Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Welcome to new Scouts and their families – John welcomed all the new parents to Troop 84. 6 boys crossed over from Montevideo in March.
Mark Camenzind – Mark Slauson mentioned that Mark Camenzind, an ASM with Troop 84 and parent of Eagle candidate, has been in intensive care for the past two months, suffering from complications from pneumonia. A motion was made to purchase a centennial commemorative shirt for him, at a cost not to exceed $100, as a showing of the troop’s thoughts and prayers. The motion passed unanimously.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown

Multi-Council Jamboree – Mike provided details on the Jamboree, including camping gear, day passes and more.

New Scout & Parent Orientation – Mike reminded new parents of a new Scout orientation on Sun. April 25th at 3pm at Las Trampas Park.

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

Past Activities

Church Cleanup – James K. led a team of 11 Scouts and 4 adults in a cleanup effort at COV on Sat. Feb 13. Thanks to all who helped out.

Snow Camping – 4 Scouts and 2 adults took part in Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip on Mar. 20-21. They had good weather and lots of snow, allowing the boys to build one large shelter. Thanks to Lou Poitras for organizing the trip and teaching the Scouts the art of survival in such conditions.

10-Mile Hike – Sam Habib and Scott Perkins led 9 Scouts and 6 adults on a 10-mile hike around Lake Chabot on March 27th. They enjoyed good weather and identified more than 10 plants and animals.

Multi-Council Jamboree – A number of Troop 84 Scouts and adults attended the Jamboree on April 16-18. There were a variety of activities and events, and despite the long food lines, everyone had a great time.

Upcoming Activities

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

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Eagle Court of Honor – Three new Eagle Scouts, Joshua C., Elliott M. and David P., will be recognized on Sat. May 15th at 3 pm at the Dougherty Station Community Center. All Scouts and their families are invited. Attending Scouts must wear their Class A uniform.

Summer Camp (Lee) – Preparations for summer camp are in full gear. 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. For more details on the camps, daily schedules and merit badges being offered, visit (for Wente) http://www.wentescoutreservation.org/CampOffice/FormsMaps.html & http://www.sgvcbsa.org/archive/camping_ccv.php (Cherry Valley).

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.

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)

April

27 Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)

May

2 50-mile Charity Bike Ride (Napa)

15 Eagle Court of Honor (Dougherty Station Comm Center)

June

26/27 Summer Camps begin (Cherry Valley & Wente)

Announcements / Other News

Equipment Swap – At the next parent meeting, on Tues. May 11th, Troop 84 will hold an equipment swap (including gently used Scout gear, camping equipment, etc). More details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.