Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown

Camp Herms – Scouts attending will meet at COV parking lot at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27. Merit badges offered will be First Aid, Citizenship in the Community and Communications. Ken Koupal and Andrew will be offering Drafting and time permitting Engineering as well. Some of these merit badges require a scout to do an outing before the badge can be completed. Scouts will return home on Sunday, Jan. 29 around 3 p.m.

Summer Camps – Deposit of $150 is due on Jan. 31 to attend Camp Wente. Camp will be held on July 8 – July 14. Mike Brown said the water is warm and it is a good opportunity to earn any water merit badge at that time. The total cost to attend Camp Wente is $365.

Conditioning Hikes – These hikes are now being held on Mondays and Thursdays starting at 4:30 p.m. and returning by 6 p.m. Please meet in front of and across the street from Scott Perkins house at 2764 Ellingson Way (one block south of Church of the Valley (COV)) Mr. Brown advises that this is a great opportunity to work on rank advancements to observe plenty of CA wildlife both plants and animals during these hikes.

Troop Leadership Training - During the month of February the pre-meeting will be geared to scouts on what scout leaders need to know. Any scout who has a troop or patrol level should attend. Pre-meetings start at 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Scout must be 13 years old and first class. Held on June 18-23 at Camp Lindblad and July 15-20 at Camp Herms. Please contact Mike Brown if your scout is interested in attending.

Mistletoe Sales - Selling mistletoe is our only fundraiser. We had generous monetary donations however we needed more sales participation. Several stations had to be abandon due to lack of participation. This was the first time we have had this problem. So rules will change this year for selling mistletoe. Registration schedule for picking selling stations will start on Oct. 1 and be available until Nov. 28. This gives ample time to plan ahead. If the scout or a parent does not sign up by these dates, their mistletoe date and times will be assigned. Not participating, there will be consequences with paying additional fund fees and a question on the scout spirit.

Adult Training – There are many Adult Training Opportunities. The council is now requiring training classes be completed to participate. If we do not have enough trained adults, we will have to cancel trips and outings. Classes include – Specific Training, Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills, This is Scouting (on-line ) and Youth Protection Training (on-line) There is a list of classes with dates, times and locations on http://www.bsa-meridian.org/

Annual Plan – On Sunday, Jan. 8, the scouts put together the year list of outings and activities. Looks fabulous. So many adventures planned such as indoor rock climbing, Lake Chabot, an Angel Island and Black Diamonds hikes, white water rafting, back packing 101, beach camping and much more.

Troop Committee Members Position Responsibilities – There is a list of jobs that we need to fill. We all look forward to working together in 2012. Thank you very much for those parents who stepped forward to help, and now we are asking those who could not to reconsider; every little bit helps. As they say, “Many hands make light work”! We will be announcing the positions that have not been filled in our yahoo e-mails. Give back and sign up!

Advancement Chair – Kathi Nichols

If your scout needs a Board of Review for rank advancement before our Court of Honor on Jan. 31, please have the scout contact Kathi Nichols before Jan. 24.

Troop Roster – Maureen Brooks

An update roster will be sent after the Court of Honor at the end of January.

Webmaster – Umesh Apte

Past Activities

Merit Badges

First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Camp Herms, Eagle-required.
Citizen in the Community (Rettig/Larkin) - Jan and Camp Herms (Must be in rank 2nd class or above) Eagle-required
Cinematography (Houston) Still Underway.
Personal Management – Underway, Eagle-required
Communications – Camp Herms
Engineering (Koupals) – Camp Herms
Drafting (Koupals) – Camp Herms
Personal Fitness (Bias/Brown) Winter/Spring, Eagle-required

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)

Always check the web site for updates

Jan 27 – 29 Camp Herms Merit Badge Weekend
Jan 31 Court of Honor ay COV
April 6 – 14 Grand Canyon
June 1 – 3 Camporee Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore
July 8 -14 Camp Wente
August 7 – 13 Lost Coast 50 miler