

TROOP 726 FLASH

October 2015

Events Upcoming in October and November and December

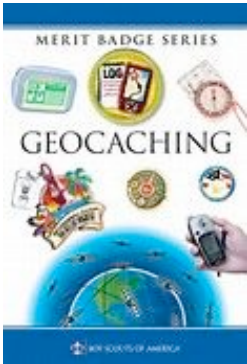
Oct 24 -Mission Peak Rim Rover day Hike- 8 am 4 pm, 6-9 mile round trip!
Scout in charge: Nicholas Weavil
Adult in Charge: Mr. Jiang



Nov 11, 2015 Veterans Day Service Project, Castro Valley Veterans Memorial-

Nov 14, 2015 Scouting for Food Service Project
Scout in Charge, Vincent Ruiz

Nov. 14-15 Geocaching Campout



Nov 21, 2015 Scouting for Food Service Project (pick-up)
Scout in Charge, Vincent Ruiz

Dec 12-13 Crabbing and Fishing Campout

Dec 16 White Elephant Gift Exchange, Boy Scout Holiday Band, Brown Bag Lunch Service Project

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 –3rd Mondays of the Month at Faith Lutheran Church, Redwood Road

Committee Meeting – First Monday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church

PLC Meeting –All leadership positions should be in attendance

Troop Meetings –Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, Crow Canyon Road

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!

In Memoriam
Mr. Howard Harrison
-2015



Mr. Harrison along with his wife and a few others founded Troop 726 in September 1973.

Mr. Harrison remained active in the old Pack 726 and Troop 726 and District and Council events for 45 years or more than half his life. He was 85 years old. Mr. Harrison maintained our Troop records through August of this year and regularly attended the openings of Troop meetings.

We, as Troop 726, will be celebrating Mr. Harrison's life with a BSA ceremony at the Castro Valley Veteran's Memorial on Sunday, November 8th from 12:30 to 2:00. Please make sure to be there!

We will continue to celebrate Mr. Harrison's life in the November addition of the Troop 726 Flash with memories from this event.

Masonic Flag Presentation

By John Mahonay

July 2, 2015, I, (John Mahoney), was in charge of an event-the Masonic Flag Presentation.

As most of you know, the event was July 2, 2015 from five o'clock to seven o'clock. Many scouts participated in the event, including Vincent Ruiz, Liam Smith, Joey Betetta, Nicholas Weavil and Jack Qin. The event in itself was excellent, everyone participated in presenting the Flag and wrapped up with and wrapped up with an exquisite dinner and a great band, and everyone all about was nice.

We arrived thirty minutes prior to rehearse and decided who'll do what. After some confusion, we came to the decision who will carry the flags (me, Joey Betetta, Liam Smith, Jack Qin and Nicholas Weavil), and who would announce, (Vincent Ruiz). Later, the band that played wrote an article on their website about the event, in which we were briefly mentioned.

In short, the event was a fun and easy experience for everyone, myself included.

Family Camp 2015

This year, Troop 726 held family camp at Los Mochos in Livermore. I understand the stargazing was spectacular! However, I am still waiting photos to verify the wonderful times of Castro Valley's Troop 726 at Los Mochos 2015.

Summer Court of Honor 2015

September 19, 2015

The Troop 726 Summer 2015 Court of Honor was held at Los Mochos in Livermore California during Family Camp. The Troop celebrated its 42nd birthday! Many scouts received merit badges and rank advancements were also awarded.

Congratulations to the following scouts for their rank advancements on the trail to Eagle and beyond:

Trail to Eagle

Scout

Luke McCutcheon 06/23/15

Second Class

Aaron Bull 08/17/15

Spenser Lin-Jones 08/17/15

Liam Smith 08/17/15

First Class

Rafi Overton 06/24/15

Liam Smith 08/17/15

Nicholas Weavil 08/17/15

Star

Jack Qin 08/17/15

Spencer Vanderpan 06/23/15

Eagle

Michael Yi 09/17/15

Eagle 2

(Gold) Palm

Mitch Avery 06/16/15

May your continue the journey.

[Below are a few photos contributed of the Summer Court of Honor](#)









**Thank you to our Fundraising Adult Leaders
Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Smith for all their hard work!!! !!!!
Remember to turn in your Chocolate Bar money this week!**



[Webelos Fun Night , October 21, 2015](#)



Who is that??



Is that candy in a Webelos mouth?!



Mysterious....



Haunted...



Halo-uno...



Webelos Fun Night Continues Behind the Masonic Center....

Meantime--the Webelos parents meet... Should we really do this???



My son – a boy scout??? !!!!! ?????!!!!!! ??????!!!!!!



Troop Formation!!!! Webelos in Toe



**Those adult leaders- always busy at work....
Do they ever rest???**



Bugle call and flags... time to go home- it's LATE!!

[Taken From:](#)

By Jessica Sanders ReserveAmerica.com



“We’ve found that duct tape is not a perfect solution for anything. But with a little ingenuity, in a pinch, it’s an adequate solution for just about everything,” said Jamie Hyneman, one of the creative and whacky masterminds behind MythBusters.

When it comes to camping, he couldn’t be more right. Duct tape should be in every backpacker’s survival kit and every camper’s toolbox. Here are 15 uses for duct tape. When the time comes, you’ll be glad you have it.

Repair a Tear

Duct tape is a temporary tear fix in nearly any situation, whether it’s your tent, a camping chair, a tarp or your sleeping bag that’s in need of repair. Put a strip of duct tape on the front and back of the ripped item for extra reinforcement.

Make a Rope

Though this shouldn't be your first option, twisted duct tape can substitute for a non-load bearing rope in the case that you left yours at home. For a thin rope, simply coil two long pieces of tape together. Use more pieces for added thickness.

Seal Packages of Food

Use duct tape to close packages of food when you leave your campsite or go to bed. Curious animals are attracted to crumbs and scents, so keep everything closed up tight with a strip of duct tape.

Temporary Sprained Ankle Wrap

Duct tape can be used to support a sprained or rolled ankle when you're far from a hospital. Learn how to properly tape your ankle in this [video](#).

Fly Trap

If your campsite has more flies than you can handle swatting, hang a strip of duct tape somewhere in your campsite and wait for the pesky insects to stick to it. The best place for this is near the food, where the flies are likely to gather.

Create a Spear Fishing Pole

Want to catch a fish, but don't have a pole? Tape your knife to a long stick, and create a spear fishing pole. Be sure the tape is wrapped tight and thick before trying to catch anything.

Keep Your Tent Closed

A busted zipper lets in the cold and bugs as your tent door flaps in the wind. Hold the door down with duct tape, and deal with your broken zipper at home.

Make a Windbreaker

If the wind picks up in your campsite, tape a few sturdy trash bags together and hang them on the side of your pop up shelter for a windbreaker wall. Tape the windbreaker to the poles of your shelter so it doesn't blow in the wind, which would defeat the purpose.

Cover a Blister

Hiking with a blister is painful, especially if you're trekking for miles at a time. Cover the affected, or potentially affected, area with duct tape to avoid any further pain.

Fix Your Glasses

If your glasses break straight down the middle, use duct tape to put them back together. Simply wrap a thin strip of tape a few times around for a quick and easy fix.

Mark a Trail

If you're hiking in unfamiliar territory, with few trail markers, make your own. But, don't leave them on the trees; take each strip off as you find your way back.

Fix a Broken Tent or Fishing Pole

A broken tent or fishing pole should be replaced or fixed in a shop. While at the campsite, however, use duct tape for a temporary remedy. The tape will hold for a few days so you can still make use of the items when you need them most.

Keep Your Tablecloth On

On an especially blustery day your tablecloth will blow around the campsite. Tape the sides down to keep it on the table.

Fix a Leaky Water Bottle

Place a thick strip of duct tape over a crack in your water bottle. Reinforce the patch with two or three strips to be sure no water leaks on you or in your backpack.

Keep the Cold Out

Wrap duct tape around the seams of your tent windows. On an especially cold night, this will help keep as much of the chill outside as possible.

**and I would like to add one:
A temporary FIX for broken BOOTS!!!
(ask if you don't know the story!)**

**Thank you Mr. Wilson for bringing this article to
our attention!**

**Response to Challenge from October Newsletter- still waiting
article on Rabid bats or Lymes Disease anyone???**

New Challenge for November:

**Write an article for the November newsletter telling us anything
useful about Killer Bees. See the following.**

Castro Valley Patch: "Killer Bees" Found in the East Bay

This is the first time Africanized honeybees have been found in the Bay Area. Scientists believe there are other populations here.

<http://patch.com/california/castrovalley/killer-bees-found-east-bay>

**Do you have a challenge (of any kind)
for the scouts? Send it to be placed in
the November Troop 726 Flash.**

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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.