Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie

COV Relations – Mark Vicars, Kim Lonie and John Hager recently met with the church leaders. It was a good meeting, with the following resolutions:

- All troop communications with the church need to be funneled through Kim Lonie or Mark Vicars.
- “Good turn days” – the troop will ensure it meets its obligation to do quarterly work days at the church.
- Storage shed – on hold until COV obtains approval for its site changes. In the meantime, Kim is exploring options.

Annual fee increase being considered – The Troop Executive Committee is exploring increasing the annual registration fee from $65 to $100, due to rising costs. Proposal will be presented to the troop at the Sept. 12th parent meeting.

Treasurer’s Report (as of July 31st) – Audrey Fate

The troop is still needs someone to take over for Audrey who is stepping down as Treasurer. See John Hager if interested.

Advancement Report – Kim Lonie for Kathy Nichols

Matt G. and Stephen N. are scheduled to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout on Sept. 9th. Tommy W. received approval for his Eagle project last week. Four other scouts are nearing completion of their Eagle projects: Eli R., Mitch M., David B. and Jovo V.

Past Events

July 25 Troop Meeting (pool party) – The evening was a great success with more than 45 people in attendance. The troop is considering making this an annual event every July.

Hikes – the 10 and 20-mile hikes have been put on hold due to the absence of a Hiking Coordinator to organize and lead these activities. If you are interested in taking on this position, please contact Mark Vicars.

Upcoming Activities

50-miler – 4 scouts and 4 adults went hiking in the South Warner Wilderness in the northeast corner of California.

Camping Trip (Aug 26-27) – Trip will take place at Camp Wolfeboro. Scouts will have an opportunity to work on several merit badges including shotgun, rifle and climbing. Troop needs an ASM to coordinate this trip. See Lou Poitras.

Troop Court of Honor (Aug. 29) – ALL Scouts must come in Full Class A uniform.

Merit Badge Fair (Sept. 16) – Troop 834 organizes a full day for scouts to work on merit badges. More details soon.

Rafting Trip (Sept. 23-24) – More details forthcoming from Dave Dawson. This is always a fun weekend for the scouts.

Merit Badges in Progress

Personal Fitness – sessions are underway. See Mr. Wickboldt.

Small Boat Sailing – postponed until further notice.

Upcoming Merit Badges

Communications – for scouts entering 7th grade or higher. Mrs. Nichols will email eligible scouts.

Citizenship in the World – for Star scouts in 8th grade or above. Mrs. Nichols will email eligible scouts.

Personal Management – scouts 9th grade and up. Date TBD

Aviation – Look for an email from Ken Koupal.

Three Ways to Earn Merit Badges

Scouts can earn merit badges in several different ways:

1. Attend camps or troop meetings in which specific badges are being offered.
2. Participate in special sessions organized by a Merit Badge Counselor for the specific purpose of completing a badge.
3. Complete a specific badge on your own. Before beginning, however, you must contact a Merit Badge Counselor for the specific badge you’re interested in to obtain approval to proceed. Check with Mrs. Nichols to find out who is a counselor for the specific badge you want to pursue.

A complete list of all merit badges that are available, along with the specific requirements for completion, can be found at www.meritbadge.com

Key Dates for Upcoming Events

See www.troop84bsa.org for details on all future events

August

26-27 Camping Trip (Wolfeboro)

29 Court of Honor (COV)

September

9 Eagle Court of Honor (Canyon Creek Pres. Church)

16 Merit Badge Fair (Troop 834)

23-24 Fall Rafting Trip (South fork of American River)

29-Oct. 1 District Camporee (Camp Parks)

October

14-15 Pinnacles Backpacking trip

28-29 Backpacking (Angel Island)

Announcement Corner

Opportunities for Parent Participation: There are many opportunities for parents to get involved with our troop:

- Treasurer – Contact John Hager for more info.
- Hiking Coordinator – Individual to organize and lead 10- and 20-mile hikes. See Mr. Vicars if you’re interested.
- Merit Badge Counselors – Any parent who is interested in a particular subject area can lead a merit badge activity. See Mr. Vicars or Mrs. Lonie for more details.

Sept 12 Parent Meeting – Discussion and voting will take place on a possible increase in the annual dues. Please attend.