Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Troop Activities – Summer is a busy time for Troop 84 with many activities. For the latest info and a complete list of events, check Troop 84’s website, www.troop84bsa.org.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Apr 30th 2008) – Rick Martin

On File.

Past Activities

Camporee (Tatum) – 25 Scouts and 8 adults attended the District Camporee on April 25-27 at Rancho Los Mochos. The weather was perfect and the Scouts had a great time participating in the various activities and competitions.

Court of Honor – Troop 84’s most recent Court of Honor was held on April 29. 29 Scouts received 61 rank advancements, 23 merit badges were earned by 18 Scouts and 36 patches were handed out to 31 Scouts for attending either the Mt. Wittenberg hike, snow camping or Camporee.

Congratulations to all!

10-Mile Hike (Mintz) – 8 Scouts, 4 adults and 1 sibling enjoyed a 10-mile hike along Lake Chabot on May 3.

Upcoming Activities

Conditioning Hikes (Vicars) – Conditioning hikes, to prepare Scouts for the 50-miler later this summer or just for some goood 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 their family are welcome. Just show up by 7 pm in your hiking boots.

Intro to Backpacking (Poitras) – Lou Poitras will lead Scouts on a backpacking trip on May 31 – June 1. It’s a great opportunity for new Scouts to get a number of requirements signed off. More details forthcoming soon.

Court of Honor (June 24) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. June 24th at 7:30 pm at COV. Scouts who have completed all the requirements for advancement need to contact Mr. Vicars for a Scoutmaster conference and then Mrs. Nichols for their board of review. All Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required.

Summer Camp (Drisko) – Two permission slips (Troop 84 and Firearms Use) are being collected for Camp Wolfeboro. Reminder: 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) – This year’s 50-mile backpacking trip, led by Mark Vicars and Scott Perkins, will start on Sat. Aug 9 and 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 Mr. Vicars for more details.

Merit Badges

Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.

Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – Underway.

Communications (K. Nichols) – Nearly complete.

Personal Management (Drisko) – Underway.

Woodwork (Dawson) – Underway.

Fire Safety (Drisko) – Underway.

First Aid (Poitras) – Underway.

Family Life (K. Nichols) – Underway.

Computers (Koupal) – Underway with 10 Scouts.

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

Scholarship (Houston) – Will be offered soon. Open to all.

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

Camping (Vicars/Drisko) – Starting June 8th for Scouts with 15+ nights of camping & NOT attending summer camp. Eagle-required badge. See email from Drisko for details.

Citizenship in the World (Nichols) – To start in June. For older Scouts only. Eagle-required badge.

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

May

24 Eagle Court of Honor – Jacob M. & Cody B.
31/1 Intro to Backpacking (Location pending)

June

15 Eagle Court of Honor – Patrick Armstrong
24 Troop Court of Honor (COV)
29 Camp Wolfeboro begins

Announcements / Other News

Friends of Scouting Update – Mark Drisko reported that nearly 100% of Troop 84 families contributed to Mt. Diablo Silverado Council’s annual fundraising campaign. That’s a 30% increase over 2007. A big thanks to all who participated! Mark is looking for someone else to head up this effort in 2009, as he has done it over 2007. A big thanks to all who participated! Mark is looking for someone else to head up this effort in 2009, as he has done it over the last four years. Please contact him if interested.

Service Hours – There are a number of ways for Scouts to earn service hours:

(1) Troop-organized service activities (such as church clean-ups)
(2) Eagle projects – Keep an eye out for emails
(3) Other volunteer activities that your Scout may be involved in or want to do (e.g. with a charity, farmers’ market, church, etc.).

To determine whether an activity is eligible, a Scout must seek approval from Mr. Vicars, in advance of the hours being performed.

Hiking Coordinator Named – A special thank you to Mike Brown for agreeing to serve as Troop 84’s Hiking Coordinator.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed - 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.org. Contact Mr. Vicars if you are willing to help out or for more information.