Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie

Safety – Parents are asked to please make sure an adult is present before leaving your Scout at any Troop 84 activity, including the weekly troop meetings. Also, there have been several attempted car break-ins at COV in the past few months, so please lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in view.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Apr. 30, 2009) – Rick Martin

On File

Past Activities

10-mile Hike – 3 Scouts and 5 adults enjoyed warm weather and a nice 10-mile hike at Morgan Territory on Sat. May 9.

Pre-Camporee – Troop 84’s annual Pre-Camporee took place April 18-19 at Mt. Diablo. 13 Scouts and 7 adults enjoyed a weekend of building new friendships and getting a number of rank requirements signed off.

Upcoming Activities

Camporee (Brown) – The annual District Camporee is being 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”. See recent emails from Mike Brown for all the details.

Intro to Backpacking (Poitras) – Lou Poitras will lead Scouts on a backpacking trip on June 13-14. It’s a great opportunity for new Scouts to get a number of requirements signed off. More details forthcoming soon.

Court of Honor – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor will be held on Tues. June 23rd at COV. Scouts who have completed all the requirements for advancement need to contact Mr. Brown for a Scoutmaster conference and then Mrs. Nichols for their board of review at least two weeks prior to that date.

Summer Camp (Lee) – There will be a mandatory meeting on Tues. June 9th (in conjunction with the regularly scheduled monthly parent meeting) for all parents with Scouts attending camp. At that time medical forms and permission slips (Troop 84 and Firearms Use) will be collected. NOTE: All 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. For details on the camp and merit badges being offered, visit Wente’s website: http://www.wentescoutreservation.org/index.html.

Conditioning Hikes (Lee/Lauffer) – Conditioning hikes, to prepare Scouts for the 50-milers this summer or just for some good exercise, are being held every Mon. and Thurs. evenings at 7 pm. Meet across the street from Scott Perkins’ home for a prompt departure at 7:05 pm. Family members are welcome.

50-milers (Lee) – Two 50-mile backpacking trips are planned for this summer. The first, from July 18 – 25, will take place at Emigrant Pass and is geared toward beginner or first-time hikers. The second, for Scouts who have been on at least one previous 50-miler, will take place Aug. 8-15 at Yosemite. See recent emails from Aaron Lee for details and permission slips.

Merit Badges

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

Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Started in Jan. Eagle-required.

First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Started in Jan. Eagle-required.

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

Cit in Community (H. Martin) – Underway. Eagle-required.

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) – Underway. Open to all Scouts with a dog.

Cycling (Lee) – Open to all. Starting in May.

Fishing (Dami) – Open to all. Underway. See recent emails.

Space Exploration (Brown) – Open to all.

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)

May

29-31 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)

June

13-14 Introductory Backpacking trip (location TBD)

20 10-mile Hike (Mt. St. Helena)

23 Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)

28-7/4 Summer Camp (Wente)

July

18-25 50-Miler (Emigrant Wilderness)

August

8-15 50-Miler (Yosemite)

Announcements

Recruiting Coordinator – Troop 84 is looking for a parent to lead the troop’s recruiting activities. If interested or for more information, please contact Mike Brown.

New Troop 84 Leaders – Please welcome and support Troop 84’s new Scout leaders who will assume their positions on June 1st: Jesse (SPL), and Omar, Wyatt and Shiram (all ASPLs).