

TROOP 87

FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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2011 is off and running. After Merit Badge University we were off to Klondike Derby. Thirteen Scouts attended this year and they had a great time. There was a ton of snow this year. We earned 40 frost points at Klondike this year.

Saturday we bridged over 5 Scouts from Pack 87 and we had one other Scout join last Tuesday. That brings the Troop up to 38 Scouts. Wow! Our old Senior Patrol Leader, Grant Peacock has done a fine job for the troop the last 6 months. We have Troop elections scheduled for Feb 22 so everyone make sure to attend and help select the next leadership team for the Troop. We will also be holding Order of the Arrow elections that night.

On March 5th we will have Max Peacock's Eagle Court of Honor. Be sure to be there to support Max and celebrate his accomplishment. For all the Life Scouts in the Troop, time can get away from you for that Eagle leadership project. Be sure to stop by and discuss your plans with me so we can stay on track.

Our next Troop event will be Camp Rowe at the Rowe's property in Hewlett Gulch the 25th thru 27th of March. We will be working on Cooking merit badge and basic Scout skills at the March campout. Remember that we are still in winter and March is the 2nd biggest snow month for the front range. Dress for the weather and bring the right camp equipment. This time of year the outdoor stores are starting to close out winter gear and stock up on summer gear. It is a good time to look for deals on winter clothing and equipment for next year.

Other upcoming activities are a campout to Pawnee Buttes in April, Spring Camporee in early May and summer camp at either Boundary waters or camp Laramie Peak in mid-July. I'm glad to see we have lots of camping trips planned so far. We can always add in some day activities like hikes, bike rides, fishing, or whatever sounds fun. Think of what you'd like to do and let your Patrol Leaders know or tell me. Outdoor adventures are a key part of Scouting. Let's make the most of the opportunities available to us in the great place we live.

Be Prepared for a great spring and summer

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

February 2011:

- 2/15/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Basic Scouting skills
- 2/22/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Troop Elections, **OA Elections, Mtg for Boundary Waters summer camp**

March 2011: **Cooking**

- 3/1/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Space Exploration Merit Badge
- 3/5/11 (Saturday) Eagle Court of Honor for Max Peacock
Elk's Lodge, 2pm
- 3/8/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Space Exploration Merit Badge
- 3/13-3/19 Spring Break (no meeting)
- 3/22/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for Camp Rowe
- 3/25-3/27 (Fri-Sun) Camp Rowe
- 3/29/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Cleanup from Camp Rowe

April 2011: **Orienteering**

- 4/5/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
- 4/15-4/17 (Fri-Sun) Camping at Pawnee Buttes

(Note: no school on 4/15)

May 2011: **Personal Fitness**

- 5/3/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for Spring Camporee
- 5/6-5/8 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee
- 5/10/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Cleanup from Spring Camporee

June 2011: **First Aid Skills**

- 6/7/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
- 6/10-6/12 (Fri-Sun) Canoe and Camping Trip

July 2011:

- 7/5/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
- July 9-17 High-adventure camp (Boundary Waters canoe trip)
July 10-16 Summer camp at Camp Larimie Peaks

August 2011: **Merit Badge Completions**

- 8/2/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
- 8/12-8/14 (Fri-Sun) Caving and Backpacking Trip

8/16/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Finish Personal Fitness Merit Badge

September 2011: Swimming

9/6/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm

9/23-9/25 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee

October 2011: Rock Climbing

10/4/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm

10/14-10/16 (Fri-Sun) Rock Climbing and Camping at Vedauwoo

10/25/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Away Meeting - Corn Maze

November 2011: Personal Management

11/1/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm

11/22/11 (Tuesday) No Troop 87 Meeting – Thanksgiving

11/26 (Saturday) Christmas Tree Cutting

December 2011:

12/6/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm

12/27/11 (Tuesday) No Troop 87 Meeting - Christmas

Other events in 2011

April	Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser
June	Troop 87 Garage Sale
July/Aug	Swim Party
August	Court of Honor
August	Troop Elections
December	Christmas Tree Sale
December	Snow Shoeing at Hewlett Gulch
December	Court of Honor
December	Troop Christmas Party

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



Dawn Dorsch, Committee Chair
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Minutes by: Dawn Dorsch

Committee Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month during the Scout meeting. All parents should strive to attend, as this is a great opportunity to participate in the Troop and keep abreast of Troop plans and activities. *Please join us for our next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Mar 1, 2011.*

Committee Meeting Date: February 8, 2011

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Sue Schoenig, Lee Roberts, Kim Yung, Pat Knebel, Chuck Yung, John Molenaar, Mark Wilson, Robert Acker, Doug Burdette, Scott Dorsch

Committee Reports:

Finance: Entire account: \$6132.83
Troop account: \$2438.53 (\$76.20 per Scout)
Scout accounts: \$3694.30
Scout Store account: not provided
Fertilizer = \$145.00
Boundary Waters = \$0.00 (payments made)

Secretary: Approval of the January committee meeting minutes was motioned by Pat, seconded by Mark, and approved unanimously by committee.

Fundraising: No update

Web Master: Pat commented that it is difficult to update the webpage. He will upload the latest Newsletter. Dawn will send items for Pat to add to the website.

New Scout Registration: Pack 87 will bridge 5 Cub Scouts on Saturday. Scott will prepare the Welcome packets, neckerchiefs and track registrations/transfers. Dawn and Scott wrote a Welcome Letter and Parent Information/Resources Survey to be included along with the Youth application and January Newsletter in the Welcome packet.

Eagle Coordinator: No update

Re-Charter: Final copy received from District; Dawn will schedule YPT with Freddie in February.

FOS: Dawn will write letters and follow up on pledges to complete submission by end of February

Lawn Mowing: No update

Old Business:

Youth Protection Training: If an Adult completes on-line training but is not a registered leader or committee member, training will be tracked in YPT system. Make two copies of certificate – one for personal files and one to troop. Please note -- no member ID number will be assigned and adult will not be listed on Troop re-charter. If the Adults would like to take YPT as a class, Dawn has the DVD and tests. Troop training will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Future Dates reserved at Church: Dawn contacted Freddie, our church representative, to request June 4 or 18 for the garage sale and December 3 for the tree sale. Confirmation will be received by next committee meeting.

Adult Leader Registration: Tabled for further discussion within the policy subcommittee.

NTIER Update: Final NTIER payment of \$206 is due March 22. Airfare payment of \$269.40 is due May 31 + checked bag fees due at time of departure. Shuttle payment of \$135.21 is due May 31. John will be coordinating and tracking the registration and training requirements for all Adult Leaders. John asked that a Swimming away meeting be scheduled for late April or early May in order for all Scouts to work on Swimming merit badge and the basic swim test.

New Business:

New Scout registration fee: Discussion was held including: the scouting year runs from Jan 1 – Dec 31, scouts transferring from a Pack or another Troop pay a \$1 registration fee, new scouts pay a \$15 registration fee, Boy's Life subscriptions are pro-rated for the year. Pat motioned that all Scouts, new or transferring, will pay the fee.

The new Scout registration fee of \$15 will be paid when the Youth Application is submitted to Troop. The transferring registration fee of \$1 can be paid with submission of Youth Application or from funds in transferring Cub Scout Account or have a negative balance until funds are earned and deposited into Scout account. Scott seconded, and the committee approved unanimously.

Ben Francia's Scout Account: The Committee reviewed the account transaction and discussed Ben's account as well as a general policy. Scott motioned that the \$50 payment remain in the Troop Account as it was determined that this payment was the NTIER non-refundable down payment and the \$135 be refunded to the Francia's. Kim seconded and the committee approved unanimously. Dawn will send an email to Margaret and copy Carol so a check can be written and mailed.

Policy – Draft Version of how to distribute Scout Account funds when Scout quits:

1. Money transferred from a Cub Scout Account will stay in the Troop account.
2. Money in Scout account remains in the Troop account when the Scout leaves the Troop unless the parent/guardian petitions the committee, in person at a committee meeting.
3. After 2 consecutive re-charter years, the Scout and family lose the right to petition for refund of Scout Account.
4. Scout may purchase outdoor equipment and submit receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement.

The draft above will be further developed prior to adding to the policy document. The Policy subcommittee will write a policy for Scout Accounts when the scout ages out or earns Eagle rank. Also the subcommittee will discuss and develop a policy for using the forfeited funds to start a Troop scholarship fund.