Scoutmaster Update – Mark Vicars
Storage Shed – Scott Perkins announced that the city will allow the troop to use an existing wood shed on a locked city lot for storage of its camping gear. It needs some clean-up, but is otherwise in great shape. And the best news—it’s free and should be available for at least five years!

Eagle projects – There are a number of Eagle projects that are coming up in the next few months. These are great opportunities for your Scout to help a fellow Scout and, at the same time, earn service hours. Look out for emails.

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

Past Events
Pre-Camporee – Three weeks ago, 12 Scouts, including five new troop members, attended the troop’s annual Pre-Camporee at Rancho Los Mochos. They all had a good time and were able to get a number of camping requirements signed off.

Upcoming Activities
Forest Home Farms Clean-up – In conjunction with Earth Day, Forest Home Farms is holding a clean-up on Sunday, April 22, from 11 am – 2 pm. Scouts are encouraged to help out and earn service hours. Bring gloves and gardening tools.

Camporee (Slauson) – The annual District Camporee is coming up next weekend, April 27-29, at Rancho Los Mochos. It’s a fun weekend with a number of patrol competition activities taking place. See recent email from Mark Drisko with more details and a permission slip. Cost: $35. Due: Apr. 24.

Conditioning Hikes (Perkins) – Conditioning hikes, to prepare Scouts for the 50-milers later this summer, will begin in late April. They will be held every Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm from outside Scott Perkins’ home. Look out for more details in the next few weeks.

Troop Planning meeting (Vicars) – The troop’s semi-annual planning meeting will be held on Sat. May 5th at 1 pm at Mt. Mike’s Pizza. Scouts are encouraged to come and help plan the troop’s activities for the rest of the year. Pizza lunch provided.

Summer Camp (Vicars/Drisko) – Final payments will be due next month for summer camp (Camp Wente & Cherry Valley). Scouts will need to have updated medical forms to attend. More details will be forthcoming from Mark Drisko.

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 Scouts 14 yrs & older, will be led by Mr. Vicars and take place at King’s Canyon/Hell For Sure Pass in mid August. Sign-ups begin later this month.

Advancement Report –
Eagle Court of Honor – Two new Eagle Scouts, Donny A. and Jovo V., will be recognized this Saturday, April 21st at 11 am at the Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. All Scouts and their families are invited. Attending Scouts must wear their Class A uniforms.

Next Court of Honor (April 24) – All parents and Scouts are encouraged to attend the Court of Honor on Tues. April 24 at 7:30 pm at COV. All Scouts must wear their Class A uniforms.

Merit Badges Underway
Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – 8 Scouts participating.
Communications (K. Nichols/K. Mintz) – Nearly complete
Aviation (Koupal) – Underway with 10 Scouts participating.
Citizenship in the Community (Perkins) – Underway.
Sports (Martin) – First meeting was held on April 17th.
Dog Care (K. Lonie) – New this month.

Upcoming Merit Badges
Environmental Science (Dani) – For Scouts approaching the rank of Eagle and still in need of this badge.
Woodworking (Dawson) – Open to Scouts in 9th grade & above.
Cycling (Camenzind) – Plan to start in May.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)
April
21 Eagle Court of Honor (Livermore)
22 Forest Home Farms Clean-up
24 Court of Honor (COV)
27-29 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
May
5 Semi-annual planning meeting (Mtn Mike’s Pizza)
19-20 Overnight Backpacking Trip (Angel Island)

Announcement Corner
Other Opportunities for Service Hours –
(1) Montevideo Elementary School is holding its annual carnival on Sat. April 28th from 11 am – 3 pm. Scouts are needed to help run booths and clean-up after the event. Service hours can be earned. Contact Noreen Hudson at 829-8684 if you are interested in helping out.
(2) American Cancer Society – See email from Mark Slauson for opportunities to help over the next few months.

Bike Rodeo – On Sat. May 5th, Danville is hosting a “Spring Fest” to promote safety and wellness in the community. It’s from 10 am – 2 pm at the Danville Community Center. Local Boy Scout troops are hosting the Bike Rodeo portion of the event. It will include bike inspections and safety checks, theft prevention, workshop on how to repair a flat tire, obstacle course and much more. It’s free. Bring your bike and helmet.