

# TROOP 726 FLASH

APRIL 2014

## Upcoming Events

TLT Campout– Apr 18 – 19

Golf Outing – Apr 19



Earth Day – Apr 26

Planning Conference and PLC – Apr 26

Skills Camp out – May 2 - 4

Hike a Thon – May 3



White Water Rafting – May 17 - 18

Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23, 26

Native Sons Flag Ceremony – May 25

Court of Honor – June 4



Summer Camp – June 15 – 21

Yellowstone High Adventure Trip  
– July 26 – Aug 3



## Meeting Dates

**Board of Review** –Apr 21, May 19, June 23

**Committee Meeting** –Apr 7, May 5, June 2

**PLC Meeting** –April 26 (5 pm, preceding Planning Conference), Jun 1 (outdoor location TBD)

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

## 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@dslextreame.com](mailto:pica@dslextreame.com)) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

## 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

# Welcome to Troop 726!!

A great big warm welcome to following scouts and their families

Carter Liwosz

Joshua Fewx

Alexander Franco

Caden Liang

Spenser Lin-Jones

Benjamin Martin

Rafi Overton

Quentin Mognaga

Kyle Ortzow

Callum Standish

Xavier Wilmott

Aaron Bull

Eric Nepveux-Kjelstrom



## TLT Campout– Apr 18 - 19

Scout in Charge: Troop Guides, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

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. Since this is Spring Break, we will leave from Masonic Center at 2 pm on Friday, April 18 and return on Saturday April 19 at 10 am. By leaving earlier, we can have more time to spend at camp.



## Golf Outing –April 6, April 12, and April 19

Scout in Charge: Luke Martin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof, Mr. Raynor, and Mr. Strand

Golf outing is set for the following dates, **April 6, April 12, and April 19**, at **Pleasanton Golf Center**. All meetings will be at 3:00 pm and will be **free**! If you want to earn the golf merit badge you need to commit to all 4 meetings. The permission will be distributed at the meeting. Please see me (Luke) if you need one. I need all **permission slips back by March 12** because I need to give the information to The First Tee. Bring golf equipment if you have it, otherwise it will be provided. Also bring water and wear Class B. Sign up to earn this merit badge, or just come to golf for fun !

## Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Apr 26

Scout in Charge: Liam Smith, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Wilson

We will be doing clean-up project at **Independent Elementary** on **April 26th**. We'll need various equipment and tools such as rakes, shovels and gloves. Permission slips and more detail to follow. Please sign up to help!

# Do Your Part!



### **Skills Weekend – May 2 - 4**

Scout in Charge: Zurvohn Maloof and Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

We will be camping at the group site at Las Trampas. This is the first time our Troop has taken advantage of this nearby group camping site. It is less than 10 miles from the Masonic Center and close enough for dropping off and picking up if families have other obligations such as baseball or SAT tests.

### **Hike a Thon – May 3**

Scout in Charge: Albert Tran, Adult in Charge: Mr. Bolido, and Mr. Wilson

Hey Scouts - is your scout account balance low? Need to earn some money so you can attend an upcoming event? Then be sure to see Mr. Wilson and Albert Tran to get information about the Hike-a-thon. Our annual skills weekend and hike-a-thon is on May second to fourth at Las Trampas, a park near San Ramon. This is one of our troop's annual fundraisers. You can earn 100% profit on this fundraiser!



### **Native Sons Flag Ceremony – May 25**

Scout in Charge: Curtis Werning, Adult in Charge: TBA

Save the date! More details will be coming for this event.



### **Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23 (Friday), 26 (Monday)**

Scout in Charge: Xavier Bolido, Adult in Charge: Mr. Ruiz

The scouts and parents of Troop 726 are invited to help place and remove flags and attend the memorial service at the Lone Tree Cemetery. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans and the scouts get a glimpse at some local history by reading the tombstones. Please try to attend one session or attend all and earn service hours.

May 23 (Friday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will be assisting in placing 2,000 flags at the gravesites of servicemen. Bring a screwdriver if you want to work faster. It takes between 60 to 90 minutes to complete the task.

May 26 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. Early birds will be treated with donuts and orange juice. The memorial service begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by a BBQ Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

May 26 (Monday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will help remove the flags and put them back in containers for next year.



## White Water Rafting – May 17 - 18

Scout in Charge: Zurvohn Maloof, Adult in Charge: Mr. Smith

Troop 726 is planning a camping and whiter water rafting trip to **South Fork American River**. We will be leaving **from Masonic Center on Saturday, May 17 at 10 am and returning on Sunday, May 18 at 7 pm**. The cost if \$120 which includes wet suits, rafting trip, gas, tolls, campsites, etc. Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Patrol Method for Saturday dinner and Sunday meals. Class A for ride up there. Quick-dry clothing is recommended. Swimsuit, dry clothes, towel, water shoes, SUNSCREEN, 10 essentials, and everything needed for an overnight trip. **To attend white water trip, scout must have passed BSA simmer test**. Limited slots available so sign up early. Don't miss out on this great adventure!

## Special Meeting Dates for the year ahead include

**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

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

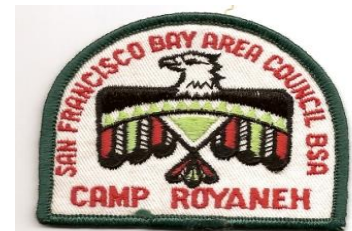
**June 1** - Likely in an outdoor location to be determined by the SPL at that time

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

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

**Camp Royaneh** is located in the redwoods near Guernville, 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 ASAP. 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!

## **Tres Ranchos District Annual Recognition Dinner**

**When: Saturday, May 10th, 2014**

Gathering time: 5:00 pm.

Dinner served: 6:00 pm.

Award Program: 7 – 8:30 pm.

**Where:** Castro Valley,  
California United Methodist Church of C. V.  
19806 Wisteria Street, Castro Valley

**WHO:** All Unit Leaders and District Scouters, Charter Organization Reps, Spouses, Parents, and Friends of Tres Ranchos Scouting. (Please note, this event is for adults. NO children permitted, thank you.)

**WHAT:** Please bring your unit flag to display, and celebrate with great food and fellowship!!!

**COST:** only \$12 per person if reservation is received at the Council Office by close of business on Friday, May 02, 2014. (Please note, the price will increase to \$20.00 per person thereafter.)

For more information about this fun volunteer recognition event, please contact:

Michael Andrews: [sierrascout@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sierrascout@sbcglobal.net), or 510-378-0774

Randy Wright: [wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:wright-s@comcast.net), or 510-885-0527

## **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

Troop 726 - for those of you interested in attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), also known in the past as Brownsea, it will be offered by our council at Rancho Los Mochos June 22 - 28, 2014. This is advanced leadership training for youth.

The cost is \$299 if you register before April 30. More information can be found at <http://www.sfbac-nylt.org/>

Requirements include:

- 13 years old or completed 7th Grade by June 2014
- First Class rank or above
- Completed Introduction to Troop Leadership Skills (ITLS), formerly Troop Leadership Training (TLT) which will be offered by Troop 726 on April 18.
- Permission from your Scoutmaster

Sammy Wilson and Zachary Eslick attended this training last year and you (yes you who are considering going) can ask either of them about their experience.

I also realize this is the week after our Summer Camp. If I find information about an NYLT at another council that has some separation from our summer camp, then I will let you know.

The Silicon Valley Council also offers NYLT for \$250 the same week of June 22 - 28  
<http://svmbc.org/svmbc/training/pico-blanco-nylt/>

## 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 - \$550.** Please contact scout-in-charge **Raymond Akagi** ([rayakagi@comcastl.net](mailto:rayakagi@comcastl.net), 510-317-9179) 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



## 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.***

\*They make you a better leader and provide a better program for our youth!

The following training information is found at [w.sfbac.org](http://w.sfbac.org)>Training>home. On-line trainings are at [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org). Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page.

1. NRA Shotgun instructor Training: Nov 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
2. NRA Range Safety Officer: May 10, 2014
3. BSA Archery and BB Gun Training: Sept. 6, 2014.
4. Hat Cycling Awareness: May 3, 2014
5. Bicycle Safety Workshop: May 4, 2014, FREE
6. Stem Campout: Oct. 10-12, 2014
7. Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills: April 11-13, 2014 by the Mission Peak District.  
  
Info is on-line or you can contact me.
8. The Tres Ranchos District dinner, May 10, 2014. Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrews are co-chairs for this adult event.

Please see [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org) for more info.

Thanks,  
Randy Wright  
510 885 0527  
**Wright-s@comcast.net**

# Be A Trained Leader

**Scout Master Minute**  
*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master*

# Update coming soon!



## Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: [pillmaster@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## Troop meeting plans

Date	Instruction	Game	Patrol Time	Special Notes
04/02/14	Golf Merit Badge	Dodgeball	Planning Conference Ideas/ Summer Camp MBs/ TLT Meals	Bring ball
04/09/14	Animal Tracking	Track Identification	Planning Conference Ideas/ Summer Camp MBs/ TLT Meals	

## New Troop Leadership

**Michael Yi**  
**Raymond Akagi**  
**Kyle Avery**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Luke Martin**  
**Aviram Bhalla-Levine**  
**Zurvohn Maloof**  
**Patrick Lee**  
**Ben Eckman**  
**Justin Raynor**  
**Will Oliveira**  
**Mitch Avery**  
**Matthew Kuan**  
**Kendall Law**  
**Sam Pica**  
**Aaron Lee**  
**Jeffrey Jiang**  
**Xavier Bolido**  
**Yuri Overton**  
**Joshua Siu**  
**Spencer Vanderpan**  
**Keane Hubbard**  
**Will Oliveira**

Senior Patrol Leader  
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader  
Bugler  
Chaplain Aide  
Den Chief  
Instructor  
Instructor  
Librarian  
Quartermaster  
Recruiter  
Scribe  
Troop Guide  
Troop Guide  
Troop Guide  
Troop Guide  
Troop Historian  
Webmaster  
Wolverines Patrol Leader  
Fox Patrol Leader  
Bats Patrol Leader  
Ravens Patrol Leader  
Cobras Patrol Leader  
Scorpions Patrol Leader



## Shooting Sports Overnight

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

On March 7 to March 9, we had an overnight shooting event at Los Mochos. Everybody had the chance to shoot: shotguns, rifles, bows, BB guns, and throw tomahawks. For some of us, this was our first time shooting a shotgun. We were very surprised by how powerful it was. After a long day of shooting, a few scouts made some really delicious food. We are grateful for having such a unique experience through scouting.

We had total 8 Scouts and 6 adults attended Shooting Sports this event. Scouts are: Jaden Evans, Matthew Kuan, Zurvohn Maloof, Luke Martin, Will Oliveira, Vince Ruiz, Joshua Siu, and Sammy Wilson. Adults are: Mr. Avery, Mr. Jiang, Mr. Maloof, Mr. Siu, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wright. We all had a great time and learn some new skills. Special thanks to adults who accompanies us on this outing!



## Spring Court of Honor – March 19

SPL: Outgoing – Will Oliveira, Incoming – Michael Yi

ASPL: Outgoing – Zachary Eslick, Incoming – Raymond Akagi

Scout Master: Mr. Avery



## Spring Court of Honor – March 19



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**Passing the SPL  
baton** – Thank you  
Will for a job well  
done!



## Spring Court of Honor – Rank Advancement

Albert Tran –  
Tenderfoot



Samuel Kim  
– Tenderfoot



## Trail to Eagle

Vincent Ruiz –  
Second Class

Spencer Vanderpan – Second Class



## Spring Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Justin Raynor – First Class



Aviram Bhalla-Levine – First Class



## Spring Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Matthew Kuan - Star



Sam Pica – Life



Sammy Wilson – Life

# Congratulation!



## Golfing Outing

Photo by Mr. Maloof



**First Golfing meeting at Pleasanton Golf Center**  
Not as easy as it looks but great fun!



## Committee Chair's Corner

*By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair*



A warm welcome to all the scouts and their families that have and will be crossing over to Troop 726.

Thank you Parents for attending our Parent's meeting on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents, there will be many questions as we get going on our Journey to Excellence but slowly and steady we will reach our goals. Please do not hesitate to ask questions as we walk along your scout's journey.

During the next few meetings and outings, we have set up a great program to get to know your scouts and for them to get to know us. Please make an effort and attend all upcoming meetings and outings in preparation for the week long Summer Camp. Remember to work on your scout's medical forms A, B and C; we also need a copy of his insurance card front and back.

You have chosen a great Troop, we are a family friendly Troop. Troop 726's success depends on our ability to contribute in any way we can to make our Troop strong. It takes a village to raise a child, our village is raising future leaders and needs your helping hand; together we can make it happen. Congratulations again in choosing Troop 726 and welcome to our family.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Charter Organization: American Legion

## 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 - TBD  
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



Albert, Liam, Xavier, and Jack went to the Pinnacle in December because we needed exercise. It was at Pinnacles National Park.

By Liam Smith

### Fox



18 new scouts have joined the troop in the last month. Some have come to this troop meeting but others will start coming soon. Remember to welcome them into the troop.

By Yuri Overton

### Bats



Many new scouts join troop 726. Some joined on March 19, 2014. There are about 18 new scouts so we have to make 2 new patrols. They joined because they needed to cross over to a Boy Scout Troop.

By Samuel Kim

### Ravens



Ravens are currently doing well and have acquired many important troop positions. We are very close to Eagle and are the second oldest patrol in our troop.

By Spencer Vanderpan

### Cobras/ Scorpions/ Dragons



We are happy, SCHWEAK!!! Happiness is within our hearts. We all have been busy preparing for SAT exams.

By Mitch Avery