**TROOP 84**

**NEWSLETTER**

**February 2008**

**Committee Chair Update** – Kim Lonie for John Hager

**Annual Registration & Dues** – There are still a few families who have not paid the annual dues of $100. Kim will continue to collect the remaining payments.

**Treasurer’s Report** (as of Jan. 31st 2008) – Rick Martin

**On file**

**Past Events**

**Eagle Court of Honor** – Two new Eagle Scouts, Andrew H. and Nicholas V., were recognized on Sat. Jan. 19th. Congratulations to both.

**Merit Badge Weekend** – Troop 84’s annual merit badge weekend was held at Camp Hermis in late Jan. It was very successful with over 30 Scouts attending and with the First Aid, Woodwork, Electronics, Indian Lore and Fire Safety merit badges being offered.

**Court of Honor** – On Jan. 29th, Troop 84 held a Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of the Scouts since the last Court of Honor on Sept 4th. 14 Scouts earned rank advancements and 40 merit badges were awarded.

**Friends of Scouting (Drisko)** – Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council’s annual fundraising campaign. Contributions are still welcome.

**Ski Trip (Slauzon)** – 5 Scouts and 3 adults enjoyed a beautiful day of skiing at Bear Valley on Feb. 10th. 3 Scouts earned the Snow Sports merit badge. A fourth Scout was skiing for the first time and will earn the badge soon. A special thank you to Mark Slauzon for organizing the trip and opening up his cabin for the group.

**Upcoming Activities**

**Church Clean-up Day (COV)** – Scouts are encouraged to help clean-up the church grounds on Sat. Mar 15th, 9 am – 12 noon. Service hours can be earned. More details soon.

**Snow Camping (Poitras)** – Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip will be led by Lou Poitras and take place on March 15-16. The only requirement in order to participate is for a Scout to have completed one overnight backpacking trip. More details in the next few weeks.

**Pre-Camporee (Vicars)** – Troop 84’s Pre-Camporee will take place April 4-5 at a location yet to be determined. This is a great opportunity for new Scouts to get a number of requirements signed off and for older Scouts to get a night of camping towards their Camping merit badge. More details will be forthcoming.

**Eagle Court of Honor (Apr 20)** – Two new Eagle Scouts, Michael L. and Johnny M., will be recognized on Sat. April 20th at St. Raymond’s Church in Dublin. All Scouts and their families are invited.

**Camporee (Vicars)** – The annual District Camporee will be held April 25-27. It’s a fun weekend with a number of patrol competitions taking place. More details will be forthcoming.

**Court of Honor (Apr 29)** – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor will be held on Tues. April 29 at COV. Scouts ready for advancement must contact Kathi Nichols at least two weeks in advance of this date to schedule their board of review.

**Summer Camp (Drisko)** – This year Troop 84 will be going to Camp Wolfeboro in the Sierras from June 29 – July 5. If you plan to attend, a $50 deposit to hold a spot is due by next Tuesday, Feb. 19 to Mark Drisko. New Scouts are strongly encouraged to sign up. For more details on the camp and merit badges offered, Scouts and their parents are encouraged to visit the district website, [http://www.bsamdsc.org/wolfeboro.php](http://www.bsamdsc.org/wolfeboro.php). In addition, adult leaders will be needed to attend camp. If interested, please let Mark Drisko know.

**Merit Badges**

**Personal Fitness (Martin/Dawson)** – Underway with 20 Scouts. Underway.

**Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko)** – Underway.

**Communications (K. Nichols)** – Started in Jan.

**Personal Management (Drisko)** – Started in Jan.

**Woodwork (Dawson)** – Underway.

**Fire Safety (Drisko)** – Underway with 12 Scouts.

**First Aid (Poitras)** – Underway.

**Family Life (K. Nichols)** – To start in March for eligible Scouts. Eagle–required badge.

**Dog Care (Lonie)** – To begin soon. Open to all Scouts with a dog.

**Computers (Koupal)** – Will offer in Mar/April. Open to all.

**Scholarship (Houston)** – Will be offered in May. Open to all.

**Reading (Houston)** – Will be offered again in the summer. Open to all.

**Key Dates for Upcoming Events** ([www.troop84bsa.org](http://www.troop84bsa.org))

**Mar**

15  Church Clean-up (COV)
15-16  Snow Camping

**Apr**

5-6  Pre-Camporee (Location TBD)
20  Eagle Court of Honor (St. Raymond’s Church)
25-27  Camporee (Location TBD)
29  Court of Honor (COV)

**May**

Late  Intro to Backpacking (Date TBD)

**June**

Tbd  Wilderness Survival Camp/Merit Badge
29  Start of Camp Wolfeboro (through July 5)

**Announcements**

**Troop 84’s Email list** – The troop is in the process of moving to YahooGroups for the management of the members’ email addresses. Parents should have received an email from Ken Tatum asking them to join the Troop 84 group. Please join, so we can begin using the group to distribute emails. Going forward, parents will be responsible for maintaining their own email info.