Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Annual Registration & Dues – Collection of Troop 84’s annual dues is underway and due to Kim Lonie no later than Tues. Dec. 14th. The cost is $100 per Scout, with a $5 discount to a second Scout in the same family. Eagle Scouts are $15. A subscription to Boys’ Life magazine is an additional $12. Checks should be made out to Troop 84.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown

Adult Leaders Required – Mike reminded parents that Troop 84’s continued success requires active involvement from a large number of adults. There are many ways you can become involved, from Assistant Scoutmaster to Merit Badge Counselor to simply helping out on one of the many Scout outings. Any parent who has an interest or expertise in a particular subject area (over 120 different areas) can serve as a Merit Badge Counselor. Please contact Mike Brown if you are willing to help out or for more information.

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

On file.

Past Activities

10-mile Hike – Sam Habib led a group of Scouts and parents on a 10-mile hike up Mt. Tamalpais on Sat. Oct. 16. The Scouts did map and compass work along the way.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – On Tues. Oct. 19th, Troop 84, led by Mike Brown, held a U.S. flag retirement ceremony on the hill behind Old Ranch Park. Scouts, Webelos and family members attended. It was a beautiful night and very moving ceremony.

Upcoming Activities

10-mile Hike (Nov. 27) – Troop 84 will hike in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness on Sat., Nov 27th. This will be a great opportunity to work off Thanksgiving dinner. Meet at COV at 8:15am and leave promptly at 8:30am. Contact Mr. Habib by Nov. 19th if interested.

Mistletoe Sales (Slanec) – Once again, Troop 84 is selling mistletoe during the first two weekends in December at several neighborhood grocery stores. This is Troop 84’s only fundraiser and everyone is required to participate. All Scouts and their parents are expected to help with bagging of the mistletoe on Fri. Dec. 3rd after school at the Lee’s house. Pizza will be served. In addition, all Scouts need to sign up to sell mistletoe for two sessions during the two weekend selling period, and parents are asked to sign up for one session. Please email Candy Slanec as soon as possible to pick your timeslots if you haven’t done so already.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Eagle Court of Honor (Jan 8) – Eagle Scout David C. will be recognized on Sat. Jan 8th at the Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. All Scouts and their families are invited. Please save the date. More details and invitations will be forthcoming next month.

Court of Honor (Jan 25) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. Jan. 25th at 7:30 pm at COV. All Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required.

Merit Badge Weekend (Jan 28-30) – Troop 84’s annual merit badge weekend, held at Camp Hermis located atop the El Cerrito Hills, will take place Jan 29-31. First year Scouts are encouraged to attend as the focus will be on rank advancement. Please have your Scout let Kathi Nichols know as soon as possible if they plan to attend, if they have not done so already. She needs an accurate count of attendees so she can plan the merit badges that will be offered.

Merit Badges

Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Hiking (Brown) – Ongoing. Open to all Scouts.
Cit in Community (H. Martin) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Communications (K. Nichols) – Starting in Oct. Eagle-required.
Scholarship (Houston) - Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested
Reading (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.
Tracking (Tatum) – Centennial badge. Open to all. Underway.
Pathfinding (Tatum) – Centennial badge. Open to all. Underway.
Signaling (Koupal) – Centennial badge. Open to all. Underway.

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

Nov
20 Scouting for Food - Collection
27 10-mile Hike (Las Trampas)

Dec
4-5 Mistletoe Bagging & Sales
11-12 Mistletoe Sales

Jan 2011
1 10-mile Hike (Location TBD)
8 Eagle Court of Honor – David C.
25 Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)
28-30 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Hermis)

Announcements / Other News

Happy Thanksgiving!!