Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie for John Hager
Welcome to all new Scouts and their parents – A very warm welcome to all the new Scouts who have joined Troop 84 in the past few months!

Treasurer’s Report (as of Mar 31st 2008) – Rick Martin
On File

Past Activities
Snow Camping – Last month, Lou Poitras led 8 Scouts and 2 adults on Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip. The Scouts built 4 snow shelters in which they then spent the night. It was an experience never to be forgotten.

Pre-Camporee (Tatum) – 19 Scouts and 5 adults participated in Troop 84’s Pre-Camporee on April 5-6 at Rancho Los Mochos. They had a great time and the Scouts were able to get a number of requirements signed off.

Upcoming Activities
 Conditioning Hikes (Vicars) – Conditioning hikes, to prepare Scouts for the 50-miler later this summer or just for some good exercise, are taking place every Mon. and Thurs. evenings. Meet outside Scott Perkins’ home, 2764 Ellingson Way, at 7 pm leaving at 7:05. All Scouts and parents are welcome. Just show up by 7 pm in your hiking boots.

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. See recent email from Ken Tatum for more details and the Troop 84 permission slip. Permission slips and $35 are due next Tuesday, April 22th.

Court of Honor (Apr 29) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tuesday, April 29 at COV. All Scouts and their parents are expected to attend. Full Class A uniform is required.

Summer Camp (Drisko) – Final payments are due for Camp Wolfeboro which takes place June 29 – July 5. New Scouts are strongly encouraged to sign up, as camp is a great way to cover many requirements for the first 3 ranks and complete a few merit badges. All attending Scouts and adults are required to have the correct medical form completed and signed by their doctor. Forms are available on Troop 84’s website.

50-Miler (Vicars/Perkins) – Planning for this year’s 50-mile backpacking trip is underway. Led by Mark Vicars and Scott Perkins, it will start on Sat. Aug 9 and will traverse the Desolation Wilderness area just west of Lake Tahoe. Scouts interested in participating must be second-class by the end of June and should begin the conditioning hikes. See the recent email from Mr. Vicars for more details.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
 Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – Underway.

Communications (K. Nichols) – Underway.
Personal Management (Drisko) – Underway.
Woodwork (Dawson) – Underway.
Fire Safety (Drisko) – Underway.
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) – To be offered soon. 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.
Camping (Vicars/Drisko) – Will be offered soon to Scouts with 15+ nights of camping. Eagle-required badge.

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

Apr
20 Eagle Court of Honor – Michael L. & Johnny M.
25-27 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
29 Troop Court of Honor (COV)

May
24 Eagle Court of Honor – Jacob M. & Cody B.
Late Pioneering weekend (Date TBD)
Late Intro to Backpacking (Date TBD)

June
15 Eagle Court of Honor – Patrick A.
29 Camp Wolfeboro begins

Announcements
Oakland A’s Baseball Game – The Oakland A’s will be honoring the Boy Scouts on Sunday, May 4, with a number of special activities planned. Check the A’s website for more information and to purchase tickets. There are no plans to make this an organized troop activity; however, this will count as a troop activity for Scouts that do attend and wear their Scout uniform.

Cub Scout Day Camp – Scouts are invited to help with pack/den activities during Cub Scout day camp on June 23 – 27 at Little Hills. If interested, visit the Little Hills website for more information.

Opportunities for Parent Participation – There are many opportunities for parents to get involved with the troop:
- Hiking Coordinator – Individual to organize and lead all troop hikes.
- Merit Badge Counselors – Any parent who has interest or expertise in a particular subject area can lead a merit badge activity. To see a complete list of the merit badges offered, visit the merit badge website at www.meritbadge.com. Contact Mr. Vicars if you’re willing to help in any way.