

TROOP 726 FLASH

SEPT 2013

Upcoming Events

Bryant Ling's Eagle Project – Sept 7 – 8

Car Wash – Sept 8

Skills Night – Sept 13



Fall Court of Honor and Family Camp – Sept 14 - 15

Outdoor Troop Meeting at Canyon – Sept 25

Outdoor Troop Meeting at Canyon – Oct 9

Santa Cruz Beach Jam – Oct 11 - 12

Veterans Day Event – Nov 11



Scouting for Food – Nov 9 and 16

Nature Campout/Night Hike – Nov 16 - 17



Meeting Dates

Board of Review –Sept 16, Oct 21

Committee Meeting –Oct 7, Nov 4

PLC Meeting – Sept 14 (during Family Camp), Oct 6, Nov 3

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

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.



Bryant Ling's Eagle Project – Sept 7 – 8

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

Bryant's Eagle project is on **Sept 7 - 8 at Stanton Elementary School**. We will be building retaining wall and benches. Please come with Class B, good working boots, shovel, garden gloves. Please talk with Bryant to sign up.

Eagle Project

Car Wash – Sept 8

Scout in Charge: Ashir Bhalla-Levine, Aviram, and Ben Eckman,
Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi and Mr. Jiang



Car wash will be on Sept. 8, 2013, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Every scout is expected to do at least one shift (4 hour duty). But everyone is welcome even he is only able to do a shorter period (3, 2, or 1 hour). Pre-selling tickets are handed out, sell as many as you can but each scout should try to sell 5 tickets.

Scouts must wear their RED troop shirt and closed-toe shoes that can get wet. We also need the following supplies. If you can loan them please get them morning of Sept 8. Step stools, hoses, long-handled sponges for washing the tops of cars, squeegees for the windows, hose nozzles.

Permission slips have been passed out. Please sign up. We need everyone to help!

Santa Cruz Beach Jam – Oct 11 - 12

Scout in Charge: Spencer Vanderpan, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Maloof

Join your fellow scouts and attend the 5th annual **Boy Scout Overnight Boardwalk Beach Jam** at the **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Fri, Oct 8 at 3:30 pm and back on Sat, Oct 9, at 9 pm**. The cost is \$86 per scout which includes: overnight camping on the Boardwalk, dinner under the stars, flashlight tours of the Boardwalk, beach games, free play in the Fun Land arcade, Boy Scout evening program, continental breakfast, pinewood derby, patch, and unlimited rides on Saturday, all-day.



Bring sleep gear, sleeping bag and pad, toiletries for the morning, and sun screen. Space is limited to 15 scouts. Turn in your permission split, payment, and release form to reserve your slot. Last day to register is Wednesday, Sept 25. **SIGN UP NOW!!!!**



Welcome to Troop 726!

Yang-Jie (Jack) Qin, new member of Wolverines

Troop 726 - please join me in congratulating both **Kiyoshi Ito** and **Anthony Sulayao** as Troop 726's latest **Eagle Scouts**, both passing their Eagle Board of Review last night. - Mr. Avery

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: pillmaster@gmail.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!

Skills Night – Sept 13

Scout in Charge: Zachary Eslick , Sammy Wilson , Adult in Charge: Mrs. Werning, Mr. Markison

Skills Night at Hawk Ridge for all boys not yet First Class to be led by outgoing NYLT Trained Troop Guides Zachary Eslick and Sammy Wilson and our to be announced incoming Troop Guides. Dr. Werning and Mr. Markison are the adults in charge. The cost is \$0. Come for a great night of camping, learn scouting skills, and get advancement requirements signed off!

Fall Court of Honor and Family Camp – Sept 14 - 15

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Siu

You are invited to our Annual Family Camp at Hawk Ridge



Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. – Welcome - All Troop 726 family members are welcome to come and set up their family tents, play Frisbee, go on a hike, etc. This is a drop in throughout the day but people should arrive by 2:00 for the Court of Honor.

11:00 a.m. PLC – Attendance is required for all scouts with outgoing or incoming positions or both.

12:00 noon – Scoutmaster Lunch – All scouts with leadership positions either outgoing or incoming and all Scoutmasters are invited to a meatball sandwich lunch. Bring your mess kit.

1:00 p.m. – Scoutmaster meeting

2:30 p.m. – Court of Honor begins. - Please be quietly staged in your camp chairs at 2:25 p.m. as our Troop honors the achievements of the summer.

4:30 p.m. – Family Camp cooking begins. – Patrols will have their adult Patrol Advisors with them to make sure everything is OK. Parents, you have about 345 nights during the year to teach your scouts how to cook at home. This is their night to cook for you. Please address any cooking concerns to your scouts before September 12 or wait until after September 15. The Scoutmaster will have extra 35# backpacks ready for all parents who try to hover and we will take a group backpack down to the lake and back.

After Dinner – Campfire – Please stay for a night of songs, skits, campfire, dessert, and final honors. Spend the night with your scouts.



Saturday, September 15

Morning – Breakfast, Scouts Own by our new Chaplain Aide, pack up and leave by 10:30 a.m.

You are invited!
Family Camp

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.

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](#)

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

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

HAT stands for High Adventure Training

Scoutmaster and ASM training for all registered adults leaders offered in Sept by our district.

Both of the following are required to be considered trained.

1. Scout Leader Specific Training: Sept 14th, 2013, 8am to 4pm.
2. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: Sept 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm and Oct. 26-27, 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.

Thanks,

Randy Wright
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Be Trained

Special Meeting Dates for the year ahead include:

- 09/25/13 - Outdoor Meeting at Canyon (Masonic Center not available)
- 10/09/13 - Outdoor Meeting at Canyon (Masonic Center not available)
- 10/16/13 - Webelos Skills Night
- 10/30/13 - Webelos Skills Night
- 11/27/13 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Thanksgiving
- 12/04/13 - Court of Honor
- 12/18/13 - Holiday Celebration Meeting - Brown Bag Lunches, Scout band, White Elephant
- 12/25/13 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Christmas
- 01/01/14 - NO MEETING - Enjoy New Years Day
- 02/12/14 - Red and Green Pot Luck Dinner
- 03/19/14 - Court of Honor
- 04/09/14 - Oakland A's Game - Subject to Schedule
- 04/16/14 - NO MEETING - Enjoy Easter Break
- 04/30/14 - Outdoor Meeting - likely Canyon
- 05/14/14 - Swimming Meeting - Subject to Availability
- 06/04/14 - Court of Honor

Scout Master Minute
By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Update coming soon!

Summer Court of Honor – June 5

Photo by Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Schulz



Summer Court of Honor – Scout Awards and Recognition



Summer Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Drew Mitch – Scout
Liam Smith - Scout



Vincent Ruiz - Tenderfoot
Patrick Lee – Tenderfoot



Aaron Lee – Tenderfoot
Patrick Lee – Tenderfoot

Matthew
Kuan – First
Class



Joshua Siu-
First Class



Justin Raynor –
Second Class

Jeffery Jiang – Second
and First Class



Samuel Wilson - Star



Summer Court of Honor – Presentation of American Flags and Commencement



San Francisco Bay Model

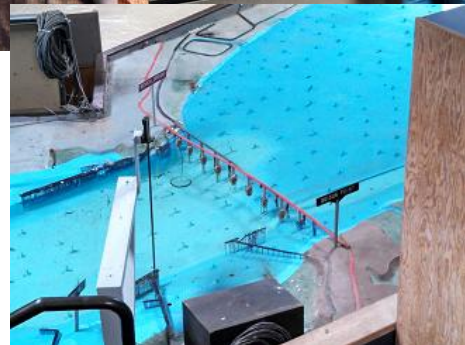
Photo by by Mr. Wilson

The Bay Model Visitor Center is a fully accessible education center administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which makes possible the viewing of a scientific tool: a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta System.



THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD!

The Model provides scientists, educators and citizens interested in San Francisco Bay and the Bay - Delta Model a unique opportunity to view the complete bay-delta system at a glance. The Center gives an introduction and provides an overview of the system. Tours



Attached are a few photo's from a recent visit to the SF Bay Model, which is used by the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as other agencies that study the Bay area waters, and is open to the public for guided tours during designated hours. Note that this is one of the largest physical models of US waters and extends to about the size of two football fields. I would encourage our boys that have an interest to check it out. Here is the URL:

<http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BayModelVisitorCenter.aspx>

Summer Camp at John Mensinger Camp – June 16 - 22

By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Photo by Mr. Siu

This year at summer camp we went out of council to Camp John Mensinger from June 16 to June 22. Camp John Mensinger is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Strawberry, CA. The week we spent there definitely had its ups and downs but all in all, our troop had a great time. We all earned merit badges and had loads of fun doing it. Being the biggest, best, and loudest troop at camp, we definitely won the camp wide games. Besides all the moaning and groaning, I think everybody grew up and learned to look out for each other and work together to be the best and represent what scouting is all about.

Departure Day, June 16 – Troop 726



Summer Camp at John Mensinger Camp – June 16 - 22



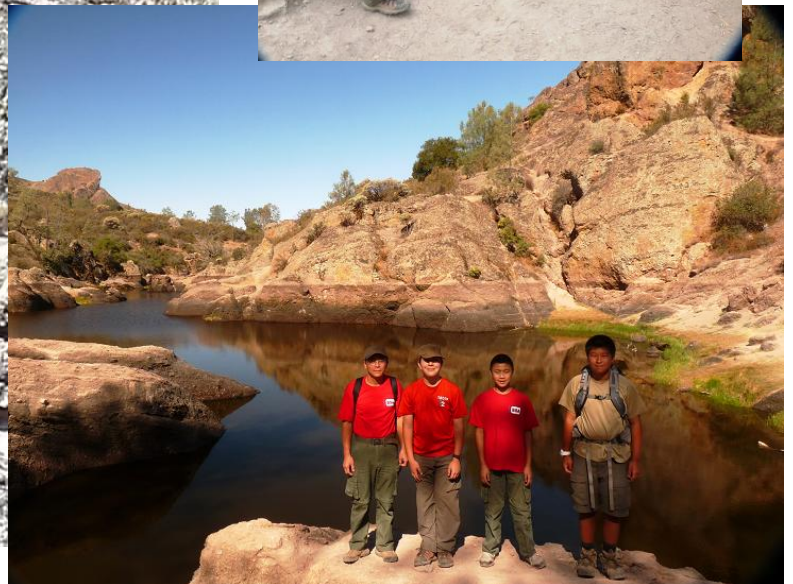
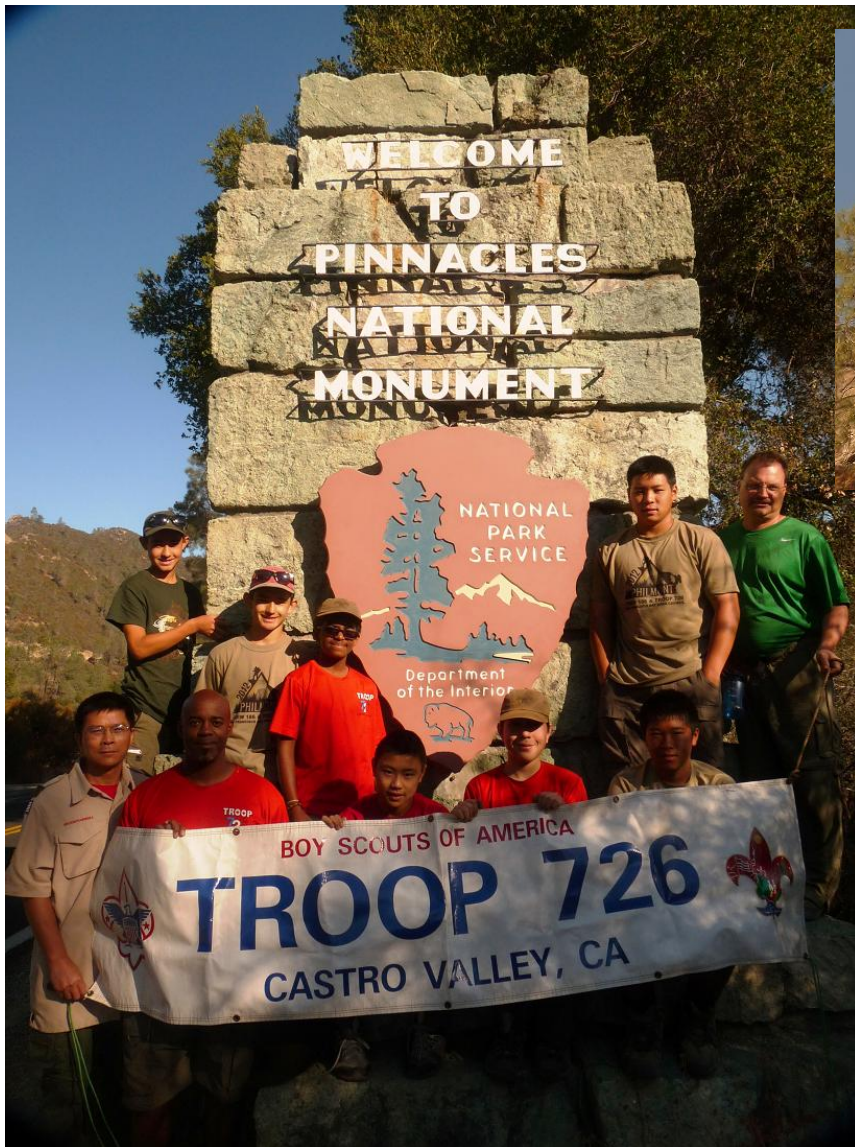
Pinnacle Hike

By Scout in Charge: Jeffrey Jiang, Photo by Mr. Jiang and Mr. Andrews

On July 27th, 7 scouts embarked on a 10 mile hike at Pinnacles National Park. Along the 7-hour hike, we experienced great views and crawled through the caves at the park. Everyone had an excellent time. Thank you to the adult leaders who drove us and made this trip possible.



Pinnacle Hike – Meeting the Challenge



High Adventure Trip

Photo by Mr. Andrews

By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery

From July 28th through August 3rd, Raymond, Mitch, Kyle, and Zurvohn along with Mr. Maloof, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Avery went on the Big Adventure trip 2013. We started our trip in Pinnacles with another group of boys on the outing. As they returned to CV, we continued with our trip to Sequoia National Park where we saw the General Sherman tree and went on a cave tour. On Tuesday, we drove to King's Canyon National Park where we went on a 3 day, 2 night backpacking trip through the canyon. We returned back to the cars on Thursday where we drove to our campsite to spend the night. The last Friday was spent going to Yosemite to enjoy the view from Glacier Point then driving home. We returned to CV at 10:30, tired, but with great memories.

By Raymond Akagi

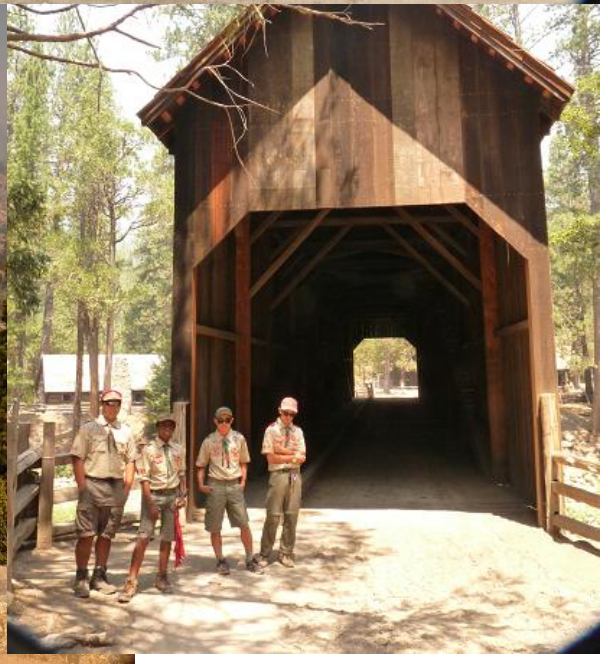
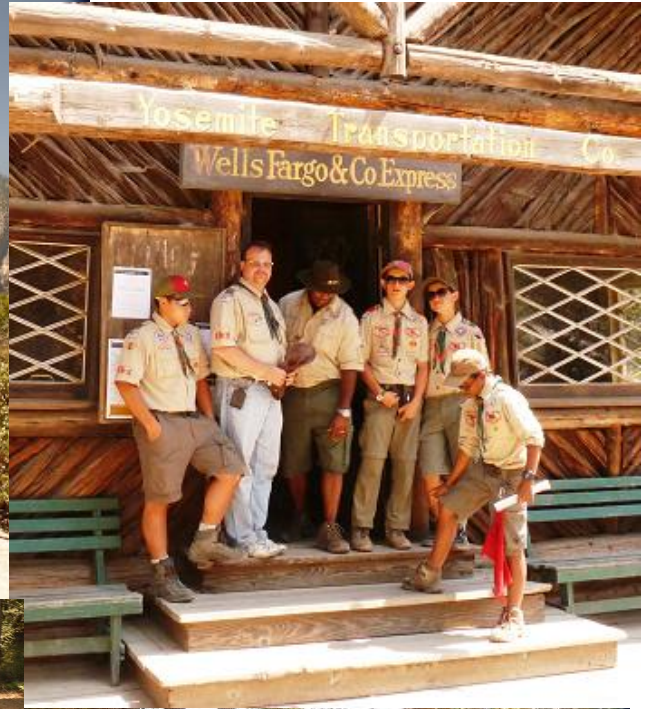
This year for the high adventure trip we visited multiple national parks including Pinnacles, Sequoia, King's Canyon, and Yosemite. We hiked, toured, camped, and backpacked the multiple parks. the views were amazing and the weather was just as good. It was a lot of fun and an experience that I will never forget. I would encourage all scouts to go to next year's high adventure. It will be in Yellowstone because it will be just as fun.



High Adventure Trip – Back Packing and Enjoying the Outdoors



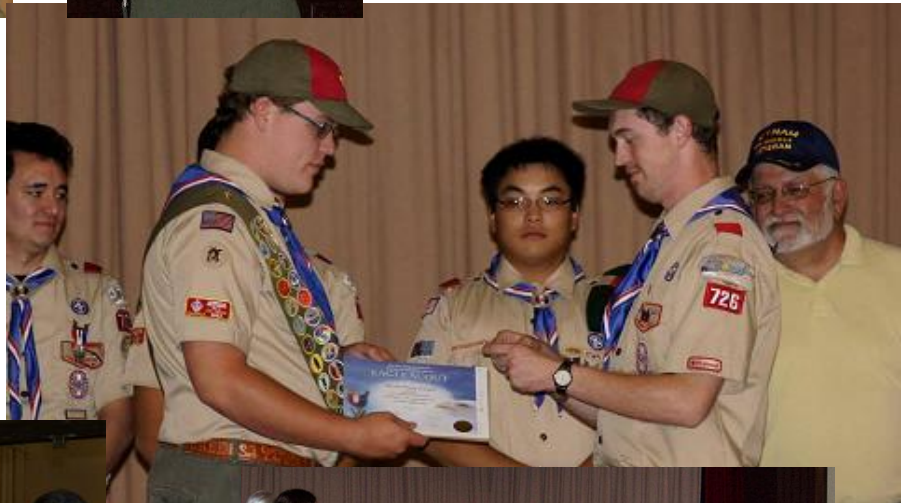
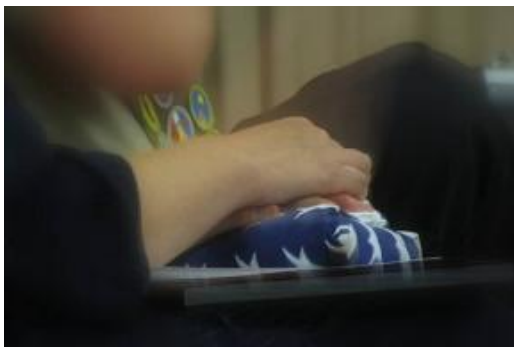
High Adventure Trip – Awesome Hikes and Sights



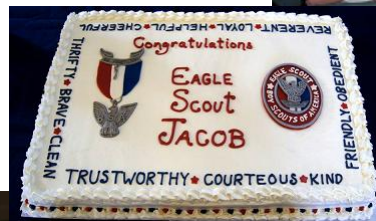
Jacob Schulz' Eagle COH – Aug 9



Jacob Schulz' Eagle COH – Trail to Eagle



Jacob Schulz' Eagle COH – Congratulations



White Stag

By Curtis Werning

My mom dumped me on a dusty road in Soledad in late June. She departed to San Francisco, and left me there, with strangers, to "develop leadership". I was suspicious. We had attended an orientation day in Monterey weeks and clam chowder. Here was snakes. (Okay; really there were hall, but this was not the Four As it turns out, White Stag camp robins, camp fires, hiking, and help others. There were 5 other went on a backpacking trip. That where we learned songs and safety own food on a stove, then we slept without a sleeping bag, under was damp with dew, but warm and and hiked back to the camp. I think there! Once back at camp, we counselors. I enjoyed this, because we had to work as a team. On the last day, we had a graduation. Next year, you should think about attending White Stag!



before, but that involved the beach nothing but heat, dirt and rattle showers, trails and a simple dining Seasons Hotel!!) was awesome! There were round more. I had to solve problems and kids in my group. One night, we was fun! We stopped at stations tips. That night, we had to cook our played games at the camp site. I the stars. When morning came, I comfortable. We packed up our stuff I walked over 15 miles while I was played a game to find our

CIT (Counselor in Training) at Wente

By Raymond Akagi

This year I was a CIT at Wente for 2 weeks, from June 30 to July 13. It was a very fun experience. I worked at shotgun and climbing classes. I had a lot of fun, ride the top of the line mountain bikes, and learned so much about climbing. The people that I was in a cabin with were awesome and very fun to talk to and hang out with. On the weekends we could do whatever we wanted to do. All in all it was a lot of fun and I would encourage any scouts to do it in the future.

By Austin Le

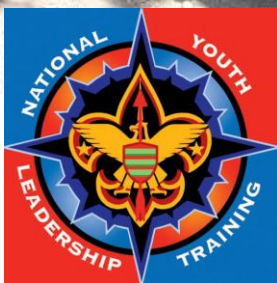
Being a CIT at Wente was a good experience. The staff was very nice and led a great program. I was a CIT for handicrafts for week 1 and archery for week 2. When I didn't have to assist in the teaching processes, I was making baskets in handicraft and free shooting in archery. The scouts were very easygoing and it was fun talking to them. When my CIT work day ended, I would meet up and hang out with fellow CITs. In contrast to staying in a tent when I was a CIT at Royaneh, I got to stay in a cabin. I opted to stay away from the cabin during the day because it was absolutely untouchable in the 100+ degree weather.



National Youth Leadership Training

By Sammy Wilson and Zachary Eslick

We had a unique experience at NYLT. One of the common phrases that they said was that this week should feel like a month in the life of your troop, which they succeeded in. When we first arrived at the camp, we hiked about 2 miles to the camp ground. During that hike, we discussed what we had come here to learn. When we arrived at the camp we made waggles and waist ropes and discussed with the camp was going to be like. During the week we had many different sessions. These sessions taught us important leadership skills like the edge method and communication skills. To go along with the edge method we learned the four stages of a group; Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing. Forming is the stage when a group just got together and is excited to learn but have little skill; Storming is the stage where the group gets frustrated and is thinking about giving up; Norming is when the group is getting better, they need little help and are working well together; Performing is when the group is exceptional, they need no help and work great as a team to get stuff done. The edge method works with the four stages as well; Explaining is best used in the Forming stage, Demonstrating with Storming to calm them, Guiding corresponds with Norming as they are almost ready to be on their own, finishing Enable equals Performing. Overall NYLT was a good camp that taught us many leadership skills that we will try to put back into our troop.



2013 National Jamboree at the Summit, West Virginia – Aug 13 to 24

By Matthew Chen

Going to the Jamboree has really improved the person I am. In addition to enjoying high adventure, I learned from thousands of scouts from across the nation the real meaning of scouting that I had never known before. Scouting is not just camping or cooking, it is about fellowship, brotherhood, and pursuit of excellence. During the Jamboree, each troop had to do a Day of Service. It was an entire day dedicated to helping the environment near Summit Bechtel Reserve. I saw many scouts carry out the scout oath and law with their selfless acts. I genuinely hope that younger scouts will be able to attend the next National Jamboree. They will definitely come out a better person.

By Raymond Akagi

Jamboree is a special event that happens every four years. This time at it was held at a new facility at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. It was a lot of fun with loads of stuff to do, ziplining, rafting, shooting sports, just to name a few. But if the lines were too long, I went patch trading. There were a lot of activities to choose from and not enough time to do every single one. I did mountain biking and that was a blast. Funny thing is we got kicked off the mountain due to lightning. Haha blast, get it.

In addition of activities, there were two big arena shows, The main act was the band Three Doors Down, who were preceded by Sarah Cenchetti's act. Green Day also performed at the final show. We have our day of service: a day set aside for community service. And we went as a troop to The Cloud, the Summit's tech exhibit. Well anyways, Jamboree was great and we all had an experience most of us may never have again.

By Austin Le

As a guinea pig of the first National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, I can honestly say that the place wasn't ready for the 40,000 of us. The lines to get in to any event were at least an hour long. The scorching-hot and jungle-humid weather didn't help at all. And it was the worst when I finally got into an event, and all of a sudden, a thunderstorm would swoop in and get the event canceled. I think I only got the chance to do 5% of what the camp had to offer because of the immense amount of scouts and unpredictable weather. The leadership wasn't exactly the best either.

On the bright side, there were a lot of nice people to meet with. DC was fun and there were an infinite amount of cool things to see. I got to see Mike Rowe, the king of Sweden, and one of my favorite bands, 3 doors down. I also learned to adapt to being consistently under 3 feet of mud and to being subject to the treacherous heat of the east. I'm sure that in the future, the Summit will be way better than it was this year. I would go back to check it out in the future to see what's up but I'd have aged out by then.

By Ben Eckman

In July, Raymond, Austin, Josh, Matthew, Jeffery, and I from Troop 726 went to the National Boy Scout Jamboree. In addition, Mr. Andrews and Kiyoshi Ito attended as Adult Leaders. The Jamboree this year was held at The Summit in West Virginia. Before taking a long bus ride to the Jamboree, the troop spent a couple days in Washington DC. We arrived at The Summit on a Monday and proceeded to set up camp. There were at least 30,000 other Scouts and Adult Leaders.

The Summit is the new site for the National Boy Scout Jamboree. As you can imagine, the new site contains many attractions built for scouting activities. Two of the most fun activities are a zip line over and through the tree canopy and a big skate and bicycle park. The Jamboree also has an open area with a lot of games that is called The Cloud. In addition, there is a big water obstacle course in which scouts competed for the best time. Two other great places to go to are The Range and The Bows.

The Range is a place for shooting rifles, shotguns, and pistols. The Bows is the area for using bows and arrows. A scout can choose to shoot at a still target or a moving target. We all had a great time at the Jamboree!

2013 National Jamboree at the Summit, West Virginia



2013 National Jamboree at the Summit, West Virginia – Aug 13 to 24



Committee Chair's Corner

By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Welcome everyone from Summer Vacation; hope everyone had a great time.

This summer was very exciting for our Scouts. We attended Summer Camp at Camp John Mensinger, the very first National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Preserve in West Virginia and the High adventure Trip just to name a few. We were very busy indeed.

The fall is a great time for fundraising. Troop 726 will be providing many opportunities for the scouts and their families to raise money for their scout accounts. You may participate in as many of these events as you want. The money you raise will go directly into your scout accounts and will help you pay for monthly dues, outings and even Summer Camp at Royaneh. Be on the lookout for Troop announcements and e-mails to take advantage of these great opportunities.



Good Luck on your fundraising activities and have FUN!

09/04/13 - Troop History with the Historian Jeffrey Jiang and Mr. Harrison

09/11/13 - Backpacking Stoves

09/18/13 - Sports Injury Awareness

10/02/13 - Recruiting

10/23/13 - Allergy Awareness (tentative)

11/06/13 - Astronomy

11/13/13 - How to tell directions day and night

11/20/13 - Troop Mobilization

12/11/13 - Game Design (per the new MB)

Troop Meeting Instruction Topics

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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.

Wolveries



Xavier, Jack, Albert, and I all had a grand time during the summer. Alert, Drew, and I went to summer camp. We had fun! Camp Mensinger was a fun first summer camp because we wanted to!

By Liam Smith

Fox



No submittal

Bats



Josh and Matthew went to West Virginia to attend the National jamboree. It was a lot of fun. We could go anywhere we wanted, with whoever we wanted. The Summit Bechtel Reserve was HUGE. Our feet and back were sore. The weather was very unpredictable. The rain came instantly without warnings.

By Josh Siu

Ravens



Kyle got to go to the big adventure trip with a few other scouts. We all enjoyed our last day of summer and glad to come back here. I know that everyone had a good summer and I know that everyone is going to have a better scout year.

By Ben Eckman

Cobras



Our patrol was combined with the Scorpion and Dragons patrols. Only Will and Travis will remain in our patrol for more than a month. We are pretty psyched

By Austin Le

Scorpions/ Dragons



There are Will and Bryant left in the Scorpions. Bryant's Eagle project will be at Stanton Elementary on September 7 and 8. Be there

By Bryant Ling