Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie for John Hager

Approval for Expenditure – At the monthly parent meeting on March 9th, Mike Brown moved that the troop purchase five tents, at a cost not to exceed $600, for the high adventure backpacking trips. The reason for the purchase is to replace older tents and to take advantage of sale prices at REI. After a lengthy discussion, the parents present approved the motion. It was also recommended that the troop consider putting in place a Budget Committee to review trip expenditure procedures as well as establish an annual budgeting process. Kim agreed to follow up on the suggestions with the ASM committee.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown

Multi-Council Jamboree – Mike mentioned that the troop has 28 Scouts and adults attending the Northern California Jamboree in honor of Scouting’s 100 year anniversary on April 16-18 in Pleasanton. While the campsites are full, individuals can still purchase day passes for Sat. 4/17. You are encouraged to purchase the passes in advance as space may not be available at the gate. See the following district website for more details: http://www.100thanniversaryjamboree.org.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Feb. 28, 2010) – Rick Martin

Past Activities
None since the last newsletter was sent out.

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. See additional information above from Mike Brown about purchasing day passes if interested in attending.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Conditioning Hikes – Conditioning hikes, to prepare Scouts for the 50-milers later this summer, or just for some good exercise, will take place every Mon. and Thurs. evenings at 7 pm, starting on April 12th. Meet across the street from Scott Perkins’ house for a prompt departure at 7:05 pm. Family members are welcome.

Summer Camp (Lee) – Summer camp is less than three months away and final payments are due to Aaron Lee by the end of March. NOTE: All attending Scouts and adults are required to have the correct medical form completed and signed by their doctor. Forms are available on Troop 84’s website.

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 a hike 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. Eagle-required.

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
21 New Scout Orientation (Brown)
27 10-mile Hike (Lake Chabot)

April
12 Conditioning Hikes begin
16-18 Multi-Council Jamboree (Pleasanton Fairgrounds)
24 10-mile Hike (Round Valley Regional Preserve)

May
2 50-mile Charity Bike Ride (Napa)
15 Eagle Court for Elliott M. & David P. (1 pm, San Ramon Community Center)

Announcements / Other News
None