Committee Chair Update – John Hager
Annual Registration & Dues – Troop 84 will begin collecting the annual dues next month. The cost is $100 per Scout, with a $5 discount for a second Scout in the same family. Eagle Scouts are $25. A subscription to Boys’ Life magazine is an additional $15. Checks should be made out to Troop 84 and given to Kim Lonie.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
Mike reported that the NYLT Scout leadership training schedule is available and he will be emailing eligible Scouts (1st class & above, 14 years and older) to determine their level of interest in attending.

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

Past Activities
Advancement Camp – 14 Scouts and 4 adults attended Advance Camp in Antioch on Sat. Sept. 26. It was a successful day as 3 Scouts were able to complete a number of requirements for rank advancement and 13 Scouts had completions or partials in 24 merit badges.

Court of Honor – On Sept. 29, Troop 84 held its quarterly Court of Honor to recognize the accomplishments of the Scouts over the past few months. 4 Scouts earned rank advancements and more than 162 merit badges were awarded, as well as numerous other camping/hiking patches. Congratulations to all! In addition, Scott Perkins shared photos and memories from his recent 232-mile trek along the John Muir Trail.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – On Tues. Oct. 20th, Troop 84, led by Scot Perkins, held a U.S. flag retirement ceremony near the troop’s storage shed on Bollinger Canyon Rd. 35-40 Scouts, Webelos, and family members attended the event. It was a beautiful night and very moving ceremony.

Upcoming Activities
Church Clean-up (COV) – Scouts are encouraged to help clean up the church grounds on Sat. Oct 24th, from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Service hours can be earned. Look for an email soon with more details.

Scouting for Food (Larking) – On two Sat. mornings in November (the 14th & 21st) Troop 84, in conjunction with Pack 842 from Montevideo, will assist with the annual collection of food for two local food banks. Scouts and adult drivers are needed for several hours on both days. It’s a great opportunity to help those in need and earn service hours. See recent email from Dan Fix.

Mistletoe Sales (Slanec) – Once again, Troop 84 is selling mistletoe during the first two weekends in December at several neighborhood grocery stores. This is Troop 84’s only fundraiser and everyone is required to participate. Last year, the troop made just over $2000. All Scouts and their parents are expected to help with bagging of the mistletoe on Sat. Dec. 5th morning. In addition, all Scouts need to sign up to sell mistletoe for two sessions during the two weekend selling period. Please save the dates. More details will be forthcoming soon.

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) – Underway. Open to all Scouts.
Climbing (Lee) – Open to all. Starting Oct 27. See recent email.

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

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

October
  24 Church Clean-up (COV) New date
  25 Rock Climbing (Concord)

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

December
  5-6 Mistletoe Bagging & Sales
  12-13 Mistletoe Sales

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  2 Advancement Day (San Ramon City Offices)
  29-31 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)

Announcements
Eagle Scouts – Congratulations to Elliott M. and David P., Troop 84’s latest Eagle Scouts.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed – Any parent who has an interest or expertise in a particular subject area can lead a merit badge activity. To see a complete list of the merit badges offered, visit the merit badge website at www.meritbadge.org. Contact Mr. Brown if you are willing to help out or for more information.