Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie
Connor Vicars’ memorial – It was a touching service with the Scouts doing an excellent job and retiring the troop flag to the Vicars family. The troop is in the process of setting up a memorial fund for Connor – more details will be forthcoming soon.

Welcome New Scouts – Welcome to all the new Scouts and their parents who have joined Troop 84 in the last two months.

New Scoutmaster Search – In light of Mark Vicars’ resignation, Troop 84’s Executive Committee (members include John Hager, Kim Lonie, Rick Martin, Margaret Thope and Kathi Nichols) will be conducting a search for a new Scoutmaster. Interested candidates should submit a brief resume of their Scouting experience to John or Kim. The committee’s goal is to select a new leader in the next two months. Thank you to Mark Drisko and Al Nichols for agreeing to serve as leaders during the interim period.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Feb. 28, 2009) – Rick Martin
On file

Past Activities (Through March 15th)
Ski Trip to Bear Valley – 6 Scouts & 4 adults enjoyed a weekend, Feb 21-22, at Mark Slauson’s cabin, including a day of skiing at Bear Valley. Thanks to Mark for opening up his cabin for this fun outing!
10-Mile Hike – Scott Perkins and Mark Drisko led a group of 10 on a 10-mile hike around Lake Chabot on March 14th. The younger Scouts were able to get several requirements signed off.
Alcatraz Island – 11 Scouts and family members enjoyed a gorgeous day on Alcatraz on March 7th.

Upcoming Activities
Church Clean-up Day (COV) – Scouts are encouraged to help clean up the church grounds on Sat. April 4th, 8-11 am. Service hours can be earned. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools. Scouts should wear their blue Troop 84-t-shirt. See recent email from Daniel for more details.

Pre-Camporee (Tatum) – Troop 84’s annual Pre-Camporee will take place April 18-19 at Mt. Diablo. This is a great opportunity for new Scouts to build new friendships within the troop and get a number of rank requirements signed off. See recent email from Mark Drisko for all the details and the permission slip.

Upcoming Activities (Cont’d)
Court of Honor (April 28) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. April 28th at 7:30 pm 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. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required for Scouts.
Camporee (Brown) – The annual District Camporee will be held May 29-31 at Rancho Los Mochos, in the hills south of Livermore. It’s a fun weekend with a number of patrol competitions between Troops, including an Iron Chef cooking contest and a “Battle of the Bands”. More details soon.

Summer Camp (Lee) – Summer camp is less than 3 months away, and final payments are due to Aaron Lee. This year Troop 84 is going to Wente Scout Reservation near Ukiah from June 28th – July 4th. Adult leaders are needed to attend camp for a few days or all week. Please contact Aaron Lee if interested.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Started in Jan. Eagle-required.
Hiking (Brown) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.

Cit in Nation (Drisko) – Underway. Eagle-required badge.
Communications (K. Nichols) – Started in Feb. Eagle-required.
Railroading (Brown) – Open to all. Started in February.
Dog Care (Lonie) – Open to all. - with a dog.
Cycling (Lee) – Open to all. Starting in May.
Fishing (Dami) – Open to all. Starting in May.
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)

April
4 Church Clean-up Day (COV)
7 NO Troop Meeting (Spring Break)
11 10-mile Hike (Mt. Diablo)
13 Conditioning hikes begin (7 pm, outside Perkins’ home)
14 Troop meeting at Montevideo Elementary School
18-19 Pre-Camporee (Mt. Diablo)
25-26 Yosemite Overnight / Hike to Glacier Point
28 Troop Court of Honor (COV)

May
9 10-mile Hike (Morgan Territory Wilderness/Vasco Lake)
16 Fishing Trip/Merit Badge (may become an overnight)
23-24 Yosemite Overnight / Hike to Yosemite Falls
29-31 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)

June
13-14 Introductory Backpacking trip (location TBD)
20 10-mile Hike (Mt. St. Helena)