Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Annual Registration & Dues – Annual dues of $100 per Scout are due to Kim Lone no later than Dec. 11. There is a $5 discount for a second Scout in the same family. Dues for Eagle Scouts are $15. A subscription to Boys Life magazine is an additional $11. Checks should be made out to Troop 84. If you haven’t done so already. See recent email.

Securing of Troop Data – At the parent meeting on Oct. 9th, the parents present agreed to a number of recommendations put forth by Ken Tatum on ways to secure Troop 84’s personal and financial data on the internet and to maintain an up-to-date email list. These recommendations (detailed in the October newsletter) were approved by Mark Vicars and steps are underway to proceed with changes. One of the changes involves using Yahoo Groups for Troop 84’s email list. This will require designation of a Group moderator who will approve all new group members (Mark Drisko has agreed to take on this task) and parents to be responsible for keeping their own email information current. Ken will present further details on the Yahoo Groups product at the December parent meeting. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Ken Tatum directly.

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

Past Events


Troop 84/Family Bike Ride (Oct. 21) – Three Scouts and four adults had fun riding 16 miles to Alamo and back.

Webelos Night & Mad Science Fair (Oct. 30) – Troop 84 hosted local Webelos II dens on Tues. Oct. 30th and were entertained by the Mad Science Professional Group performing experiments. Thanks to Mark Slauson for organizing the entertainment and Ed Bueché for contacting and inviting the Webelos II dens.

Scouting for Food (Nov. 10 & 17) – For two Saturday mornings in November, Troop 84 and Cub Scout Pack 842 worked together in the collection of food for a local food bank. Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who showed up to help out.

Upcoming Activities

Rock Climbing (Dec. 1) – Harold Martin is leading a group to Berkeley for indoor rock climbing on Sat. Dec. 1st. Please confirm your interest in participating to Mr. Martin immediately, if you haven’t done so already. See recent emails for more details and permission/waiver forms.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)

Mistletoe Sales (Dec 8-9 & 15-16) – Once again, Troop 84 will be selling mistletoe in December at four neighborhood grocery stores. All Scouts and their parents are expected to help with bagging of the mistletoe on Sat. Dec. 8th morning. All Scouts also need to sign up to sell mistletoe for two sessions during the two weekend selling period and parents are needed to sign up for one selling period – please contact Candy Slanec as soon as possible to pick your timeslots, if you haven’t done so already.

Skate Night (Dec. 10) – In lieu of the weekly Scout meeting, Troop 84 will meet at Golden Skate on Monday, Dec. 10th, from 7 – 9:30 pm, for a fun night of roller skating. Webelos are being invited. Parents are also welcome to participate. See more details in a recent email from Harold Martin.

Merit Badges

Personal Fitness (Martin/Dawson) – Open to all Scouts. Eagle-required badge. Started in Nov. See recent emails.

Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – Open to all 8th grade Scouts. Eagle-required badge. Started in Nov. See recent email.

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

Scholarship (Houston) – Still open to all Scouts.

Environmental Science (Dami) – Underway.

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

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

Dec
1 Rock Climbing (Berkeley)
4 PLC Meeting (COV)
10 Skate Night (Golden Skate)
11 Parent Meeting (Hager home) / NO Troop Meeting
8-9 Mistletoe Sales
15-16 Mistletoe Sales
25 NO Troop Meeting

Jan
25-27 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)
29 Court of Honor (COV)

Feb
2-3 Ski Weekend (tentative)

Announcements

New Troop 84 Scout Leaders – Congratulations to the newly elected (by the Scouts) Troop 84 leaders: Senior Patrol Leader (Michael) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (Trent, Ryan and Kyle). Starting Dec. 1, these Scouts will serve in these leadership positions for the next 6 months.

Seeking Assistant Scoutmasters (ASMs) – Mark Vicars is seeking parents to assist with the running of Troop 84. Please contact Mark if you are interested or for more details.

December Parent Meeting – Next month’s parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at the Hager’s home, at 7:30 p.m. All parents are welcome. If you would like to bring a festive treat, please contact John Hager.