Scoutmaster Update – Mark Vicars

2007 Troop Activity Calendar – The troop’s website, www.troop84bsa.org, has been updated with all the upcoming activities for 2007. We have a full schedule with two opportunities to attend summer camp and two different 50-milers (more on both below). Please take a look at the website for all the events planned for the year.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Dec 31st 2006) – Audrey Fate

Past Events

Mistletoe Sales (Martin/Lauffer) – The final figures for the troop’s mistletoe sales were our highest year ever! Thanks again 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!! Anyone interested in taking responsibility for this event next year should see Mr. Vicars.

Advancement Day (Perkins) – Scott Perkins led a half-day session on Jan. 5th for younger scouts to complete their requirements for advancement to Tenderfoot, Second and/or First Class. It went well with 12-15 Scouts participating, and 6 older Scouts helping out.

5-mile Hike (Perkins) – Scott Perkins led a 5-mile hike on Jan. 6th which gave some of the younger scouts a chance to get some compass work and complete other requirements.

Upcoming Activities

Next Court of Honor (Jan. 30) – All Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend. Scouts must be in full uniform.

Friends of Scouting (Driisko) – February is the month of Mt. Diablo Silverado Council’s annual fundraising campaign. All families should have received a letter in the mail from Mr. Driisko along with a brochure from the Council. More information, along with a pledge form, will be provided at the Court of Honor on Jan. 30th. Everyone is encouraged to contribute.

Summer Camp (Vicars) – This year, the troop will be offering two summer camps for the Scouts to attend, both the week of July 1-7: Camp Wente (same as last year) and Cherry Valley (on Catalina Island). More details soon.

50-Milers – Two 50-mile hikes are being scheduled for this summer. The first, the week of July 15-21, will be lead by Mr. Perkins, at Lassen and geared towards beginner or first-time hikers. The second, lead by Mr. Vicars, will take place at Hellfisher Pass in mid August. More details forthcoming.

Eagle Courts of Honor – Two courts have been scheduled to recognize 4 new Eagle Scouts: Mitch Moschetti and David Birnbaum’s ceremony will be on Sat. March 3rd at 3 pm at Iron Horse Middle School. Jovo Vijanderan and Donny Arnold will be honored on April 21st at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. More details on both events will be forthcoming.

Merit Badges Underway

Citizenship in the Nation (Driisko) – 8 Scouts participating.

First Aid (Poirtra) – Nearly complete

Communications (K. Nichols/K. Mintz) – Started this month with Scouts in 7th grade and above.

Aviation (Koupal) – Underway with 10 Scouts participating.

Upcoming Merit Badges


Citizenship in the Community (Perkins) – Open to First Class Scouts and above. Plan to start in February.

Dog Care (K. Loné) – Open to all interested Scouts with dogs.

Woodworking (Dawson) – Open to Scouts in 9th grade & above.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events
See www.troop84bsa.org for details on all future events

January

30 Court of Honor (COV)

February

3 Railroading Merit Badge Trip
10 Indoor Rock Climbing

March

3 Eagle Court of Honor (Iron Horse Middle School)
Tbd Snow Camping
Tbd Pre Camporee

April

17 Court of Honor (COV)
21 Eagle Court of Honor (Livermore)
28-29 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.

Counselor-in-Training Program – The district is starting to take applications for its CIT program this summer. Must be 14 years or older. See Mr. Vicars if interested.