Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Equipment Storage Shed – Location of a storage shed on church property is not expected to be resolved any time soon as COV needs to obtain city approval for its proposed site changes. Alternatives have been explored and it’s been determined that the best option (also used by other troops) is to rent a storage facility (7x10 unit). Funds not currently in the troop budget. As such, the Executive Committee put forth a motion to increase the annual fees to cover these costs.

Annual fee increase approved – After some discussion, the parents present at the Sept. 12 parent meeting unanimously approved increasing the troop’s annual fees to cover increased costs (including the cost of a storage unit for the troop’s equipment). A discount for a second Scout from the same family continues. This increase, the first in many years, brings the fees in line with those of other troops in the area.

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

Audrey announced that we have a new Treasurer -- Rick Martin. Thanks Rick for volunteering for this important job! Authorized signers for Troop 84's checking account are: Mark Vicars (Scoutmaster), John Hager (Committee Chair), Rick Martin (Treasurer), Scott Perkins and Kim Lonie.

Advancement Report – Kathi Nichols

Eagle Projects – Tommy and Donny expect to begin their Eagle projects in late Sept. or October. Look out for emails from them seeking Scout help.

Next Board of Review -- The next board of review for advancement is Tues. Sept 26. Scouts must call Kathi Nichols to schedule their review. Please do not wait until the night before to call. A Scout advances to the next rank upon completion of their board review. It is expected that there will be several more board of reviews this fall to facilitate advancement before the next Court of Honor in late January.

Past Events

Eagle Court of Honor – The ceremony honoring Matt and Stephen on Sat. Sept 9 was well attended by Troop 84 Scouts and parents. Congratulations to both Matt and Stephen on this significant achievement!

50-Miler – 4 Scouts and 4 adults completed the backpacking trip in the north-east corner of Cal. in mid August. They had a great time, with good weather and scenery and few bugs and other human beings.

Upcoming Activities

Rafting Trip (Sept. 23-24) – Permission slips and money were due Sept 19. It’s a great opportunity to mix with other troops and get some requirements signed off. See Mark Vicars with any questions.

Pinnacles Hiking Trip (Oct 13-15) – This is a 2-night trip, with a 10-mile hike on Sat. Permission slip and money were due Sept. 19. See Mark Slauson for more details.

Merit Badges in Progress

Personal Fitness (Mr. Wickboldt) – scouts have completed the intro sessions and are now in training for 3+ months.

Upcoming Merit Badges

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


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

Aviation – Look for an email from Ken Koupal.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events

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

September

23-24 Fall Rafting Trip (South fork of American River)
29-Oct. 1 District Camporee (Camp Parks)

October

8 Semi-Annual Planning Meeting NEW!
13-15 Pinnacles Backpacking trip
21 Church Clean-up (COV) (9am – 12 noon) NEW!
28 5-Mile Hike (Las Trampas Park) NEW!
28-29 Backpacking (Angel Island) – CANCELLED

November

TBA Train Ride to Old Town Sacramento
18/19 Eagle Court of Honor (Date/Loc TBA)

December

1–3 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Hermas)
9 – 10 Mistletoe sales
16 – 17 Mistletoe sales

Announcement Corner

Semi-Annual Planning Mtg (Oct. 8) – 1 p.m. at Mountain Mike’s Pizza. Look for email from Mark Vicars with details.

Camp Hermas Merit Badge Weekend (Dec 1-3) – See email from Kathi Nichols seeking info on who plans to attend and what merit badges should be offered.

Mistletoe Fundraiser – This is Troop 84’s only fundraiser. Scouts will be expected to help out during the two weekends in Dec. More details next month.