Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Welcome to all new Scouts and their parents – 17 Scouts crossed-over in the past month, and a few others recently joined Troop 84. A very warm welcome to all!

New Scout parent meeting – Next Tuesday, March 18, Scoutmaster Mark Vicars will provide an orientation session for parents of all new Scouts. It will be held during Troop 84’s weekly meeting, at 7:15 pm, at COV. All new parents should plan on attending. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about how Troop 84 operates, what to expect the first year, upcoming activities, gear required, and more.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Feb 29th 2008) – Rick Martin

On file

Upcoming Activities
Church Clean-up Day (COV) – Scouts are encouraged to help clean-up the church grounds on Sat. Mar 15th; 8:30 – 11:30 am. Service hours can be earned. Check the Troop 84 website for more details.

Snow Camping (Poitras) – Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip will be led by Lou Poitras and take place on March 15-16.

Pre-Camporee (Vicars) – Troop 84’s Pre-Camporee will be held April 5-6 at Rancho Los Mochos, in the hills south of Livermore. This is a great opportunity for new Scouts to get a number of requirements signed off and for all Scouts that attend to get a night of camping towards their Camping merit badge. Look for more details in the next few weeks.

Eagle Court of Honor (Apr 20) – Two new Eagle Scouts, Michael L. and Johnny M., will be recognized at 3 pm on Sun. April 20th at St. Raymond’s Church in Dublin. All Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend. Scouts must dress in full Class A uniform.

Camporee (Tatum/Vicars) – The annual District Camporee will be held April 25-27 at Rancho Los Mochos. It’s a fun weekend with a number of patrol competitions taking place between Troops. 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) – Summer camp is just over 3 months away. This year Troop 84 will be going to Camp Wolfeboro in the Sierras from June 29 – July 5. New Scouts are strongly encouraged to sign up, as camp is a great way to complete a number of requirements for the first 3 rank advancements and complete a few merit badges. For more details on the camp and merit badges offered, Scouts and their parents are encouraged to visit the district website, http://www. bsa-mdsc.org/wolfeboro.php . In addition, adult leaders will be needed to attend camp. If interested, please contact Mark Drisko.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (Martin/Dawson) – Underway with 20 Scouts.
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) – Started in mid March.
Dog Care (Lonie) – To begin soon. Open to all Scouts with a dog.
Computers (Koupal) – Will offer in 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)

Mar
15 Church Clean-up (COV)
15-16 Snow Camping
25 NO Troop 84 Meeting (Spring Break)

Apr
1 Regular Troop Mtg (COV) – ALL Scouts to attend
5-6 Pre-Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
8 SPECIAL DATE - PLC (Patrol Leader’s Council) Mtg (COV) – Only Patrol Leaders or their designates attend along with others holding a position of responsibility
15 SPECIAL DATE - Monthly Parents’ Mtg / Regular Troop Mtg (COV)
20 Eagle Court of Honor (St. Raymond’s Church)
25-27 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
29 Court of Honor (COV)

May
Late Intro to Backpacking (Date TBD)

Announcements
Troop 84’s Email list – The troop is in the process of moving to Yahoo Groups 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. If you did not receive the invitation, please email Ken at ktatum@pacbell.net. Please sign up so we can begin using the group to distribute emails and other troop communications. Going forward, parents will be responsible for maintaining their own email info.

MLB Baseball Games – Both the San Francisco Giants and Oakland A’s are honoring the Boy Scouts this spring. The Giants’ game is on Sun. April 13 and a number of special activities are planned. The A’s game is on Sun. May 4. Check the teams’ websites for more information and to purchase tickets. At this time, there are no plans to make this an organized troop activity.