TROOP84
NEWSLETTER
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Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Annual Registration – Collection is underway for the troop’s annual dues of $100. If you have not done so, please pay Kim Lonie as soon as possible.
Troop Meeting Location – The Executive Committee is exploring options for the troop and its meetings.

Scoutmaster’s Update – Mark Vicars
Mark reported that 2006 was a good year for the troop with a large number of activities being held and many Scouts advancing, including 8 new Eagle Scouts. A preliminary schedule for the first half of 2007 will be posted soon.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Nov. 30th) – Audrey Fate

Past Events
Eagle Projects – Thanks to all those Scouts who volunteered their time over the past few months for the numerous Eagle projects that were being conducted.
Scouting for Food – Scout Ron S. led this activity over two weekends in November and the troop facilitated the collection of a large amount of food.
Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Hermns) – 36 Scouts, 5 Webelos and a number of adults enjoyed a great weekend at Camp Hermns. A special thanks to the kitchen crew for the delicious food!
Mistletoe Sales (Martin/Laufer) – The troop’s only fundraiser was a huge success! On Sat. 12/9 morning, a group of Scouts and parents bagged over 2000 bags of mistletoe. The total raised, after two weekends of sales, was the highest amount ever. Thanks to everyone for making it so successful! A very special thanks goes to Harold Martin & Jim Lauffer for the many hours they put in to organize and lead this event!!

Upcoming Activities
Advancement Day (Jan. 5) (Perkins) – Scott Perkins has organized a half day session (8:30am – 1pm) on Fri. Jan. 5th at COV for younger scouts to complete their requirements for advancement to Tenderfoot, Second and/or First Class. Please mark this day on your calendars. In the afternoon, Lou Poitras will continue the First Aid Merit Badge with those who started it at Camp Hermns. 
5-mile Hike (Jan. 6) (Perkins) – Scott Perkins is leading a 5-mile hike for all interested Scouts. This is a great opportunity for the younger scouts to get some compass work.
Ski Strip (Jan 21-22) (Slauson) – Mark Slauson has offered to coordinate a ski trip to Bear Valley. See email for details.
Next Court of Honor (Jan. 30) – Scouts ready for advancement must contact Kathi Nichols to schedule their board of review in advance of this date.

Advancement Report – Kathi Nichols
2006 in Review – We had a very successful year in terms of advancement, with 8 Scouts reaching the rank of Eagle and nearly 50 other rank advancements. Congrats to all the boys.
Eagle Courts of Honor – Two courts have been scheduled to recognize 4 new Eagle Scouts: Mitch Moschetti and David B.’s ceremony is on Sat. March 3. Jovo V. and Donny A. will be honored on April 21. More details will be forthcoming.

Merit Badges Underway
Citizenship in the Nation (Driisko) – 8 Scouts participating.
First Aid (Poitras) – For those Scouts that began this badge at Camp Hermns, Lou will have a follow-up session on Friday afternoon, Jan 5th at COV.

Upcoming Merit Badges
Citizenship in the Community (Perkins) – Open to First Class Scouts and above. Plan to start in February.
Aviation (Koupal) – Open to all interested Scouts. Jan. start.
Dog Care (K. Lonie) – Open to all interested Scouts. Jan. start.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events
See www.troop84bsa.org for details on all future events
January
5  Advancement Day & First Aid Merit Badge (COV)
6  5-Mile Hike
20-21 Skiing Weekend (Bear Valley)
30  Court of Honor (COV)

February
Tbd  Rock Climbing

March
3  Eagle Court of Honor
Tbd  Snow Camping

April
17  Court of Honor
21  Eagle Court of Honor
27-29  Camporee (Ranchos Los Mochos)

May
19-20  Overnight backpacking trip (Angel Island)

Announcement Corner
Hiking Coordinator Needed – An adult is needed to coordinate all hikes. See Mark Vicars if interested.

Merit Badge Counselors – Parents are needed to sign up to be merit badge counselors, especially for Environmental Science, Personal Management, Cycling and Hiking. See Mark Vicars for details.