

# TROOP 726 FLASH

FEBRUARY 2013

## Upcoming Events

Dodge Ridge Skiing– Feb 10

Red and Green Dinner – Feb 13 Troop Meeting

Garin Park Training Hikes– Feb 16

Wa Sung Crab Feed – Feb 23

Alameda Creek Training Bike Ride– Feb 23

Klondike Derby – Mar 1 – 3

Training Hikes– Mar 16, and Apr 20

Wilderness Survival Outing Los Mochos – Mar 23-24

Iron Horse Training Bike Rides– Mar 30

Lake Chabot Training Bike Rides–May 11



## Meeting Dates

Board of Review –Feb 18, Mar 18

Committee Meeting – Feb 4, Mar 4

PLC Meeting –Feb 24, Mar 17

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. Feb 20 is nomination, Feb 27 is election, Apr 24 swimming meeting

## Website

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

**Raymond Akagi** 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 any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.



## Dodge Ridge Skiing– Feb 10

Scout in Charge: Austin Le, Adult in Charge: Mr. Raynor, Mrs. Werning

**MEETING LOCATION & TIME:** Masonic Center, February 10th, Sunday, 7 am

**ENDING LOCATION & TIME:** Masonic Center, February 10th, Sunday, 6-7 pm

**COST:** Youth (6-12) Lift Tix: \$15. Rentals: \$30.

Teen (13-19) Lift Tix: \$46. Rentals: \$43.

Adult (20-64): Lift Tix: \$54. Rentals: \$43.

Lesson package: \$74

**FOOD:** Lunch at Dodge Ridge's Mountain Cafe. Bag lunch is OK.

Turn in the permission slip to Austin ASAP. See you on the slope!



### Red and Green Dinner– February 13

Scout in Charge: Kyoshi Ito, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu

Troop 726 invites you to celebrate the birthday of Scouting at their Annual Red and Green Dinner -- a good old fashion pot luck style dinner.

**Each family is requested to bring a favorite main course dish; please plan a dish to serve 10 – 12 people.** A dish from your heritage is always a welcome hit.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Siu at the Troop meetings or via e-mail [Billmaster@gmail.com](mailto:Billmaster@gmail.com).

Each Patrol will be providing entertainment for a fun-filled evening. This is a time for our scouts to show-off for their parents, grandparents, and extended family. So, please join us for an evening of fun as the scouts entertain us.

This is also the time to help the Boy Scouts of America and our San Francisco Bay Area District through Friends of Scouting.

We will have a short presentation and will be asking for your donation, something you feel comfortable with and which will help our Boy Scouts tremendously.

Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause.

### Garin Park Training Hikes– Feb 16

Scout in Charge: Zurvojn Maloof, Adult in Charge: TBD



726 will be having a training hike for the Mt. Whitney big adventure trip in August. Please keep in mind that if you want to go on that, you have to go on this. This training hike is about 11 miles.

**MEETING LOCATION & TIME:** Drop off at **Ziele Creek Dr., Hayward Hills**, at the end of the loop, **February 16<sup>th</sup>: 8:25 AM**

**ENDING LOCATION & TIME:** Pick up at **Ziele Creek Dr., Hayward Hills**, at the end of the loop, **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM**

This event is free. Bring a bagged lunch for the trail, trail mix, granola bars, etc, ten essentials in a backpack with plenty of water, raingear. Map and compass will be provided. See you on the trail!

### Alameda Creek Bike Ride– Feb 23

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi and Justin Raynor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

Troop 726 is planning a 10 mile and a 15 mile bicycle trip on the **Alameda Creek Bike Ride on Saturday, Feb 23, 2013, 8:30 a.m-12:30 noon**. This the second of the 4 practice rides to get ready for the Lake Chabot Bike Ride on June 2. **Meet at Masonic center for carpool.** End at Masonic center. The event is FREE. Bring snacks (don't need lunch), water bottle, glasses, gloves, helmet, spare tube, safety equipment. Wear Class B, windbreaker or jacket, tennis shoes.



**See you on the trail, sign up Now!**

### **Wa Sung Crab Feed – Feb 23**

Scout in Charge: Sammy Wilson, Adult in Charge: TBD

Please save the evening of **Feb 23** for a service project again at the Wa Sung Crab Feed.

### **Klondike Derby – Mar 1 - 3**

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Andrews

Boy Scout Troop 726 is planning a winter outing to the “coolest” SFBAC camping event, held annually at Thousand **Trail’s Snowflower Preserve near the Yuba Gap off I-80 in the Sierra Nevada Mtns.** All Scouts and adult leaders who have attended the “*Winter Awareness Training*” seminar are eligible to join us for some awesome winter fun!!!

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: **Masonic Center at 5:00 pm Friday, March 1**

ENDING LOCATION & TIME: **Masonic Center ETA 7:00 pm Sunday, March 3**

COST: \$75 per person includes SFBAC registration, patches, troop equipment fee, shared leadership costs and transportation fuel, and Sunday lunch at Auburn’s Sierra Grill!

**Requirements:** Signed permission slip, Winter Awareness Training, **cost paid in full by Feb 13, troop pack check for winter gear preparedness (Feb 20 and Feb 27)**, Scout uniform (“Class A from the waist up”).

Please contact Raymond Akagi with any question. **Snowball fights? Bring it on!!!**

### **Model Airplane Contest**

Troop 726 - once again we have been invited to participate in the **model airplane contest** sponsored not only by our Chartered Organization but also by all the American Legions in the area. We will be competing against other Troops in the area and possibly other youth groups.

The rules are not only to build the model, but also to construct a diorama of an historically accurate battlefield setting and to write up a history of the plane and the event depicted in the diorama. The exact date of the contest will be sometime in the spring and will be held at the Oakland Aviation Museum on 8252 Earhart Rd, Oakland.

This year the model is a F-4E Phantom II from the Vietnam War era. Troop 726 has won this event the only three times we have entered this contest. The winning model goes on display at the museum and there is usually a prize of some kind. What has changed this year is that Bryce is now in college. Please contact Mr. Avery if you are also interested and we will decide on a Scout in Charge who will lead the process from there.



### **Emergency Car Kits Missing**

We are in the process of updating our emergency car kits and are looking for TWO that are missing. Could you please look into your cars and garages and see if you can locate them? They are in a brown bag with a white tag id. If you find them, please bring them to our Troop meeting.

Thank you,  
Mr Siu. Troop 726 Committee Chair.

## Training

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

The Boy Scouts of America list the following as required to become a "Trained Adult Leader." See attached spread sheet of trainings that have specific renewal time frames. Some are 2 years, and some are 3 years, etc.

Example Youth Protection Training is only good for 2 years. This is required by BSA to be a registered leader.

Trainings offered by the Boy Scout of America online at [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org). Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page.

Please see [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org) for more info. Cost is \$20 for all day.

If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken. If you have any training questions, please contact me, Randy Wright (510 885 0527, [Wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:Wright-s@comcast.net))

BSA TRAINING FOR BOY SCOUT LEADERS as of 2/2/2013										
Name /Training	Required to be Trained - SM/SA	Trained as MC	Need for Tour Permit	Need to renew every ____ years	On Line	Recommended	Training I've Taken	Training I need	A	B
Boy Scout Fast Start					X	X				
What is Scouting?					X	X				
SM Leader Specific	X									
Intro to Outdoor Skills	X									
Troop Committee Challenge		X			X					
YOUTH PROTECTION			X	2	X					
Weather Hazards			X		X					
CPR / First Aid			X	2						
SAFETY AFLOAT				2	X					
SAFE SWIM				2	X					
Climb Safely				2						
Trek Safely				2						
HAT BASIC and Reboot				5						
HAT Cycling										
HAT Wilderness First Aid										
HAT SNOW CAMPING										
HAT Leave No Trace										
HAT RAPPELLING										
HAT Canoe Wilderness Tripping										
Scout Parents unit Coor Fast Start					X					
Roundtable - Monthly										
WINTER AWARENESS										
UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING										
Chain Saw Safety				2						
BSA Lifeguard				3						
Rock Climbing				2						
Paddle Craft				3						
Swimming & Water Rescue				3						
Camp Visitation				2						

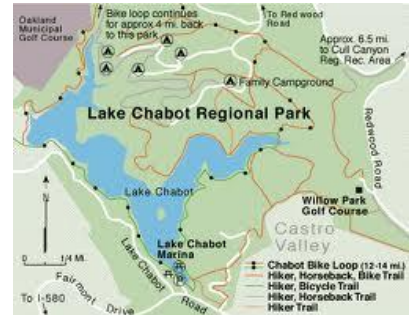
## Troop News

### Troop 726's Newest Eagle Scout!

Please join me in congratulating **Jose Velasco** as our latest **Eagle Scout**. Jose reached the highest rank in scouting on January 16, 2013. We all wish Jose good luck in his studies at UC Santa Cruz and continuing adventures in his life. - Mr. Avery

### Get Ready for bike ride around Lake Chabot

Troop plans to have a bike ride on June 2nd!!!! It is a challenging 14 mile ride with elevation changes. If you don't have a bike, it's time to get one. Get your safety gear as well (gloves, helmet, spare inner tube, safety glasses). Don't forget a water bottle and snacks. Because this is a 14 mile bike ride with elevation gain we plan to have multiple training bike rides to be fully prepared. The dates for the training rides are **February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Alameda Creek Trail, 10 or 15 miles)**, and **March 30<sup>th</sup> (Iron Horse Trail, 20 or 25 miles)**, and **May 11<sup>th</sup> (practice at Lake Chabot, 3 miles)**. **We will meet at Masonic Center about 8:30 am and return at 12:30 pm on these training rides.** For the June 2 Lake Chabot 14 mile ride, we will leave at 8:30 am and return at 3 pm. Contact Raymond Akagi with any questions. Come join in the fun. See you all out there!!!



### Trip to Summit Mt. Whitney

We are currently planning a trip to summit Mt. Whitney, the tallest in California. In order to climb it, we need to get several permits.

If you are interested in climbing Mt. Whitney, please tell me at this week's troop meeting so we can get the right amount of permits. You should have had some previous hiking experience for this.

If you are interested, note that you will have to attend ALL these training hikes:

- 2/16 12 miles
- 3/16 14-15 miles
- 4/20 12 miles
- 5/18 Mt. Wittenburg 10 miles
- 5/4 hike-a-thon 10 miles
- 7/27-7/28 Pinnacles



Some of these hikes will require at least 20 pound packed backpacks. If you are interested, e-mail me, tell me soon or follow me on twitter @averythemitch

### Eagle Court of Honor for Alan Saylor

Alan Saylor's Eagle Court of Honor will be on June 1! Save the date and join in the celebration.

### A Scout is Loyal

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.



## Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

When I was in Elementary School, maybe 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I had an experience where I saw an injured bird hopping on the ground. I was able to catch it and it perched on my hand but was very scared and nervous and chirping loudly. I saw that its wing was twisted and I was able to gently adjust it and then it flew away out of my hand.

Two weeks ago in Sacramento I was pulled over in my car returning phone calls and emails in the driver's seat of my car when I saw a sparrow fall to the road and struggle on the asphalt. I remembered my experience as a child and went out to see if I could help. The sparrow could not perch on my hand because one of its legs was broken. In my hand the little bird neither struggled nor chirped but sat and looked from side to side with its little heart beating rapidly. I placed the little bird in the grass and then went to my phone to see if there was anything I could do for it such as find a shelter in Sacramento similar to our local Sulphur Creek. While I was on hold I went back to check on closed and its heart had stopped there on the side of the road. I life if I had comforted this animal or

How does this story relate to respect for nature and caring about whether they are birds or insects stay on trails and avoid creating

Another way was a reminder of ending is an end of a physical life. and how it lasts seven years in boy boy but it is a short time in the life your time in scouting memorable? as you can? Will you be the leader gives the extra smile and adds the memorable? The time to prepare for you event is finite and the deadlines will come. Will you be the scout who works on his Eagle rank in a steady and courteous manner or will you be the scout who puts off his Eagle rank requirements to the very end leaving those who wanted to help you succeed wondering if they had helped you at all? When you are an Eagle candidate think also of the example you are setting. Are you showing the younger scouts that the Eagle rank is an achievable goal to be approached with strong scout spirit or something less so?



the little sparrow and its eyes were beating and its little life had ended right wondered if in the last moments of its scared it even more.

Scouting? One way is it shows a the smallest details of the outdoors or plants or crabs or even the dirt as we erosion trails.

how short our time can be. Not every We can think about our life in scouting scouts. Seven years is a long time for a of a person. What will you do to make Will you participate in as many outings of an event that goes the extra mile and extra effort to make the event

### Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano . Email: [Phyllis@gantel.com](mailto:Phyllis@gantel.com) .  
Troop Mug = \$5.00  
Troop T-shirts = \$10.00  
Duffle Bag = \$26.00

### 2013 Leadership Camp Using the White Stag Method Presented by Venture Crew 9122

Session 1 – June 23rd – June 29th, 2013  
Session 2 – July 14th – July 20th, 2013  
**\$325.00 camp fee if paid in full by March 1st**  
**For Information: Venture Crew 9122**  
Tony Lamarque • [Tony@whitestag.org](mailto:Tony@whitestag.org)

### National Youth Leadership Training

**June 23-29, 2013 July 14-20, 2013**

*Both courses will have an orientation on May18, 2013 at the Presidio in Monterey, California*

**Session 1:** Camp Arroyo Seco in South Monterey County; **Session 2:** Camp Arroyo Seco in South Monterey County.

**\$175 Participation Fee**

### Registration Information:

Steve Cardinalli  
Alameda Council  
1714 Everett St. Alameda, Ca. 94501  
(800) 559-3188 OR 510-522-1148

## Indoor Rock Climbing Event

By Scout in Charge: Michael Yi, Photo by Mr. Maloof

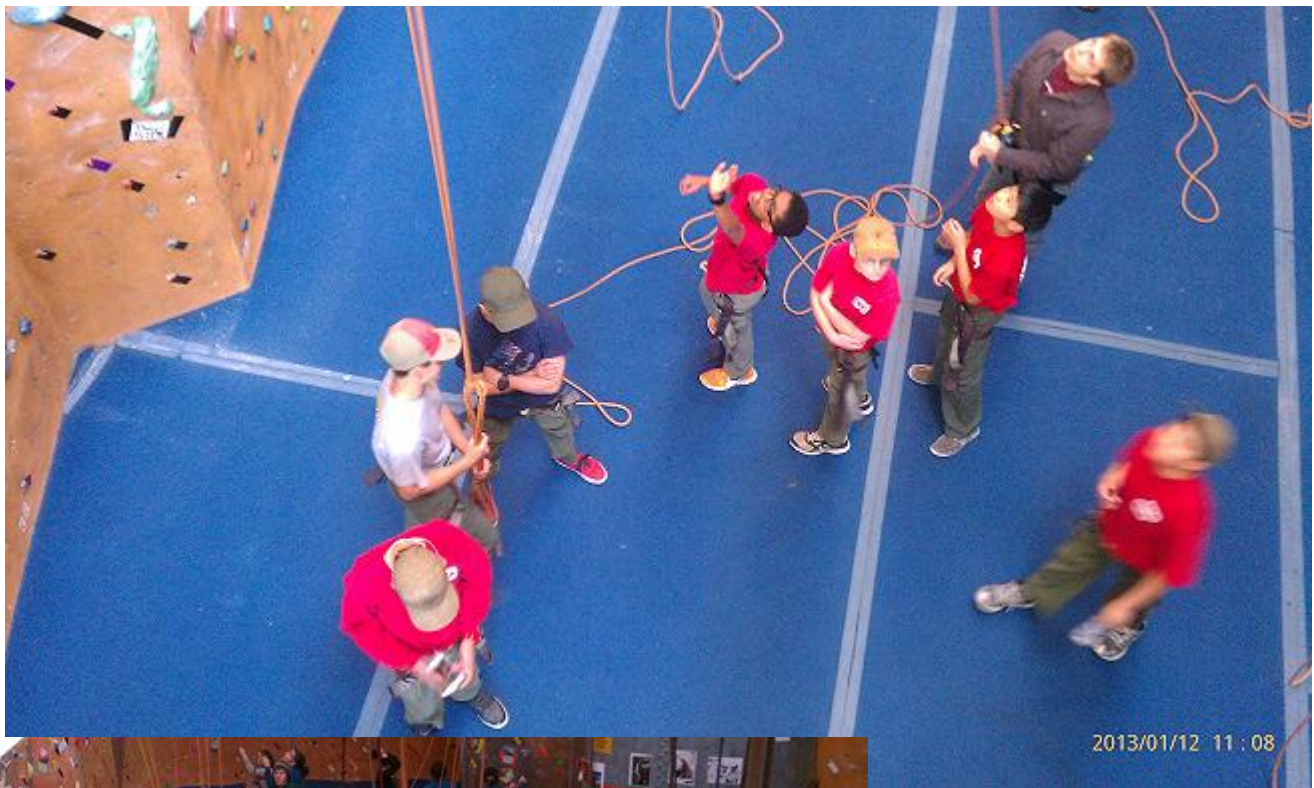
On January 12 2013, we went to rock climbing at Great Western Co. in Oakland. We had tons of fun climbing and belaying. The best part was the pizza and Chinese port buns. Everything ran smoothly and nothing went wrong. Thank you to all the adults who went with us.

“On belay?”, “Belay on”, “Climbing”, “Climb on!”





## Indoor Rock Climbing Event – Climb On!



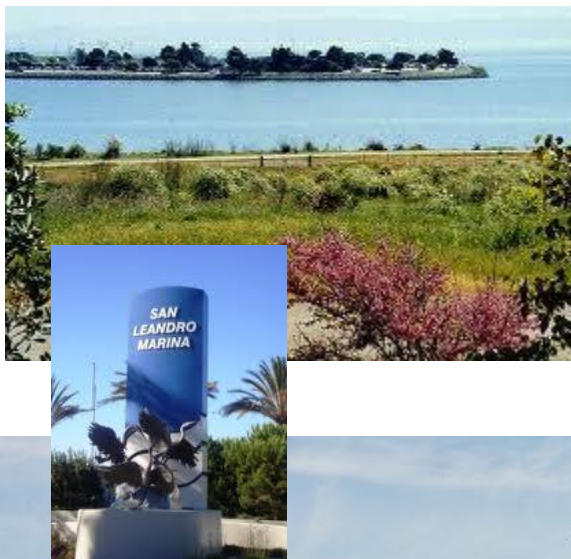


## 10 Miles Bike Ride San Leandro Shoreline

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

On Jan 19, we went on a 10 mile bicycle trip on the San Francisco Bay Trail at the San Leandro Marina. It was a good beginner's ride and it was great. We rode 10 miles on flat terrain. The weather was amazing. We all had a great time. We got to look at the bay and everybody learned a thing or two about riding a bicycle.

Thank you to all the adults who came on the trip with us and helped transporting all the bikes. There are 3 more training bike rides before the final bike ride around Lake Chabot in June. Come join in the rides coming up if you miss out this time. See you out there!





## Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole– Jan 26-27

Scout in Charge: Zachary Eslick, Photo by Mr. Siu

On Jan 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Troop 726 went to Point Pinole along with 8 Webelos scouts. We all had an amazing time crabbing and fishing. The weather was perfect. Thank you to all the adults who drove us there.





## Native Sons Crab Feed

By Scout in Charge: Ben Eckman , Photo by Mrs. Platou

This is a community service event was on Jan 28 at the Hayward Veteran's Building on Main Street. We served food to people who were in the army or family members of the veterans. We were serving them because they helped served our country in some wars.



Crab  
Feed

## Committee Chair's Corner

*By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair*

In February, we celebrate the Birthday of The Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

**IT ALL BEGAN IN A FOG :** While walking the misty streets of London in 1909, American businessman William Boyce lost his way. A boy offered to guide him to his destination. Boyce wanted to pay him, but the boy explained that he was a Scout, and that Scouts do not accept money for doing good turns. Eager to learn more, Mr. Boyce met with Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement in Great Britain. Boyce knew that boys back home would like the idea, so he brought Scouting to the United States. Papers incorporating the Boy Scouts of America were signed on February 8, 1910 -the date celebrated as the official birthday of the BSA.



February is our Friends of Scouting Kickoff campaign. Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual campaign where the San Francisco Bay Area Council asks Scouting families, business and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in the Bay Area. The registration fees paid each year goes directly to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, whereas, the funds collected during the FOS campaign stays with the local council and helps with items such as maintaining our council camps, camperships for summer camp, and day camp programs. During our Red and Green Dinner we will have a brief presentation from our District Office about our FOS. Please consider a gift to the Friends of Scouting campaign, an amount you feel comfortable with, which will make a great impact in the development of our boys.

### **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:** including tour, Jamboree dates are July 13 - July 24, 2013

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

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.





## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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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](mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net), or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

#### Fox



Robert, Vincent, Aaron, Patrick, Curtis, and Yuri went to Point Pinole Crabbing and Fishing. Whole Patrol went to bike ride at San Leandro Marina. Yuri made Tenderfoot.

By Patrick Lee

#### Bats



On January 26, 2013, some of our patrol members went to Crabbing and Fishing at Point Pinole. It was a very exciting experience. We caught many different kinds of crab. It was thrilling to see the pot emerging from the murky water while you wondered what was inside. It was also amusing to see the little crabs dangling inside our cage. I especially enjoyed handling the crab after we caught them. I learned what a lot about crabs such as what they like to eat. It was an adventure and taught me a lot about nature.

By Matthew Kuan

#### Ravens



The Ravens Patrol went to Winter Camp Awareness training at the Masonic Center on Saturday Feb 2 and all got training how to go to Klondike camp and other winter camps.

By Sammy Wilson

#### Cobras



On Jan 28, we served at a Crab Feed at the Veteran event. We served a lot of crabs and date crab later on. I had food poisoning. Anyways, on the positive side, we earned a lot of money.

By Michael Yi

#### Scorpions/ Dragons



No submittal

### 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!

## 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!

**Also, please check your garage for Troop equipment, clean and return them promptly.**