Committee Chair Update – John Hager

Happy Holidays to you and your family!!

Annual Registration & Dues – Thanks to all of you who have paid your annual dues. For those who have not, please get your payment to Kim Lonie as soon as possible. The annual dues are $100 per Scout, $95 for a second Scout in the same family and $15 for Eagle Scouts. A subscription to Boys’ Life magazine is an additional $12. Checks should be made out to Troop 84.

Adult Leaders – Troop 84’s continued success requires active involvement from a large number of adults. Thank you to Allison Larking, Umesh Apte and Aaron Lee for volunteering to be the Troop 84 Coordinators for Scouting for Food, Friends of Scouting, and Summer Camp, respectively. Several other key leadership positions will be opening up in the next year, including Advancement Chair and Committee Chair. In addition, adults are always needed to serve as Merit Badge Counselors. See Mark Vicars if you are willing to take on any of these positions.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Nov. 30, 2008) – Rick Martin

Past Activities

Flag Retirement Ceremony – On Tues. Oct. 21st, Troop 84 held a US flag retirement ceremony, led by Scott Perkins, on the hill behind Old Ranch Park. It was a beautiful night and very moving ceremony.

5-Miler – Mike Brown led a 5-mile hike with compass work on Sat. Oct. 25th at Lake del Valle. 6 Scouts, 4 adults and one sibling participated and all had a great time.

Orienteering at Las Trampas – Mike Brown helped 3 Scouts complete an orienteering course on Nov. 2 at Las Trampas. It was very muddy and cold, but the Scouts were successful in meeting the first class requirement.

Scouting for Food – On two Saturdays in Nov., Trent D. and Matt D. provided leadership as 20 Troop 84 Scouts worked with boys from Cub Scout Pack 842 to disburse flyers to 1,306 houses (up from 897 last year). 25 Scouts along with boys from Pack 842 helped collect food which was all going to the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank. Thanks to all the Scouts and parents that helped out.

Mistletoe Sales – Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who helped with mistletoe bagging and sales earlier this month. A total of $2,005 was collected. A special thank you goes to Mark & Candy Slanec and Ed Buechê for all their hard work in organizing this important fundraiser.

Upcoming Activities

Advancement Day (Dec. 27) – Any Scouts who have a few final requirements to get signed off to earn their next rank advancement, are encouraged to participate in Troop 84’s Advancement day on Sat. Dec. 27th. Scouts should be at San Ramon’s City Hall by 8:15 am. In addition, some older Scouts and adults are needed to help with the training. Please see recent email from Scott Perkins for more details. If you plan on attending, please let Mr. Perkins know so he can ensure there’s food for all.

Family Hike (Jan. 3) – On Sat. Jan. 3rd, Scott Perkins will lead a hike of 8-10 miles to the top of Mission Peak or Mount Diablo (weather dependent). Meet at COV at 8 am. Families are welcome. See recent email from Mark Vicars for more details.

Merit Badge Weekend (Jan. 30 – Feb. 1) – Troop 84’s merit badge weekend, held at Camp Herm’s located atop the El Cerrito Hills, is just 6 weeks away. A number of merit badges will be offered, including First Aid (for all first year Scouts), Engineering, Chemistry and others. If your Scout has not let Kathi Nichols know their plans, please email her as soon as possible.

Merit Badges

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

Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Underway. Will start again in Jan.

First Aid (Poitras) – Starting again in January.

Hiking (Brown) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.

Dog Care (Lonie) – Underway. Open to all Scouts with a dog.


Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – Started this month. Open to all Scouts in 8th grade & above. Eagle-required badge.

Communications (K. Nichols) – Starting in January.

Railroading (Brown) – Open to all. Starting in February.

Space Exploration (Brown) – Open to all. Will start in the spring.

Scholarship (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.

Reading (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.

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

December

20 Indoor Rock Climbing - CANCELLED

22 Wilderness First Aid (Lee home)

27 Advancement Camp (San Ramon City Hall)

January

3 10-mile Family Hike (Location TBD)

27 Troop 84 Court of Honor

30-1 Feb Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herm’s)

February

7 Railroad MB Field Trip (Sacramento)

21-22 Ski Weekend (Bear Valley)

March

Tbd Alcatraz Island – Day trip (Date TBD)

Tbd Snow Camping (Dates TBD)