Committee Chair Update – John Hager

2007 Troop Activity Calendar – Check out the troop’s website, www.troop84bsa.org, for a complete list of activities for 2007, including two opportunities to attend summer camp & two different 50-milers (more on both below).

Storage Shed – Good news! Roger Brotherson has graciously offered a shed – at no cost to the troop! - to store all of the troop’s equipment. A huge thanks!

Treasurer’s Report (as of Jan 31st 2007) – Audrey Fate

On file
The troop hopes to transfer the accounts to Rick Martin, the new Treasurer, in the next few weeks. A special thanks to Audrey Fate (Donny A.’s mother) for managing the troop’s accounts for the past 5 years!

Past Events
Court of Honor – 30 Scouts obtained rank advancements and another 29 received merit badges at the last Court of Honor on Jan. 30th. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Activities

Snow Camping (Poitras) – The dates have been set for the troop’s annual snow camping trip March 10-11. The only requirement, in order to participate, is for a Scout to have completed one overnight backpacking trip. Still need an older Scout to lead the trip. More details in the next few weeks.

Summer Camp (Vicars/Drisko) – This year, the troop is 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). See emails from Mark Drisko for more details. Deposits are due now to secure a space.

50-Milers – Two 50-mile backpacking trips are planned for this summer. The first, at Lassen during the week of July 14-22, will be lead by Mr. Perkins, and geared towards beginner or first-time hikers. The second, for experienced hikers only andled by Mr. Vicars, will take place at King’s Canyon/ Hellfisher Pass in mid-August. More details soon.

Advancement Report – Kathi Nichols

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

Merit Badges Underway
Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – 8 Scouts participating.
First Aid (Poitras) – Nearly complete. A first aid night will take place at one of the troop meetings later this month so the participating Scouts can demonstrate what they have learned.

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

Aviation (Koupal) – Underway with 10 Scouts participating

Upcoming Merit Badges

Environmental Science (Dami) – For Scouts approaching the rank of Eagle and still in need of this badge.

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

Citizenship in the World (K. Nichols) – For Star Scouts in 8th grade & above. Mrs. Nichols to email eligible Scouts.

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

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

Cycling – Plan to start in March. Counselor needed to lead effort.

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

February
24 Indoor Rock Climbing (Berkeley)
March
3 Eagle Court of Honor (Iron Horse Middle School)
10-11 Snow Camping
31-4/1 Pre Camporee (Location TBD)
April
14-15 2-Day Backpacking Trip (Sunol)
17 Court of Honor (COV)
21 Eagle Court of Honor (Livermore)
27-29 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
May
19-20 Overnight Backpacking Trip (Angel Island)

Announcement Corner

Friends of Scouting – Mt. Diablo Silverado Council’s annual fundraiser (Drisko) – If you haven’t done so already, please consider contributing to the local council’s annual fundraising campaign. See emails from Mark Drisko for details.

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

Merit Badge Counselors – Parents are encouraged to sign up to be merit badge counselors. There are more than 125 merit badges to select from and all the materials are provided. See Mark Vicars for more details.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program – The district is taking applications for its CIT program at Camp Wolfeboro this summer. It lasts for 3 weeks and is free. Scouts must be 14 years or older. See Mr. Vicars if interested.