#### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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# **Upcoming Events**

Troop Overnight Nov 8 Committee Meeting – Nov 3

Scouting for Food Nov 8 and 15 ASM Meeting – Nov 17

Veteran's Dinner Nov 10

Board of Review – Nov 17

Veteran Day Parade Nov 11

Winter Awareness Dec 6 PLC - Nov 20

SF Exploratorium Dec 13 Winter Court of Honor – Dec 10

Troop Bike Ride

Dec 27

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays (No Troop Meeting on Nov 26, Dec 24, or Dec 31)

### **Troop Overnight Campout**

Scout in Charge: Eric Niksarian Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

We will be going to Garin Park for the Troop Campout. That is on **Nov 8**, hopefully we will get there early and can all go fishing, as this is a stocked lake on the property.

# **Scouting for Food**

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon Adult in Charge: Mr. Bill Hubbard

On **Saturdays, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at Marshall Elementary school at 8:30 am. We will distribute door hangers on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and collect filled bags on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, be back at Marshall Elementary at 12:00 pm on both days. We need adults' help for this very worthwhile service event. Please sign up!

#### **Veteran's Dinner**

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin

Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Lozano

Boy Scout Troop 726 is going to help the American Legion and Operation MOM in the Annual Veteran's Day Dinner at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Hayward. We will meet at the Memorial Building at 7:00 pm on Nov 10. Service hours will be award to those who help.

# Veteran Day Parade

Scout in Charge: Edgar Woo Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

On **Tuesday, Nov 11**, we'll depart Masonic Center at 9:00 am or you can meet us at the parade starting location in Hayward at 9:30 am. We are estimating that we will finish at noon. Scouts can be picked up at ending location in Hayward or at the Masonic Center at approximately 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Please make sure Mr. Guerin knows your pickup arrangement prior to the event day.

# **Troop Bike Ride**

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

Dust off your clunkers and new Xmas racers, the Troop will have a bicycle ride on **Saturday**, **Dec. 27**, **2008** on the "Iron Horse Trail." There will be two groups of rides, one is 10 miles oneway starting from the Pleasanton BART station and ending in Danville, and the other group will ride back to the start for a total of 20 miles. This will be a safe and fun ride because it's all <u>flat!</u> And you can get ice cream, munchies and drinks from Lunardi's at the Danville plaza. Should take about 4 ½ hours, leave at 10 AM and return at 2:30 PM More info in the permission slip.

### **Training**

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

Council Training Committee and Troop 726 Training Chair.

Online Training from your computer is available for Boy Scout Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim and Safety Afloat, Troup Committee Challenge and many more. Please check out all the online trainings. These are free online. Please go to <a href="https://www.SFBAC.org">www.SFBAC.org</a>, then go to training, >adult training, >the training program and than select online training for the above. You will need to register.

#### **EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!**

The following trainings will be held:

- 1. <u>Roundtable</u> every month. Meet people and have fun learning more about scouting. Second Thursday evening of each month at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro.
- 2. Did you complete any training lately? Please let me know. A copy of your training card would be the best.
- 3. Beginning January 2009, leaders will be required to renew Youth Protection every 2 years. This is a <a href="new National Policy">new National Policy</a> and is required on tour permits.
- 4. Also, beginning January 2009, you will be required to take a training called "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training." This is available online.

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 <a href="www.sfbac.org">www.sfbac.org</a>.

#### **Rocket Jamboree**

Saturday, October 11 Tres Ranchos District hosted a Rocket Jamboree on for Boy Scouts and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos at Camp Parks, Dublin CA. The event was a fun filled day starting at 9:00am. Keane was the only scout from our Troop who attended this year's event. He shot off his rocket 6 times and hiked all over the camp to find it in between the launches. It was fun and tiring at the same time.

# **Troop Car Wash**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Troop 726 hosted a car wash to raise money. We had excellent attendance and we were able to get through many cars. Despite the slight drizzle in the morning, the Scouts had high spirits and were able to be as productive as ever. Our main clients were the parents of the Scouts, but we also had a large quantity of cars brought in by pre-sold tickets. Some passersby were able to come in and get their cars washed for only \$5.

By Scout-in-Charge, Steve Davidson

# **Troop Fall Camporee**

On October 11, 2008 Kenji Pinzon, Marcos Andrade, Hayden Payne, John Miles, Aaron Vejmola, Raymond Akagi, Will Oliveira, Mitch Avery and his brother Kyle Avery, and myself went to Lake Chabot for a Troop Camporee. Unfortunately, only one Webelo showed up, so we compensated and turned it in to an advancement weekend. Kenji, Marcos, and I signed off many requirements in multiple scout books. I would like to thank Mr. Guerin, Mr. Markinson, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Miles for both driving and staying overnight, and I would also like to thank Mrs. Andrade for driving and bringing up gear.

By Scout-in-Charge, Bobby Paiz

# **Operation Popcorn**

Thank you to who participated in the Operation Popcorn Fund Raiser event and special thanks to Mrs. Schultz for coordinating the event. Popcorn Sales is our main fundraiser for scout accounts this year and the total profit from the popcorn that our hard working scouts sold will go directly into their scout accounts.

#### **Scout Advancements**

#### **Newest Eagle Scout - Branden Meadows**

Congratulations are in order for the Troop's newest Eagle Award recipient Branden Meadows.

# congradulations!

# **Troop News**



Casey and Steve judging the pumpkins for the carving contest (Troop Meeting Oct 29)



Keane, Aaron, and Raymond at Little Yosemite (Cobra Patrol Outing, Nov 1)

#### **Patrol News**

Patrol leaders please submit your article to Ms. Chang by the last Friday of the month by phone 317-9179 or email <a href="mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net">SandiaChang@comcast.net</a>, or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

#### Cobras

The Cobra Patrol had a patrol meeting on Oct 22 at Aaron's house from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We worked on completing the physically activity requirement. For the next two months, Aaron is the patrol leader, Austin is the assistant patrol leader, Tyler is the scribe, Keane is the grub master, and Raymond is the quarter master. Aaron, Raymond, and John participated in the Pumpkin craving contest. We will have a hike at Little Yosemite, Sunol on Saturday, Nov 1.

By Aaron Veimola

#### **Scorpions**

Hi, ya! The Scorpions patrol had a patrol meeting at my house on Oct 22. We talked about advancement and we planned 2 patrol outings, and we make a yell. Overall it was cool.

By Marcus Andrade

#### **Owls Patrol**

The Owl patrol is having a bicycle trip at the Marine in late December. We also had a patrol meeting at Allen's house and discussed our patrol outing.

By Bryce Fong

#### **Rocks Patrol**

The rocks are going to earn athletics merit badge. Our goal is to have everyone participating finished by the end of the year. Also, Ben Eversole is athlete of the week

By Ben Eversole







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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

Newest Eagle Scout - Branden Meadows
Congratulations are in order for the Troop's newest Eagle Award recipient Branden
Meadows. Branden passed his Eagle Board of Review and his application has been submitted to the council. As a leader in the troop, I know what an accomplishment this represents. Troop 726 and his family will celebrate his rank with an official Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on Sunday, Jan 4, 2009. Please save this date and join us in honoring Branden as he receives the highest rank a youth can obtain.

# New Members - John Miles and Hayden Pavne

Welcome to our new scouts, John Miles and Hayden Payne. John has joined the Cobra Patrol and Hayden joined the Scorpions

# New Adult Members - John Miles and Bill Hubbard

John Miles and Bill Hubbard have signed on as Assistant Scoutmasters. Please join the troop in welcoming them to leadership positions.



#### Obedient

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them

# Ben Eversole is Castro Valley Forum Athlete of the Week!









Ben is a member of the Varsity Cross Country team. He led the CVHS boys' varsity team to the school's first-ever first place at the CV Invitational a few weeks ago. Last weekend, at the Mt. Sac Invitational in Southern California, Eversole placed second with a time of 16.15 over a tough 3-mile course. Eversole also plays soccer for the Castro Valley Sith, where he scored the winning goal to make it 1-0 in the Autumn Classic Championship game. (Exert from Castro Valley Forum, Year 20, No.44).

# **Lost Equipment**

Please check your garages for Troop equipment. Look for any tents, pots and pans, stoves, etc, that you may have taken home to clean but forgot to bring it back. Equipment is very expensive!

# **Troop Items for Sale**

The following can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano

Troop Mug \$5.00 Troop T-Shirt \$22.00 Duffle Bag \$20.00

# **Family News**

Please email your scouts recognitions to SandiaChang@comcast.net.

#### **Uniform Bank**

All items in the uniform bank are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. Please call Mr. Woo or Ms Huie to check for availability. Also, **if you think you can donate your belts**, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!