

TROOP 726 FLASH

MAY 2013

Upcoming Events

Mt Wittenberg Hiking and Kayaking Overnight Outing – May 18 – 19

Lone Tree Memorial Day Weekend Event – May 24, 27

Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapel of the Chimes – May 26

Allen Saylor Eagle Court of Honor– June 1

Lake Chabot Bike Ride – June 2

Spring Court of Honor– June 5

Summer Camp at John Mensinger Camp – June 16 – 22

Pinacles Rock Climbing – July 27 - 28



Meeting Dates

Board of Review – May 20, June (during summer camp)

Committee Meeting – May 6, June 3

PLC Meeting – June 2 (Earl Warren Park, 7 pm)

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. May 15, swimming meeting at Forest Hills Swim Club in Castro Valley.

Website

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

Kyle Avery 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 (avery.kyle576@gmail.com) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.



Hiking and Kayaking Overnight Outing – May 18-19

Scout in Charge: Kiyoshi Ito, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

We will be hiking on a 10 mile hike at Mount Wittenberg, camp out overnight at Samuel P. Taylor campground, and the following day, we will be kayaking down the channels of Tomales Bay where lunch will be provided.

Meet at Masonic Center on May 18, 8 am, and end at Masonic Center on May 19 at 5 pm. The cost is \$65. Bring warm clothes, water shoes, hiking necessities, and overnight gear. We have 4 spots for adults, and 16 spots for scouts. Sign up early and don't miss out on the fun!

Lone Tree Memorial Day Weekend Event – May 24 (Friday) , May 27 (Monday)

Scout in Charge: Luke Martin, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Woo

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 24 (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 27 (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 27 (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.

All scouts and families are invited to help, attend the memorial service and enjoy the BBQ Lunch.



Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapel of the Chimes – May 26

Scout in Charge: Curtis Werning, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Werning

Please contact Curtis or Mrs. Werning if you want to participate in this event.

Allen Saylor Eagle Court of Honor– June 1

Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu

Please join Troop 726 and Allen's family in celebration of Allen's accomplishments. Invitations have been mailed, please RSVP as soon as possible. Thank you!



Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2013

Troop 726 is going to Camp John Mensinger June 16- 22, 2013!

Camp John Mensinger is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Strawberry, CA.

This big event is considered by most of our boys to be their best annual Scouting experience, and we would like to see 100% participation by all patrols, especially since we will be attending our own council's summer camp program. While the actual cost of this trip is \$373 (see details below) the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$53 per scout from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is \$320 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees).

Money and signed parental permission slip is due now. Make sure you turn in the Annual Health Form, firearms permission slip, and other forms required by Camp John Mensinger. S

Scouts need to sign up for Merit Badge classes as soon as possible. Camp parent information packet and personal gear list have been distributed via email. Please contact Mr. Avery if you have not received them or have any questions.

Start getting ready for the great summer camp experience!!!



Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano . Email: Phyllis@gantel.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!

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

Training

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

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.

Go to <http://www.sfbac.org/training/adult/hat> - click for [online registration](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills – Twin Valley District, Wed. May 15, 2013-7 to 10pm at the Sherriff's Training Center and Friday – Sunday, May 31 to June 2, 2013 at Los Mochos.

HAT - Wilderness First Aid, June 1-2 YLTC; or June 15-16 RLM

HAT - Canoe Wilderness Tripping, June 22, June 29-30 & July 13-14

HAT – NRA Shotgun Instructor Training – Oct 19-20, 2013 and Oct. 18, 2013

HAT – NRA Muzzle Loading Instructor Training – June 7-9

HAT – NRA Range Safety Officer Training - Sat., Dec 14, 2013

HAT stands for High Adventure Training

Tres Ranchos District Recognition Dinner: Sat., May 11, 2013. This is a wonderful evening event to recognition the volunteers of Tres Ranchos district. Cost is \$12.00 if paid by May1, 2013

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.

If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken. If you have any training questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Randy Wright
510 885 0527
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The text "Be Trained" is rendered in a large, bold, 3D font. The letters are yellow with a thick orange-to-red gradient shadow, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The text is slightly slanted upwards from left to right.

We need an **adult-in-charge for the Pinnacle Rocking Climbing trip on July 27 – 28**. If you are interested please contact Jeffrey Jiang.

Can you help?

Please fill out the **Annual BSA Health and Medical Record forms**, Parts A and B by parents, Part C by doctor. Also submit a copy of **health insurance card, front and back**. Please submit the completed form **to Danielle Wikler (Kendal's mom) by May 15, 2013**.

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Be Prepared.....For Summer Camp

Troop 726 - Summer camp is coming! For most boys summer camp is the best scouting week of the year. To make the most of it scouts need to live the motto and Be Prepared. How you might ask?

Be Prepared in your grooming - A scout is clean - look good in your clean uniform with all the patches on and in the right place and with your hands and face clean with clipped fingernails

Be Prepared in your packing - Overnight temperatures will be in the 40's and the daytime temperatures could touch the 90's. Thunderstorms are a possibility

Be Prepared for your merit badges - The 35 scouts attending camp have signed up for 197 merit badges, 120 of which need prerequisites completed before camp to avoid partials. Speaking of partials, there are 18 partials which can be cleared up at summer camp if the scouts complete as much as they can at home and finish off the rest during free time at camp. In addition to all that, there are 37 merit badge fees to be collected.

Be Prepared for advancement - bring or request whatever supplies you need to complete your skills at camp - rope, US flag, first aid materials, lightweight stoves, etc. I will be available for Scoutmaster conferences at camp.

Be Prepared to teach - older scouts be ready to show scout spirit and teach skills to the younger scout who will be SPL when you are a sophomore in college

Be Prepared with your paperwork - A scout is courteous. Please arrange to have all release forms signed, complete medical forms turned in, camp payments made, and Troop dues brought to current.

Be Prepared to take aim - At camp we will hit the target in Archery, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, black powder, tomahawk throwing, and in the shower house. We will likely be the only Troop using the facilities at our end of camp. As adults we are doing a lot of work to have a fun and productive camp and we aim to please. As scouts in the shower house, will you aim too, please.

Be Prepared for fun - Shooting, cycling, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, climbing, mountain boarding, and many other activities await. The more of your merit badge program you complete in advance, the more fun you will have at camp.

Fun Merit Badge Facts - The following 21 merit badges have never been earned by the 157 scouts that have been in Troop 726 since 1993. Many others have been earned only once or twice.

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| • American Business | • Journalism |
| • American Labor | • Kayaking |
| • Architecture | • Landscape Architecture |
| • Athletics | • Plumbing |
| • Dog Care | • Robotics |
| • Drafting | • Scuba Diving |
| • Game Design | • Search and Rescue |
| • Golf | • Skating |
| • Graphic Arts | • Surveying |
| • Inventing | • Veterinary Medicine |
| | • Woodwork |

Iron Horse Trail Ride

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery

Raymond, Yuri, Josh, and Kyle went bike riding on the iron horse trail. It was 25 miles starting from the Dublin Bart station. The weather was great. Everyone had lots of fun. Thank you, Mr. Siu, Mr. Raynor, and Mr. Fong for being the adult leaders.



Lake Chabot Training Hike

By Scout-in-Charge: Mitch Avery

On April 20th, Raymond, Zurhvon, Kyle, and Mitch along with Mr. Avery, Mr. Maloof, and Mrs. Chang all hiked the 12.4 miles around Lake Chabot in preparation for Mt. Whitney high adventure trip this summer. We completed the hike in 3 hours!



TLT Overnight

By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi

The TLT camp out was amazing. We camped at the great sites at **Anthony Chabot** overlooking the lake, April 19 to 20. The new patrol decided on a new name for their patrol, the Wolverines. The new patrol all learned the ways of the troop and what it means to be a boy scout. All in all, the campout was a huge success and very fun.

Go Wolverines!!



Rifling at Chabot Gun Club – April 13

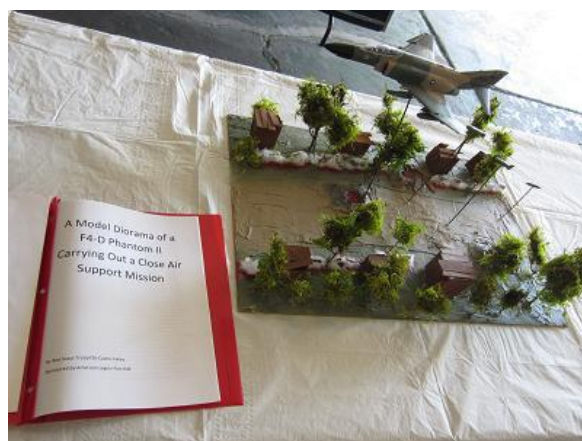
Photo by Mr. Siu

Troop 726 had a Rifling event at **Chabot Gun Club** on April 13. Scouts got most of the requirements done for the rifle merit badge. .



By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery

A composite image featuring three Boy Scouts and a veteran. The top portion shows three scouts (two adults and one child) standing next to a man in a veteran's cap, who is holding a box for an F-4J Phantom II VFA-154 model kit. The bottom portion shows a detailed model of a battlefield scene with trees, buildings, and a tank.



3RD ANNUAL EBY SCOUTS MODEL CONTEST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FROM 12PM TO 1:00PM
Contest to be held at: Oakland Aviation Museum
Sponsored by The American Legion District 30

Post Sponsor _____

Model # 1

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Neatness							
Creat. Application	X						
Overall Appearance	X						

Historical Accuracy

Does equation on designation match	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
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Does diagram match historical event?		X					
Model designation/location included?							

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Exhibit text accurate? Does it match the display?	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
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Is history of model included?	X						
Bibliography included? Source Material noted?	X						

Creativity

Choice of materials	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
Action details?	X						
Overall scene details	X						

TOTAL SCORE: 28 24.5

COMMENTS:

VERY BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY. SOME DETAILS WERE VERY GOOD
VERY BEAUTIFUL UNIT AND AIRCRAFT HISTORY, BIRMINGHAM WAS
VERY COMPLETE.



Outdoor Troop Meeting – April 24



Xavier received patches and neckerchief



Wolverines received their Patrol Patches, congratulations!



Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Apr 27

By Scout in Charge: Robert Fusinati



I am insanely impressed about the fact that all of us finished the clean up project at Independent Elementary on April 27 faster than we had ever done it. Not just that but Mrs. Pletcher called to thank us. Thanks people!



Before



After!!! Job Well Done!

Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Team Work!



Skills Weekend

By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi

This was probably the smoothest camp out I've ever been to! The Skills Weekend camp out was at Tilden Park – Gillespie Camp Site – May 3-5, 2013. We set up tents, cooked, cleaned, and played cards without any hassle. I am very impressed how well everyone worked together. I have been to about 150 nights of camping (give or take some), and I have to say that this campout was the smoothest. Great job everybody! Also we got a lot of requirements signed off for the wolverine patrol and whoever needed to get things signed off. We ended an hour early (something that is unheard of for troop 726).



Skills Weekend – Getting the Job Done

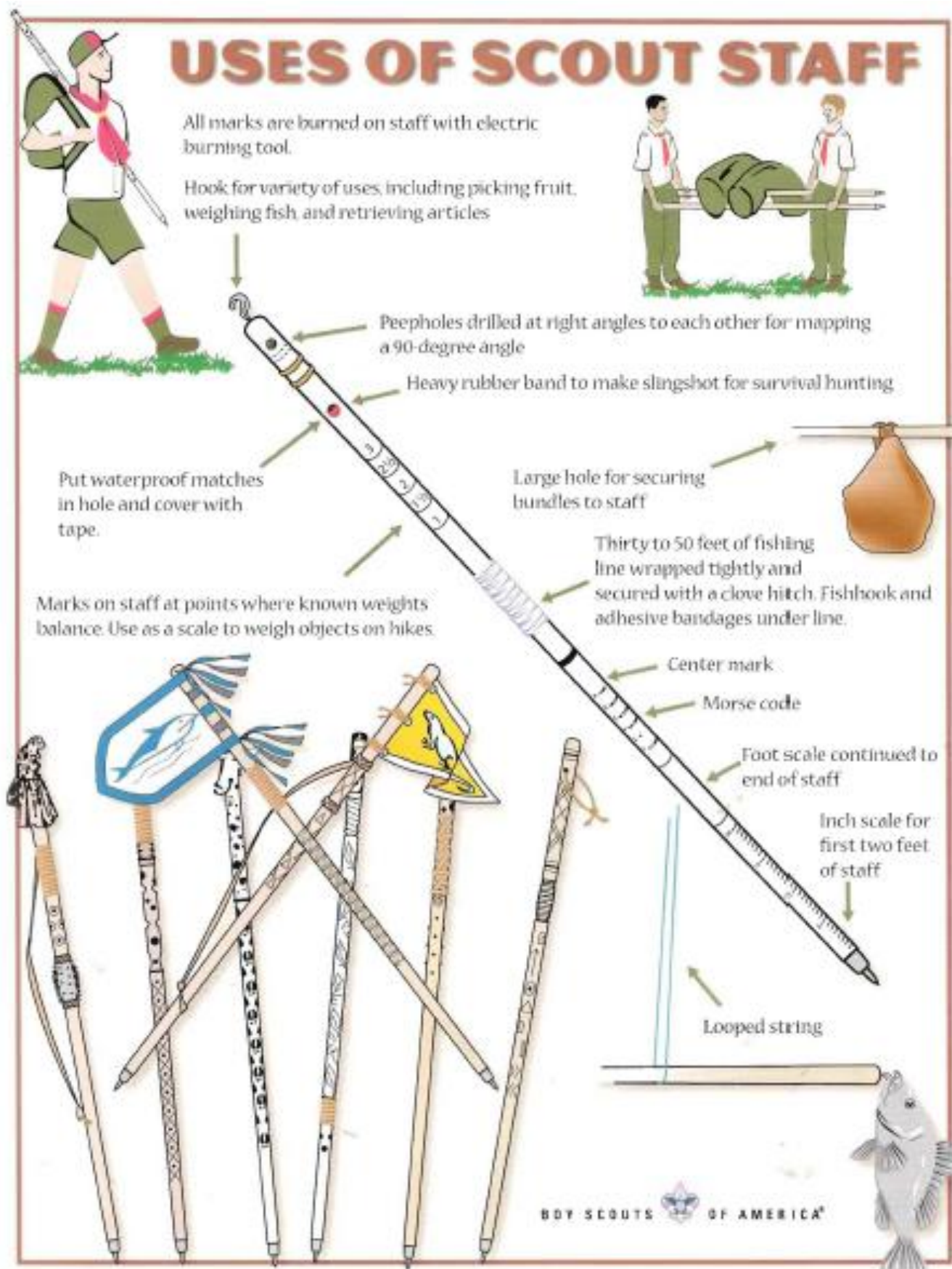


Skills Weekend – Hike-a-Thon



Check out these ingenious and practical uses of Scout staff!!!

Thank you, Mr. Wilson, for this information



WHY DOES A BOY SCOUT CARRY A STAFF?

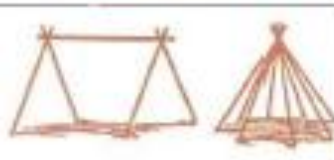
"Why does a Boy Scout carry a staff?" is a question that is often asked by people who do not know the many uses to which this useful article can be put. The illustrations given below show several different ways in which the staff will prove a handy and valuable article, essential to the Scout's outfit.



The staff is very useful for beating out brush fires and outbreaks that occur in open fields.



Wading a stream. Two or three Scouts grasp the staff like this.



Both patrol tents and teepees can be made with the aid of the staff.



To stop an aggressive dog, hold the staff crosswise in front of you and toward the animal, as shown above.



An improvised stretcher of coats and staffs



A line of Scouts linked together on a night hike



When someone falls through ice, throw him your staff so he can grasp it like this until you can get a rope and pull him out.



When climbing gates, you can give yourself a push up with your staff.



For erecting a flagstaff and forming a fence, the staff is very useful.



As a tripod for cooking, and also as a seat, the staff is handy in camp.



A clear view can be had by looking through a small hole drilled in the staff.

FURTHER USES OF THE STAFF



Recovering objects floating in the water

Feeling the way over marshy ground

Levering up logs and stones

Jumping ditches

Making rafts

Bridge building

Measuring distances

Self defense

Making splints

Rope ladders

Climbing a Mountain

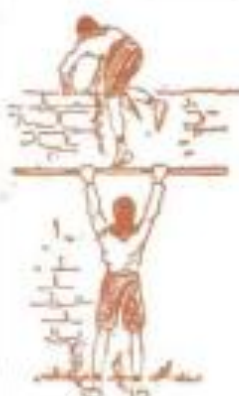
Carry the staff crosswise, and if you slip lean inward upon it against the side of the mountain. The weight of your body will drive the end of the staff into the earth, and to anchor you.

Important Notice

Scouts are strongly urged to obtain their own individual staffs of natural wood. These will be found much more serviceable than the ordinary factory-made article.

Factory-Made Staffs (Only)

For the convenience of Scouts who are unable to obtain natural staffs, the Supply Group sells staffs of finished wood.



This picture shows a simple way of scaling a wall with the help of a staff.

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

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parents Meeting on April 26.

If you missed it, please see me and I'll bring you up to date on the latest.

Also, thank you to all the parents who attended the MB counselor Class. I am confident our Scouts will have a healthy bunch of MB Counselors to choose from in our own Troop 726. I am confident we are giving our Scouts all the tools and opportunities to be successful in scouting. I am confident, with our help they will reach Eagle if they choose to do so.

Scouting can be a 7 to 8 year journey, full of fun, full of learning experiences, and full of life time friendship. I wish each of our graduating Seniors the best of luck where ever their life trails take them – HAPPY TRAILS to all.

I extend a warm welcome to all our new families and invite each to get involved with the troop. For a hundred years, Scouting has been instilling values in young people and reinforcing those values in adults. For a hundred years, Scouting has been teaching leadership and life skills to both kids and their parents. For a hundred years, Scouting has been strengthening families and communities alike. For a hundred years, Scouting has been opening its doors to parents who only want the best for their children.

And now the door is open to you... Will you become involved yourself?



All you have to say is yes. Scout's honor!

All scouts with troop position need to attend PLC. Please let Mr. Avery and Raymond Akagi know ahead of time if you cannot attend.

PLC meeting schedule:

June 2 – Earl Warren Park (behind Creekside Middle School), 7 pm

July 27 - Pinnacles National Monument - this meeting is allowed to be an exception to the mandatory PLC attendance

August 24 - Dutch Oven Cookoff and PLC - likely to be in the mid afternoon at a public park

September 14 - 11:00 a.m. at Family Camp

Attention Troop Leadership

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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.

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.

Fox



Nothing significant has really happened this past month except me and Luke's events.

By Robert Fusinati

Bats



We had a planning conference on 4/27/13 led by Raymond Akagi at Faith Lutheran church. We were planning events for 2014. It was really long. All of the people at PLC were tired. Next time I don't think we would have it right after PLC. Otherwise I think it went really well.

By Kendall Law

Ravens



This month the ravens participated in TLT, where the Troop Guides (Zach and Sammy) helped out in teaching the new Wolverine Patrol about how the Troop is organized. We also went to the Earth Day event to clean up Independent School, and we found what we wanted to do next year at the annual planning conference.

By Jeffrey Jiang

Cobras



The Cobra patrol is getting revved up for a spectacular Skills Weekend! Raymond is in charge of the event and is going to help many of the younger scouts (first class and under) to rise in rank. Older scouts are encouraged by Raymond to help sign off requirements and make the camping experience for the younger scouts more worthwhile. Austin is in charge of bring all of the troop gear to the event. Without the Cobra Patrol, the Skills Weekend couldn't be possible!

By Austin Xing-Le

Scorpions/ Dragons



Over the month of April, Jacob Schultz had his Eagle Project at the Lafayette Community Garden. Jacob finished it!

By Bryant Ling