Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie
A big welcome to all those first time parents as their son has joined Troop 84! So glad to have you with us!
Due to rain the Chabot hike was canceled. Plan to attend this Saturday hike.
Approval from the group was made to purchase or (free if applicable) for the software QuickBooks for our treasurer.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
At the last month’s troop meetings, the scouts worked on the eagle required Environmental Science merit badge. Great job! There were two Webelos cross-overs and two more crossovers this month.
The pre Camporee and Camporee permission slips have been e-mailed and Mr. Brown encourages your scout to attend.
The semi annual meeting with the troop was held last Saturday and they have tentatively filled a calendar of activities until November. The next meeting will be in August. This calendar addresses more plans for recruiting Webelos at the end of the year, more short term camping and short back packing trips planned. A schedule of all these upcoming events will be e-mailed shortly.
And if you are interested in receiving the 2011 Guide to Safe Scouting, please let Mike know.
Mike would also like to hold a youth protection parent meeting, looking for more than 12 or more parents to attend.
Planning ahead, in order to go to the Sea Base scouting adventure, there will be a deposit required to hold a spot for this high adventure which will be planned in 2013.

Advancement Chair – Kathi Nichols
Kathi was conducting board of reviews. A board of review occurs when a scout has accomplished all the requirements to move up a rank. This board is a group of parents who make sure the scout has fulfilled the requirements and asks the scout questions about things he had done to earn the rank. This review helps the scout team interview techniques. E-mails will be sent looking for parents to be on these boards. It is a great opportunity.
Please note the change of Save the Date for Spencer and Bart’s Eagle Court. It will now be held on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Ongoing
Friends of Scouting - Umesh Apte is asking for final donations for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. If you have not contributed, contact apteumesh@yahoo.com

Troop Roster – Thank you for making changes and adding the names of the new scouts. An update roster will be sent next month. If there are any changes to your e-mails, addresses or phone numbers, please contact Maureen Brooks at brooks238@comcast.net. Thank you.

Membership – We have 12 new scouts. Nancy Ozawa is looking into offering other cub scouts groups a scout night at their Pack meeting. Our Troop will provide scout essentials to the cub scouts during the meeting. It is a great opportunity for the cub scouts as well as our own Troop 84 scouts.

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

On file
Upcoming Activities
Snow camping – Camping at Big Meadow Camp Ground will take place on Sat. March 19 - 20. There will be preparations at our next den meeting. If your scout is interested and or want to go. Please contact LOUIS POITRAS lpoitras1@prodigy.net
Pre-Camporee will be held at Mt. Diablo on Sat. April 2- 3. Camporee – It will be held on April 29 -May 1. An e-mail was sent. If you did not receive this information and your scout is interested in attending, please contact Mike Brown.
Camp Oljato is located on Hunting Lake in Lakeshore. Contact Aaron Lee immediately if your scout is planning to attend and has not made a $100 deposit. All new scouts registration down payment is due April 1. All medical forms are due to Aaron by May 1. Bonus: No poison oak!
If a parent is interested in attending camp and helping the scouts, please let Mr. Lee know. This is a worthwhile experience for you and your scout. cptaaronlee@yahoo.com

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (Brown) – Underway Eagle-required.
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Underway Eagle-required.
Hiking (Habib) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.
Cit in Community (Rettig) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Cit in Nation (Brown) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Disabilities (Rettig) – Underway.
Inventing (Kennedy) – Underway.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)
Always check the web site for updates
March 12 Day Hike – Lake Chabot
March 15 Parent Orientation 7:30 COV - A backpacking equipment demo will be held. Everyone is invited!
March 19-20 Snow camping
March 31 Montevideo cross-over
April 2-3 Pre Camporee Rock City at Mt. Diablo
April 29 – May 1 Camporee at Ranchos Los Mochos
June 26 – July 2 Camp Oljato