

TROOP 726 FLASH

June 2015

Still to Come: Spring Events

Eagle Court of Honor- Saturday June 20th, 3 PM Masonic Center, RSVP NOW



Summer Events

Summer Camp at Wente- June 21-27

Scout in Charge- Kyle Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr. Avery

Masonic Center Flag Presentation Service
Project
July 2

Bay Ridge Trail Backpacking and
Campout REVISED to a Sierra
backpacking trip!
July 10-12

Scout in Charge- Mitch Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr. Jiang, Mr. Smith

**Big Adventure 2015 Lassen/ Crater
Lake /Redwoods- July 25th –August 1**

Scout in Charge- Kyle Avery
Adult in Charge- Mr. Avery, Mr. Maloof

**BIG Adventure 2016- Philmont- See
Troop Opportunities at end of the Flash**

Attention All Scouts!

Is your Scout due current? It is scout's responsibility to see Mrs. Bertetta to pay their \$5 monthly due by the first meeting of the month. You need to keep your due current in order to participate in outings.

Meeting Dates

Board of Review – June 15th at Faith Lutheran
(3rd Monday of month)

Committee Meeting – July
at Faith Lutheran (first Monday of Month)

PLC Meeting – Unknown ???

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm
sharp at Masonic Center

Help Keep Our Troop Gear Ready for Use

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!

Noteworthy

A huge thanks to those who have submitted stories and photos this month. It is you who make the Flash! Thank you.



Eagle Court of Honor

Remember to RSVP for the Eagle Court of Honor to be held at the Masonic Center at 3 pm on June 20th honoring three of our eagle scouts:

Raymond Akagi !

Mitch Avery !

Austin Xing-Le !



Stories from May Events

Mt St Helena Hike/RussianRiver Campout *by Matthew Kuan*

On May 2, at 8:00 eleven scouts, four adults, and I left the Masonic Center to go hiking and canoeing. We drove two hours to the base of Mt. St. Helena, where we started our hike. Going up the mountain was hot and sweaty. After reaching the peak, everyone was eager to cool down and have lunch. Fortunately, down the mountain was cooler and much more rewarding. When our hike was over, we drove thirty minutes to our campsite where we set up tents and made our dinners. The next morning we made a quick breakfast and lunch and tried to get the shores of Russian River as soon as possible. The instructor gave us some canoeing instruction. The Russian River was not a very fast river but we still had a lot of fun. The canoe was hard to control but we got the hang of it eventually. We made stops along the river shores to skip rocks and to rest our tired arms. After the entire trip, we were exhausted and eager to see our families. However, the thought of adventure still lingered in our minds.

Matthew Kuan

Bats Patrol

Skills Weekend/ Hike-a-thon



What are we looking at?



“A healthy social life is found only, when in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtue of each one is living”







“Don’t believe what your eyes are telling you. All they show is limitation. Look with your understanding. Find out what you already know and you will see the way to fly.” — Richard Bach, *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*





**"The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say" — J.R.R. Tolkien**



It is on the road (with our dog), we find our way.



What would we do without our photographers and naturalists?







Lone Tree Cemetary Flag Placement



Summer Camp Notes Direct From Your Scout Master- listen!

Troop 726 - now that our spring events and Summer Court of Honor are completed, we can focus on **Summer Camp**. Some reminders -

Shooting Sports Forms are Due - we have 7 forms only. I will bring blank forms on Wednesday. If scouts want to fire rifles or shotguns at summer camp, then this form on page 49 of the leaders guide must be filled out. Please also let us know if the scout does not have permission use firearms. http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/LeadersGuide_WSR_2015.pdf

Health Forms are Past Due - Please bring what you have on Wednesday - Parts A, B, and C, a copy of the front and back of your insurance card and an immunization history. This applies to adults as well.

Uniforms - We need to stop giggling about getting our uniforms in top shape and disregarding putting your right patches on in the right place and get it done. The uniform is part of the program, period. On departure day all scouts need to show up in full uniform including hats, period else they will need to go home to collect what they are missing. It should be easy since almost all of the scouts will be in full uniform, including sash, hat, and socks, for the Eagle Court of Honor the day before.

Swim Suits - Every scout needs to wear their swim trunks under their uniform. Pack your towel and anything else you need for swimming such as goggles or water shoes in your day pack.

Scout Book - Bring your scout book. Pack it in your day pack. If you show up on departure day without it, then you will be sent home to collect it.

Ten Essentials - Bring your Ten Essentials. Scouts who do not bring their Ten Essentials will be spending their trading post money on such when they get to camp.

Money - Each scout has \$20 trading post money. Do NOT bring any extra money to camp.

Medicine - Medicine is due to Mr. Siu as soon as you can deliver it to him. Any medicine must be in the original package and the original package should be in a zip lock bag with the scout's name on it. Instructions should be in the zip lock bag and on the Medical Form Part B.

Return Trip Meal - We will eat at the Round Table Pizza in Santa Rosa on the return trip.

Early Release - Mr. Maloof will be driving 3 scouts home on Friday night. If a scout needs to leave early, then we need to know in advance. We not only need to make sure there are enough seat belts for everyone, but also that we do not have an extra car.

Personal Gear - Scouts need to bring the items on the summer camp checklist (resources section of the Troop Website). Scouts will be allowed to bring their Troop Duffle Bag, a Day Pack, fishing equipment, and if room, a camp chair.

Merit Badge Fees - Siu, Ortizow, and Mitchell families need to see me about MB Fees.

Sack Lunch - pack a sack lunch for Sunday and keep it in your day pack.

Departure Day Schedule -

7:15 - Arrival

7:45 - Group Photo

8:00 - All non-drivers must leave the Masonic Center. No adults, you may not just watch the scouts or forward a funny cat video on your phone from your car. Every leader is giving up a week of vacation time to camp with your boy. Be courteous enough to leave without being told and let the SPL begin summer camp. Kiss your kid at 7:54, put your car keys in your hand at 7:57, and turn onto Crow Canyon Road by 7:59.

Return Day Tentative Schedule -

10:00 - Leave Wente

12:00 - Lunch at Round Table in Santa Rosa

1:00 - Leave Santa Rosa

2:30 - Arrive at the Masonic Center - Divide gear, Fill out Blue Cards, and Thorns and Roses. We expect to end between 3:30 and 4:00. The end of Thorns and Roses is the end of Summer Camp, not when the scout arrives at the Masonic Center. The scout is dismissed by the SPL.

Troop 726 - **Opportunities**

Troop 726 - there are still spots available for the **Big Adventure 2015** to Lassen Volcano, Lava Tubes, Crater Lake, and Redwood national parks. Please see Kyle Avery ASAP to turn in a permission slip if you are interested. We need to finalize the head count soon to set the number of vehicles and campsites, etc. The fee upfront will be \$350.

For the **Big Adventure 2016** we are participating in the council contingent going to Philmont. The SFBAC has 12 openings which will be as 10 scouts and 2 adults or 9 scouts and 3 adults. Our Troop will not be the only one participating so we will need commitments very soon. The trek will be July 16 - July 28, 2016.

The Philmont fee is \$870. Other costs will include air travel to New Mexico (\$350 on Southwest?), local travel, and other personal supplies needed for the trek. Estimated total costs will be \$1400. Compare this to the fees for National or World Jamboree.

Attendees to Philmont must be 14 years old or 13 years old and have completed the 8th grade. This will cover all patrols Wolverine and above.

Medical form A, B, C, AND D must be filled out. Part D is for BSA High Adventure. All attendees, youth and adult, must conform to maximum weight and height requirements. Immunizations are required.

Now is a good a time as any to think about **Summer Camp 2016** when we are scheduled to camp out of council. At the April 25, 2015 Planning Conference we discussed Summer Camp 2016. For some of the Ravens 2016 will be their last Summer Camp. For scouts with some spare time you can check out these camps in California. We can also go to camp outside of California like we did in 2010, we will just have to figure out how to get there. Happy Hunting - Mr. Avery

THE ULTIMATE SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE

GO BIG ★ GO CALIFORNIA!



1 Camp Fleischmann
Nevada Area Council
775-787-1111
www.scouter.org

2 Camp Lassen
Golden Empire Council
916-929-1417
www.gec-bsa.org

3 Wente Scout Reservation
San Francisco Bay Area Council
510-577-9000
www.wentescoutreservation.org

4 Camp Marin Sierra
Marin Council
415-454-1081
www.boyscouts-marin.org

5 Camp Royaneh
San Francisco Bay Area Council
510-577-9000
www.camproyaneh.org

6 Camp Winton
Golden Empire Council
916-929-1417
www.gec-bsa.org

7 Camp Wolfeboro
Mt. Diablo Silverado Council
925-674-6100
www.bsa-mdsc.org

8 Camp John Mensinger & The Pendola Sierra Adventure Base
Greater Yosemite Council
209-545-6320
www.yosemitescouting.org

9 Camp Hi-Sierra
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
408-638-8300
www.camphi-sierra.org

10 Camp Kern
Southern Sierra Council
661-325-9036
www.sscbsa.org

11 Cutter Scout Reservation
Pacific Skyline Council
650-341-5633
www.pacsky.org

12 Camp Oljato
Pacific Skyline Council
650-341-5633
www.pacsky.org

13 Camp Chawanakee
Sequoia Council
559-320-2100
www.chawanakee.com

14 Camp Pico Blanco
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
408-638-8300
www.camppicoblanco.org

15 Camp Whitsett
Western Los Angeles County Council
818-785-8700
www.campwhitsett.org

16 Camp Three Falls
Ventura County Council
805-482-8938
www.vccbsa.org

17 Rancho Alegre
Los Padres Council
805-686-5167
www.lpcbsa.org

18 Camp Holcomb Valley
San Gabriel Valley Council
626-351-8815
www.campholcombvalley.org

19 Forest Lawn Scout Reservation
Los Angeles Area Council
213-413-4400
www.boyscoutsla.org

20 Camp Tahquitz
Long Beach Council
562-427-0911
www.camptahquitz.com

21 Firestone Scout Reservation
Los Angeles Area Council
213-413-4400
www.boyscoutsla.org

22 Camp Emerald Bay
Western Los Angeles County Council
818-785-8700
www.campemeraldbay.org

23 Camp Cherry Valley
San Gabriel Valley Council
626-351-8815
www.campcherryvalley.org

24 Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley
Orange County Council
714-546-4990
www.ssriv.org

25 Mataguay Scout Ranch
San Diego-Imperial Council
619-298-8121
www.sdicsa.org

26 Camp Fiesta Island
San Diego Youth Aquatic Center
San Diego-Imperial Council
619-298-8121
www.sdicsa.org

Discover what makes the Scout camps of California the premier destinations for your summer adventures! Call or visit online to learn more about all that these facilities have to offer.

Next Summer Go Big, Go California!

Training

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

Training Recertification

Keeping Scouts safe and keeping Scouting leaders up to date with current information and methods means some of the BSA's training courses need to be retaken every couple of years.

We all know about Youth Protection training and National Camping School, but there are some others—including some that have recently been added to the list.

Below is a list of these courses and how often they should be retaken to be valid:

- Youth Protection—every two years
- National Camping School—good for five camping seasons
- Safe Swim Defense—every two years
- Paddle Craft Safety—every three years
- Aquatics Supervision/Swimming and Water Rescue—every three years
- BSA Lifeguard—every three years
- Visitation training—every two years
- Lead Climbing Instructor—every five years
- Climbing Instructor—every two years
- COPE/Climbing Inspector—every two years
- Safety Afloat—every two years
- Chain Saw Safety—every two years
- Trainer's EDGE—every three years
- Hazardous Weather—every two years
- Physical Wellness—every two years
- Climb On Safely—every two years
- Trek Safely—every two years

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.

On-line trainings are at www.sfbac.org. Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page. New trainings are posted all the time. Please go on-line and check these out!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Youth Protection is required and must be renewed every 2 years. If yours expires you won't be able to serve in an adult leadership position until it is renewed. This is Nationals policy. I will call you before it expires and send you an email reminder. If you have any questions regarding this PLEASE CALL ME.

Keep checking.

Please see www.sfbac.org for more info.

Thanks,

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ASM Patrol Advisors

Bobcats Dr. Werning
Scorpions Dr. Werning
Wolverines Patrol – Mr. Andrews
Fox Patrol - Mr. Jiang / Mr. Yi
Bats Patrol - Mr. Lee /Mr. Jones
Ravens Patrol – Mr. Bertetta
Cobras / Mr. Smith
Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

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 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