Committee Chair Update – John Hager

New Hiking Coordinator – John welcomed Sam Habib as Troop 84’s Hiking Coordinator. Sam will be organizing regular 10-mile hikes around the bay area. Keep an eye out for emails announcing upcoming hikes, including the first on March 27th around Lake Chabot.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown

100-year anniversary of Scouting – 2010 marks the 100th year anniversary of Scouting and many activities and celebrations are planned during the year, including 4 special merit badges. Mike shared the history of Scouting with the troop on Feb. 9th.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Jan. 31, 2010) – Rick Martin

Past Activities

Court of Honor – Troop 84 held its quarterly Court of Honor on Tues. Jan. 26th. 12 Scouts earned rank advancements with 3 of the 12 advancing two ranks. 33 merit badges were awarded. Congratulations to all.

Merit Badge Weekend – Troop 84’s annual merit badge weekend was held on Jan. 29-31 at Camp Herms. It was very successful, with 30 Scouts attending and working on a number of merit badges. In addition, 8 Webelos joined on Sat. night for dinner & entertainment. Thank you to all the adults who helped out, especially Kathi Nichols for organizing the weekend.

Eagle Court of Honor – Two Eagle Scouts, Michael D. and Kyle T., were honored on Sat. Feb. 6th. Congratulations to both Scouts!

Upcoming Activities

Snow Camping (Mar 20-21) – Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip, led by Lou Poitras, will take place on Mar. 20-21. The only requirement in order to participate is for a Scout to have completed one overnight backpacking trip. See recent email for permission slip.

10-Mile Hike (Mar 27) – Sam Habib, Troop 84’s new Hiking Coordinator, is leading a 10-mile hike on March 27th at Lake Chabot. It is open to all Scouts and family members. More details soon.

Multi-Council Jamboree (Apr 16-18) – As part of the 100-year anniversary celebrations, this year’s Jamboree will involve all councils in Northern California and take place on Apr. 16-18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. It’s expected to be an exciting weekend of activities with thousands of Scouts and guests participating.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Summer Camp (Lee) – Summer camp is still more than three months away but planning efforts are underway. This year, Troop 84 is offering two camps for the Scouts to attend, both the week of June 27 – July 3: Camp Wente (open to all Scouts) and Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island (for second year Scouts and older). More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

50-Milers (Perkins) – Two 50-mile backpacking trips are planned for this summer. The first, July 17-24, will take place at Mt. Lassen, and is geared toward beginner or first-time hikers. The second is for Scouts that are either Eagle or Life with one previous 50-miler or Star with two previous 50-milers (any exceptions must be approved by Mr. Perkins), and will take place in mid August culminating in climbing to the top of Mt. Whitney. See recent emails from Ken Tatum for more details.

Merit Badges

Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.

Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Underway. 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) – Underway. 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.

Reading (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.

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

March

20-21 Snow Camping New Date

27 10-mile Hike (Lake Chabot) New Date

27 Church Clean-up (COV)

April

12 Conditioning Hikes begin

16-18 Multi-Council Jamboree (Pleasanton Campgrounds)

Announcements

OA Elections – OA Elections are scheduled for Tues. Mar. 9th at the weekly Troop 84 meeting. 50% of the troop must be present for the elections to be valid. Please encourage your Scout to attend the meeting that night.

Approval for Expenditure – At the monthly parent meeting on Feb. 9th, Kim Lonie moved that the troop allow Troop 84’s Historian Callum L. to purchase a scrapbook and related supplies not to exceed $100, in order to begin building a pictorial history of Troop 84. After a short discussion, the parents present unanimously approved the motion.