church from 7 pm to 9 pm.

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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, Drew, Jack, and Xavier did the Mt. Diablo hike last week. We went to Mt. Diablo because we care.

By Liam Smith

Fox



Curtis, Robert, Luke, Aaron, Patrick, and I went to the University of Scouting to serve coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and donuts. We were very successful, and some of us stayed afterwards for lunch. The University of Scouting is an adult training event that also has merit badge classes for scouts.

By Yuri Overton

On January 25th, we had the University of Scouting event. A lot of scouts came and we did a lot of work. We hung signs, we made sandwiches, and also earn cash!

By Robert Fusinati

Bats



At University of Scouting, we raised money by selling meatball sandwiches. We also took classes to earn merit badges.

By Matthew Kuan

Ravens



No Submittal

Cobras/ Scorpions/ Dragons



The Troop welcomes a new scout named Spenser. He is cool and I think he would be a great scout!

By Michael Yi