Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie
Another big welcome to all those first time parents as their son has joined Troop 84! So glad to have you with us! Please plan to come to our next parents meeting on May 10. So glad that we had several parents attend our social night. Kim stressed how very important that the scouts need to finish working on their outstanding merit badges. Let’s earn that patch!

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
Mike wanted to address the purchasing of food items for our weekend outings. It would be best not to purchase the economy size when the patrol only has a few boys. Please keep that in mind. Thank you.
The pre-meeting (6:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 19 at COV will be on Tenderfoot Requirement 10a, not lashings.

Advancement Chair – Kathi Nichols
Kathi Nichols needs all completed blue cards no later than next Tuesday, April 19 in order to be presented at the April COH. Last Boards of Review for the April COH need to be requested before Tuesday, April 19.
Those scouts who started Family Life Badge in Feb 2010 should be finishing up the requirements and contacting Mrs. Nichols for a completion appointment.

Past Activities
Snow camping – Camping at Big Meadow Camp Ground took place on Sat., March 19 - 20. Lou Poitras reported that they had LOTs of snow, 2 feet of new snow when we got there and another two feet before we left. Pictures still have not been uploaded to the troop web site. Standby as should happen very soon.

Pre-Camporee was held at Mt. Diablo on Sat. April 2-3. Mike reported it was a fun outing with two hikes and an afternoon of rank advancement activities. S’Mores, marshmallows and songs were the highlight of the campfire. Everybody had a great time.

Troop Roster – Maureen Brooks
Should be e-mailed to you all soon.

Upcoming Activities
Eagle project Shriram will be working on his Eagle Project on April 16 & 17. Looking for all scouts to help plant oak trees at the M.A. Center located at 10200 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley, CA 94546. Get good exercise and community service hours too!

Saturday, April 16th: Troop 84 is scheduled to go on a 10 mile hike in the Eastern portion of the Morgan Territory Region Preserve, just east of San Ramon/Dublin. If you are going on a 50 Miler this summer, working toward a hiking merit badge, love the outdoors or just need some exercise, you should go on this hike. Contact Mr. Habib for more information. All family members are welcome. Conditioning Hikes - The Monday/Thursday Hikes should start next week – April 18 and go through the High Adventure 50-miler in August. We gather in front of and across the street from Scott Perkins house, 2764 Ellingson Way (one block south of Church of the Valley) at 7pm and start walking at 7:05pm. In the first month we are usually done in 30-40 minutes and later in the year it will take about an hour to 75 minutes. Bring water. No permission slip or sign up required.

These hikes are great conditioning for all members of the family. These are HIGHLY recommend for all scouts and adults going on the 50-milers.

50 milers:
Desolation Wilderness July 24-31 West of South Lake Tahoe in the Sierras. Scouts need to be second class by June 1. We will have space for 6-7 scouts and 3-4 adults. Contact Ken Tatum for sign ups and information.

Great Western Divide August 13-20. This is in the Southern Sierra in Sequoia National Park. This trip is for scouts Star and higher by July 1. We will have room for 8-9 scouts and 3-4 adults. Contact Aaron Lee for sign ups and information.

Camporee – It will be held on April 29 -May 1. There will be menu planning at the COH April 26 meeting. The camporee will be at Ranchos Los Mochos, Boy Scout Camp in Livermore.

Camp Oljato June 26 – July 2 Located on Hunting Lake in Lakeshore. Contact Aaron Lee immediately for badge selections. BSA medical forms are due April 26. Final payment due is May 12. Total camp fee is $385.00.

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Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (Brown) – Underway Eagle-required.
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Underway Eagle-required.
Hiking (Habib) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.

Cit in Comm (Rettig) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Cit in Nation (Brown) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Disabilities (Rettig) – Underway.
Inventing (Kennedy) – Underway

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