Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Eagle projects – There are several Eagle projects coming up in the next few months. These are great opportunities for your Scout to help a fellow Scout and also earn service hours.

Webelos Recruitment – During the next few months the troop will be organizing various recruitment activities for the Webelos. Mark Slauson, Ed Bueché, and Mark Drisko have agreed to coordinate the effort. Additional volunteers are needed to represent Troop 84. Please contact any of the above three men if you can help out in any way.

Troop Data – The troop continues to explore ways to maintain the Scout roster, along with email addresses and patrol information, making them accessible as well as ensuring the security of the data. Ken Tatum has agreed to research the options and prepare a proposal for the parents’ consideration.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Aug. 31st 2007) – Rick Martin

(on file)

Past Events

Eagle Court of Honor – Two new Eagle Scouts, Stanley Cheung and Ryan Loobbourouw, were recognized on Aug. 11th. Congratulations to both!

Court of Honor – On Sept 4th, the troop held a Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of the Scouts over the past few months. 18 Scouts earned rank advancements and nearly 120 merit badges were awarded. Congratulations to all!!

Summer Camps (Slauson/Drisko) – 27 Scouts attended Cherry Valley and another 8 spent a week at Wente at the beginning of July. Both groups enjoyed great weather and a memorable experience. Check the website for camp photos. Next year the troop will return to Camp Wolfeboro.

50-Milers – This past summer the troop organized two 50-milers. The first, at Lassen and led by Scott Perkins, was cut short by rain, after approximately 25 miles. Everyone still had a great time. The second trip took place in John Muir Wilderness and was geared to the older Scouts. Led by Mark Vicars, the Scouts enjoyed both great weather and scenery.

Upcoming Activities

Overnight and White-water Rafting Trip (Sept 22-23) – Dave Dawson is leading this annual overnight and rafting trip on the American River.

Semi-Annual Planning Meeting (Oct 6) – The troop will hold its 6-month planning meeting on Sat. Oct 6th. Look for an email very soon from Mark Vicars with more details.

Bike Ride (Oct 21) – A 10-mile family bike ride is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 21st at 1:30 pm. Meet at the Iron Horse trail at Montevideo Drive with your bike, helmet, water, and some money for ice cream. More details soon from Mark Drisko.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Webelos Night & Mad Science Fair (Oct. 30) – The troop will host local Webelos dens on Tues. Oct. 30th and entertain them with Mad Science experiments. Mark Drisko, along with Mark Slauson and Monica Dami, will coordinate the effort, but additional parent volunteers will be needed. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks

Scouting for Food (Nov 10 & 17) – For two Saturdays in November, the Troop assists with collection of food for two food banks in the area. Scouts will be needed to help for several hours on both Saturdays. It’s a great opportunity to help those in need of food and earn service hours. Please mark your calendars.

Mistletoe Sales (2 weekends in Dec.) – Once again the troop will be selling mistletoe in December at the neighborhood grocery stores. All Scouts and their parents are expected to help with bagging the mistletoe the first scheduled Sat. morning. All Scouts need to sign up to sell mistletoe for two sessions during the two weekend selling period. This is Troop 84’s only fundraiser and with nearly everyone’s help last year the troop made over $2,500. Thank you Mark Slanec and Ed Bueché for agreeing to take on the leadership of this important activity.

Merit Badges

Dog Care (K. Lonie) – Underway with 10 Scouts and their dogs.

Reading (Houston) – Scouts are still encouraged to sign up.

Scholarship (Houston) – Still open to all Scouts.

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

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

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)

Sept

22-23 Overnight and White-water Rafting Trip

Oct

6 Semi-Annual Planning Meeting (loc. & time TBD)

21 Bike Ride (Iron Horse Trail)

30 Webelos Night – Mad Science Fair (COV)

Nov

10&17 Scouting for Food

Dec

8&9 Mistletoe Sales

15&16 Mistletoe Sales

Jan

25-27 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)

Announcement Corner

Scout gear available – If you are looking for a good deal on some Scout gear please check the Troop 84 website. Parents who have Scout clothing or equipment that you’re looking to dispose of are encouraged to email Ken Koupal with details of the items and photos (if appropriate) and he’ll post the information on the troop’s website.