Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Welcome Back and Happy New Year! – John welcomed everyone back after the winter break and reminded them that the troop has a full year of activities ahead.

Annual Registration & Dues – There are still a good number of families who have not paid the annual dues of $100. Kim Lonie will continue to collect the remaining payments that were due in December.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
Mike announced that once a month he will be discussing one of the 12 points of the Scout law with the troop. This month the word is Trustworthy.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Dec. 31, 2009) – Rick Martin
On file.

Past Activities
Scouting for Food (Nov) – For two Saturday mornings in November, Troop 84 and Cub Scout Pack 842 worked together in the collection of food for a local food bank. Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who showed up to help out.

Mistletoe Sales (Dec) – This was the most successful year in the troop’s history. Thanks again to everyone for helping out! A very special thanks goes to Candi & Mark Slanec and Mark Drisko for the many hours they put in to organize and lead this event, and Aaron Lee for opening up his garage (twice) for the bagging!!

Upcoming Activities
Court of Honor (Jan 26) – Troop 84’s next quarterly Court of Honor is on Tuesday, Jan. 26th at 7:30 pm at COV. All Scouts and their families are invited and should have received an invitation in the mail. RSVPs would be greatly appreciated.

Ski Trip to Bear Valley (Feb 27-28) – Mark Slauson is organizing a ski weekend to his cabin near Bear Valley on Feb. 27-28. Scouts who attend will work on and have a good chance to earn the Snow Sports merit badge. More details soon.

Summer Camp (Lee) – This year, Troop 84 is offering two summer camps for the Scouts to attend, both the week of June 27 – July 3: Camp Wente (for first year scouts) and Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island. A deposit of $150 is due by Jan. 26th to Aaron Lee or Mark Drisko if your Scout plans to attend either camp. See recent emails from Mr. Lee for more details.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Started in Dec. Must be Life or Star & 14 years of age to participate. Eagle-required.
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Hiking (Brown) – Ongoing. Open to all Scouts.
Cit in Community (H. Martin) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Cit in Nation (Drisko) – New class started in Dec. Open to all 8th graders. Eagle-required badge.

Communications (K. Nichols) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Dog Care (Lonie) – Underway. Open to all Scouts with a dog.
Genealogy (Lonie) – Underway. Open to all scouts.
Cycling (Lee) – Open to all. Underway. See recent emails.
Scholarship (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)
January
26 Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)
29-31 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)
February
6 Eagle Court of Honor – Michael D. & Kyle T.
27-28 Ski Weekend (Bear Valley)
March
Tbd Snow Camping
April
Tbd Multi-Council Jamboree (Pleasanton Campgrounds)

Announcements
Merit Badge Counselors Needed – Any parent who has an interest or expertise in a particular subject area can lead a merit badge activity. To see a complete list of the merit badges offered, visit the merit badge website at www.meritbadge.org.

Contact Mr. Brown if you are willing to help out or for more information.