Committee Chair Update – Mark Drisko for John Hager
Annual Registration & Dues – Thanks to all of you who have paid your annual dues. For those families who have not yet paid, 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.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Dec. 31, 2008) – Rick Martin
On file.

Past Activities
Wilderness First Aid – On Dec. 20th, Aaron Lee and 3 adults led 8 Scouts in Wilderness First Aid training.

Advancement Day – 12 Scouts attended Advancement day on Dec. 27th. Led by Scott Perkins and a few other adults, these boys were able to get a number of requirements signed off for their next rank advancement. Thank you Scott and all others who helped out.

Family Hike – On Sat. Jan. 10th, Scott Perkins led a group of 15-18 Scouts and family members on a 10-mile hike to the top of Mission Peak. It was a beautiful day and they had spectacular views of the Bay Area.

Upcoming Activities
Court of Honor (Jan. 27) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. Jan. 27th at 7:30 pm at COV. All Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required. Umesh Apte will make a Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation and be collecting donations. Each family should have received information in the mail regarding this annual program.

Merit Badge Weekend (Jan. 30 – Feb. 1) – Troop 84’s merit badge weekend, held at Camp Herms, is just one week away. A number of merit badges will be offered, including First Aid (for all first year Scouts), Traffic Safety, Chemistry and others. All Scouts planning to attend should have confirmed their attendance with Kathi Nichols See recent email from Mark Vicars for Troop Permission slip and transportation arrangements.

Railroad Museum Day Trip (Feb. 7) – Mike Brown is leading a group of interested Scouts and family members to the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento on Sat. Feb. 7. Participating Scouts will be able to complete some of the requirements for the Railroading merit badge. See recent email for more details. He needs a firm headcount by Jan. 25.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)
Ski Trip to Bear Valley (Feb. 21-22) – Mark Slauson has offered to open up his cabin for a ski weekend at Bear Valley on Feb. 21-22. Scouts who participate will be able to earn the Snow Sports merit badge. More details soon.

10-Mile Hikes (Brown) – Mike Brown is organizing two 10-mile hikes in the next few months: Feb. 28th and Mar. 14. These are open to all Scouts and family members.

Alcatraz Island (Mar. 7) – A day trip is being planned to Alcatraz Island for all Scouts and family members on Sat. Mar. 7th. See recent email from Mark Drisko for all the details – departure time, costs, etc. Please email him if you’re interested.

Snow Camping (Mar. 21-22) – Troop 84’s annual snow camping trip, led by Lou Poitras, will take place on March 21-22. 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.

Summer Camp (Lee) – Summer camp is still months away but Aaron Lee needs to know if your Scout plans on attending. A deposit of $150 is due by Jan. 23. This year Troop 84 will be attending Camp Wente from June 28th – July 4th.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Started this month. Eagle-required.
First Aid (Poitras) – Starting again in January.
Hiking (Brown) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.
Citizenship in the Nation (Drisko) – Started in Dec. Open to all Scouts in 8th grade & above. Eagle-required badge.

Communications (K. Nichols) – Starting in February.
Railroading (Brown) – Open to all. Starting in February.
Dog Care (Lonie) – Open to all Scouts with a dog.
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)
January
27 Troop 84 Court of Honor
30-1Feb Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)

February
7 Railroad MB Field Trip (Sacramento)
21-22 Ski Weekend (Bear Valley)
28 10-mile Hike

March
7 Alcatraz Island – Day trip
14 10-mile Hike
21-22 Snow Camping
28 Forest Hill Farms Clean-up (Forest Hill Farms)
28-29 Pre-Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)