Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Annual Registration & Dues – Troop 84 will begin collecting the annual dues next month. There is no change in the fees from last year. The cost is $100 per Scout, with a $5 discount for a second Scout in the same family. Eagle Scouts are $15. A subscription to Boys’ Life magazine is an additional $13. Checks should be made out to Troop 84 and given to Kim Lonie.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
Mike reported that the Scout leadership training is progressing well and Scouts are taking pride in their responsibilities. He encouraged Scouts with just a few remaining requirements for rank advancement to attend the Advancement Camp on Sept 26 (see Upcoming Activities for more details). In addition, he mentioned to parents that he understands that many Scouts are involved in activities besides Scouting and that “part-time Scouts” are welcomed.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Sept. 8, 2009) – Rick Martin

Past Activities
10-mile Hike (Lauffer) – 10 Scouts and 6 adults enjoyed an easy 10-mile hike on Mt. St. Helena on Sat. June 20th. The weather was good and views spectacular.
Summer Camp (Lee) – 28 Scouts and 11 adults spent all or part of a memorable week at Camp Wente in early July. They had great weather and the Scouts earned over 120 merit badges and completed many rank requirements.

Intro to Backpacking (Poitras) – Lou Poitras led one Scout and his father on a backpacking trip at Rock Lake. It was great preparation for the 50-miler.

50-milers (Lee) – The troop organized two 50-mile backpacking trips this summer. The first took place at Emigrant Wilderness on July 18-25. 9 Scouts and 5 adults enjoyed outstanding weather, sensational scenery, and lots of mosquitoes. The second was a high adventure trek at Yosemite on Aug. 8-14. 5 Scouts and 4 adults had great weather, fantastic scenery and lots of elevation. The highlight was the day hike up Half Dome.

Whitewater Rafting (Dawson) – 21 Scouts, adults and family members went whitewater rafting on Aug. 30th. All had a great time with plenty of rapids.

Eagle Court of Honor – Two Eagle Scouts, Michael N. and Bobby B., were honored on Sept. 5th. Congratulations to both!

Upcoming Activities
Advancement Camp (Savoor) – Scouts needing to finish up some requirements for rank advancement or desiring to complete a merit badge are encouraged to consider attending Advance Camp on Sept 26 at the Contra Costa Fairgrounds in Antioch. For more details, see recent emails from Raj Savoor and the camp website at www.advancecamp.com.

Court of Honor (Sept 29) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. Sept. 29th at 7:30 pm 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. All Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required. In addition, Scott Perkins will share photos and memories from his recent 232-mile trek along the John Muir Trail.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (H. Martin/Dawson) – Underway.
Personal Mgmt (Drisko) – Underway. Eagle-required.
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Hiking (Brown) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.
Cit in Community (H. Martin) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Cit in Nation (Drisko) – New class starting in Dec. Open to all 8th graders. Eagle-required badge.
Communications (K. Nichols) – Underway. Eagle-required.
Railroading (Brown) – Open to all.
Dog Care (Lonie) – Underway. Open to all Scouts with a dog.
Genealogy (Lonie) – Just starting up. Open to all Scouts.
Cycling (Lee) – Open to all. Starting in the fall.
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)

September
26  Advancement Camp
29  Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)

October
10  Church Clean-up (COV)
17-18 Pinnacles Camping
20  Flag Retirement Ceremony (Old Ranch Park)

November
14  Scouting for Food – Flyer distribution
21  Scouting for Food - Collection

Announcements
Scout Accomplishments – Each month, the troop would like to recognize Scouts who have won awards or achieved accomplishments outside Scouting. Please inform John Hager or one of the ASMs if you know a Scout to recognize. This month we’d like to recognize Michael N. & David P. for 1st place in a National Bugle Corp competition and Andrew K. for his 3rd place finish in a western region snare drum competition. Congratulations!