

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Winter Court of Honor – Dec 7

Holiday Brown Bag – Dec 14

Crabbing/Fishing – Jan 14



Winter Camp Awareness Training – Jan 21

Native Sons of California Crab Feed – Jan 23



University of Scouting – Jan 28

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation – Feb 4

Scout Sunday – Feb 5



Snowboard/Skiing Day – Feb 12

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25

Meeting Dates

Board of Review – Jan 23

PLC Meeting – Sundays, Faith Lutheran Church, Dec 11 @ 7 pm, Jan 22 @ 7 pm

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, no meeting on Dec 21 and Dec 28.

Troop 726 Website

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

Check out our Troop's Facebook page – search for Troop 726



Holiday Brown Bag – Dec 14

Scout in Charge: Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Wednesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:00pm is our Holiday Gathering. This year we will once again celebrate the holiday's by giving back to the community. On Wednesday, December 14, we will be assembling 70 brown-bag lunches for the homeless. The lunches will be delivered the next day to a community organization that will distribute them to the homeless. Will Oliveira is the scout-in-charge; if you have any questions, please contact Will. Each patrol is requested to bring the 'fixings' for the bag lunches. All families (mom, dad, siblings) are invited to join in the making of the bag lunches. Please come and enjoy holiday music performed by some of our scouts and get to know the other families in the troop.

The Christmas Scout



Winter Camp Awareness Training – Jan 21

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wright

This training is required if you want to go on Klondike Camping Trip. Save the date **Jan 21** for this training, learn to be safe and have fun camping in the snow.

Attention All Scouts!

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!

Native Sons of California Crab Feed - Jan 23

Scout in Charge: TBA, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

This is a community service event. Location is **Hayward Veterans Bldg on Main St. on Jan 23, around 6 to 9 pm.** We Need 10 to 12 scouts and 2-4 uniformed adult leaders for the event. Please help if you can.

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed - Feb 25

Scout in Charge: Jose Velasco, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano



The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed event is a community service event. Mrs. Woo is on the **Wa Sung** Committee. <http://www.wasungserviceclub.org>. Location of the event is **San Leandro Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, Feb 25, around 5:45 to 9:30pm.** We need 17 scouts and 2-4 uniformed adult leaders. This is a full uniform event from head to toe and as the uniform inspection sheet says, clipped fingernails, combed hair, clean hands and face, and good posture.

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation – Feb 4

Scout in Charge: TBA, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Pica and Mr. Pica

There will an outing for a visit to the **Military Vehicle Technology Foundation** (mvtf.org) in **Portola Valley on Saturday, Feb 4th, at 1pm.** More details will be coming soon. Mark your calendar and don't miss out.



The University of Scouting – Jan 28

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: TBA

University of Scouting is a counsel event where all Adult Volunteers and Parents; and all Boy Scout, Venture, and Varsity Youth can attend to learn about the Scouting program, including Den Chief Training, Camping, Cooking, Budgeting, Indian Lore, Trekking, and MUCH more. See next page for details.

The event is on **Saturday, January 28 at Foothill High School in Pleasanton.** Our Troop provides food items for lunch as a **fund raiser event for scouts.** More information and sign up will be available.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING (SFBAC EVENT)

What is EVERY Scout Leader: Den Leader, Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cubmasters, Pack Committee Leader, Troop Committee Leader, Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Leader, Commissioners, Assistant Leader, Youth Leader, EVERY Parent supporting a scout and/or a unit, Venturing Youth, Boy Scout (First class, age 12 and up) doing on Saturday, January 28th?

Going to University of Scouting!

The University of Scouting is a UNIQUE Learning, Developmental, and Totally FUN opportunity to find out more about Scouting. You will find top-notch courses to meet YOUR needs and interests which will be taught by AWESOME people full of great ideas!

The University of Scouting begins at 8:00am and runs until 4:45pm at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road Pleasanton, CA

Steps to register for University of Scouting:

2012 course descriptions and registration is not yet available. Please stay tuned.

1. Register as an [inteliscout](#) user.
2. Re- Log in at IntelliScout to see event registration links.
3. SFBAC members will see the link to University of Scouting 2012.
4. For participants in other councils, please add San Francisco Bay Area Council to your Watch Council list within your Personal Settings. you will see the link to University of Scouting 2012 when you log back into the system

Contact the University of Scouting Coordinator [Sean Martin](#) for more information. 510-577-9214

The Rebuilding of Troop Website Is Underway!

I'm looking for photos of the patrols that contain all of most of the members. Photos from recent events are also welcome so the event photos section can be updated. Please include dates and locations when you're sending pictures if possible.

Please send me any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download. It is a work in progress, and things are still changing, but feel free to check it out! The web address is troop726.scoutlander.org

More to come,
Seamus Guerin

Scout Advancements

By Donna Platou, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

Advancements from last month:

Kendall Law, Joshua Siu, Zurvohn Maloof – Tenderfoot
Will Oliviera, Jose Velasco – Life
Austin Le – Star

Congratulation

The next BOR is Jan 23. If you need a review please contact Mrs. Platou to schedule one.

Training

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

Online Training from your computer is available for many trainings. Please check out all the online trainings. These are all free. Please go to www.SFBAC.org, and then go to training or My Scouting and then select online training for the above. You will need to register.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Please, inform me of your trainings. *You can email the info, mail it, put it on the Training Taken report sheet in your troop mailbox, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510-521-7473.*

If you are a Troop Committee Member or an Assistant Scoutmaster **please** make sure you take the following on line trainings (all are online):

1. This is Scouting
2. Boy Scout Fast Start
3. Weather Hazards
4. Troop Committee Challenge
5. **Winter Camp Awareness** for adults and Scouts, Jan. 21, 2012. Fee and Location haven't been announced yet.
6. **University of Scouting**, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012. To be held at the Foothill High School in Pleasanton. Info to follow on line at www.Sfbac.org and maybe placed in your troop mail box.

These are really important for you to be considered trained.

As I get the latest info on the SM Leader Training and Outdoor Skills Course, I will get the fliers and post them in your mail box.

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 www.sfbac.org.

2012 Adams Eagle Scout Project Award Applications Now Available

The application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award is now available on the www.NESA.org website. This year marks the third year of the award. In 2010, Eagle Scouts from 35 councils participated. In 2011, 88 councils participated. After all entries are received, the Council-level NESA committee selects their winner. From these, regional committees select their winners and, from those four, the national winner is picked. The nomination procedures, deadlines, and award recognition items are listed on the back side of the application.

ARE YOU AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT JOB
FOR SUMMER 2012? THEN **SCOUT CAMP STAFFIS** FOR YOU! INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD JANUARY 7 AND FEBRUARY 4, 2012 AT THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER 1001 DAVIS STREET SAN LEANDRO

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION TODAY FROM
http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/camping/seasonal_camp_staff_application.pdf AND MAIL TO COUNCIL.

ALSO CALL EMILY AT 510-577-9218 TO SCHEDULE YOUR INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT.

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

What is the full uniform in Boy Scouting? What is the full uniform in Troop 726? Is it having all the proper patches on your uniform and sash neatly sewn on and in the right position and orientation? Is it wearing a shirt that is clean and free of wrinkles? Is it wearing the scout hat, scout pants, scout socks, scout belt, and hiking shoes? Is it having clean fingernails, neat and combed hair, a clean face, and good posture? Is it having the Troop neckerchief on with the official neckerchief slide? When is mixing and matching allowed and appropriate?

The uniform is one of the Aims and Methods of Scouting. When you wear your uniform you are representing your Troop, your Council, and the Boy Scouts of America. Because the American Flag is on your uniform, you are representing your country when you dress.

People judge you by the clothes you wear and how you wear them. Scouts also judge themselves by the way they wear their uniform. When scouts wear their uniforms in a neat and clean manner and stand with good posture they show that they have judged good respect for themselves.

In Troop 726 the full uniform is from head to toe with all the proper Troop 726 patches in the proper places

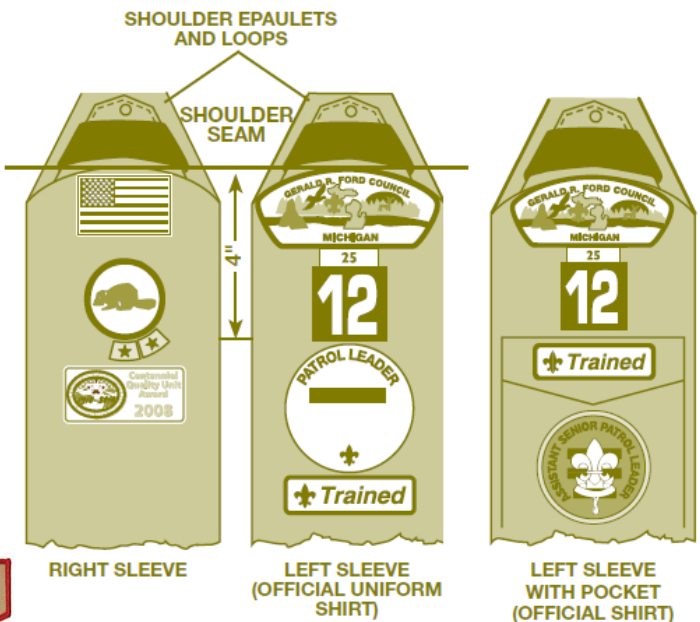
Required Patches

Troop 726 Numeral Patches
SFBAC Council Patch
Current Badge of Office
'Trained' Patch if so Trained
Troop 726 Patrol Patch
'Quality Unit' Patch for the current year only
World Crest
Badge of Rank for current rank only



Optional Patches

Arrow of Light, if earned
Recruiter Patch, if earned
One Temporary Patch on Right Pocket
Interpreter Strip, if earned
Name Strip
Firem'n Chit, if earned
Totin' Chip, if earned



Troop 726 does make exceptions allowing for the Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip to be sewn on the pocket flaps.

While I understand that it is fun to have a National Jamboree or World Jamboree uniform, it should be understood that the fun uniform is secondary and that every scout should have at least one fully adorned Troop 726 uniform.

To show really sharp pride in his sash, all of the Merit Badges will be sewn neatly in rows and in the proper orientation. Any scout who can look up silly videos on the internet can certainly look up the merit badge image to find out how it is supposed to be oriented. The front covers of Merit Badge books are another resource. These are subtle clues to show how much a scout values his sash.

Of course a sharp looking uniform starts with the individual scout but the high standard is especially reinforced by the older scouts and the adult leaders.



Scouting for Food – Nov 12 and Nov 19

By Scout in Charge: Bat Patrol

The Bat patrol, Zurvohn, Kendal, mac, and Joshua, ran Scouting for food on Nov 12 and Nov 19. We met at Rid Aid parking lot 9 am to 12 pm on both days. We collected 1130 items (and some cash) for those less fortunate in our community. Thank you scouts and families for helping out in this most important outreach to our community by collecting canned food for the Second Harvest. Special thanks to Mrs. Saylor for feeding us wonderful breakfast!



More Photos from Scouting for Food 2011



Many hands made the work go quickly!



More Scouting for Food Photos



Car Wash

By Scout in Charge: Jack Zhao

On the 16th of November, we had our annual car wash. Many of the scouts attended and some even stayed the entire day. We washed cars like there was no tomorrow and got the job done. Off the street sales weren't as good as we hoped, like previous years, but we did okay on ticket pre-sales. It was a pretty long and tiring day but we got the job done. The weather was just right for car-washing conditions. The new policy for washing the cars, dealing with the drain was a pain. We can all thank Ryan for getting in there (literally into the drain) at the end of the day to speed up the cleanup process. There were also two other car washes that same day, and right after a rainy weekend, so maybe next year, we'll get more cars to wash!



Veteran's Day Event

By Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin (Photo by Mr. Siu)

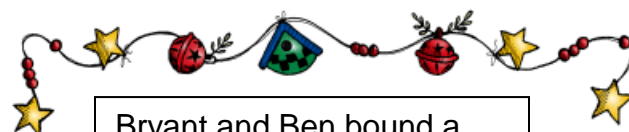
On the Nov 11th Veteran's Day, our troop proudly honored our local veterans with a flag ceremony at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 E 14th Street, San Leandro. The Event also honored Mrs. Lozano's father, Adam Figueroa, as a Korean War Veteran. We were honored to assist in this occasion, and it was nice to see our decorated scouts there.



American Legion Post 117 Toys for Tot Dinner

Photo by Mrs. Lozano

On Dec 3, T726 scouts helped out at the American Legion Post 117 Toys for Tot Dinner at San Leandro Veterans Bldg on Bancroft Ave. Thank you for showing your community service spirit and sharing holiday cheers.



Bryant and Ben bound a new job – top notch food



Helping out in the kitchen



Troop News

Nov 30 Troop Meeting – Cooking Instruction



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.

Bats



Bats, Zurvohn, Mac, Kendal, and Joshua ran Scout for Food this year. We met at Rid Aid on 12 and 19 (Sat) at 9 am – 12 pm. We were collecting food for family in need.

By Zurvohn Maloof

Ravens



The whole troop participated in cooking at the Masonic Center for the cooking instruction. We all cooked food and had a good time.

By Sammy Wilson

Cobras



Most of the Cobras attended Scouting for Food and some attended the troop overnight.

By Mitch Avery

Scorpions/ Dragons



Kiyoshi and Anthony had their Life project at the Masonic Center last Sunday (Nov 27). Also Will had a Board of Review for Life rank.

By Will Olivera

Owls



All of the Owls have successfully turned in their college applications and patiently but exuberantly await a reply!

By Owl Patrol

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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

A special thanks to Mrs. Eslick and Mr. Wilson for spearheading our re-chartering efforts; I'm pleased to announce that we re-chartered 35 youth scouts and 35 adult scouters.

On many occasions I have had the privilege to talk about scouting and our troop. Just the other day, one of these occasions was presented to me when I was asked, "What makes Troop 726 special?" My eyes light up and my voice became excited as I explained that it is the boys who make Troop 726 special. I talked about our boy-run troop with a SPL that is very attentive. I explained that several youth are working hard on getting their life projects completed while helping the organization that is providing our meeting space. I talked about the new younger scouts who are full of energy and always willing to help. I continued to describe why Troop 726 is special and I noticed a common theme running through my thoughts that day; **a scout is helpful**. This past month I have called upon our scouts to help with many civic duties -- thank you all for being there when called upon.

Troop 726 is special, because of its helpful youth scouts!

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00, Duffle Bag = \$20.00

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com.
Phone: (925) 283-1973

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!

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!

Trustworthiness

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

San Francisco Bay Area Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is an all new National Jamboree emphasizing high adventure activities. Be one of the first Scouts to experience all this site has to offer including whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more.

Dates: (Tentative) July 13 – July 25, 2013 including Tour Jamboree dates are July 15 - July 24, 2013

Cost: \$2,800 (estimated) for Scouts (same as 2010 National Jamboree)
\$2,400 (estimated) for Leaders