

TROOP 87

APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. Before we know it school will be over and we will be heading for summer adventures. We have a lot to do before then though. As you can see in the schedule we have several fund raising events (Ft Collins Nursery and the Troop garage sale) as well as several service events at the Elks Lodge. While this feels like a lot, it is good to remember that we have few fundraisers in the fall and winter. These fund raising events are important for the Troop budget, but they also are important for individual scout accounts. Please make sure to support these events as much as you can.

Summer camp will be here soon. For those Scouts attending Camp Laramie Peak (CLP) our final payments are due in to the Troop by April 26th. The attached roster shows payments so far and how much is still owed for each scout. Please make sure to contact Carol Peacock or me to get your final summer camp payments in.

For summer camp every year we need a fresh physical for every Scout and adult attending summer camp. Additionally, the new tour permit form for 2011 requires the medical release that is included in the BSA physical. So, we will need to get a BSA physical form on file for every Scout and adult in the troop every year. We will be scheduling Dr. Parliament to provide physical on one evening before summer camp. If your Scout is getting a physical for some other reason (sports, etc) you can have the BSA physical form filled out at the same time.

Finally we have Spring Camporee the last weekend in April. This year Camporee will be at BDSR. There will be Scout skills competitions and lots of fun. Be sure to sign up.

BE PREPARED for fun and adventure this spring.

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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
Agenda: Merit Badge Completions and Rank Advancements
- 4/8-4/10 (Fri-Sun) Camping (Pawnee Buttes or alternative) - **CANCELED**
- 4/12/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
EPIC Center 6-8pm
Away Meeting at 6pm, Epic Center (BSA Swim Test and NTIER Swim Test)
- 4/16-4/17 (Sat-Sun) Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser
(Note: no school on 4/15)
- 4/19/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Citizenship in the Community with Sheriff Justin Smith
- 4/23/11 (Sat) Service hours at Elks Lodge, 10:00am-12:30pm**
Shelf building
- 4/26/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for Spring Camporee
Final payment due for Camp Laramie Peak
- 4/29-5/1 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee at the Boulder Rotary Lodge area of BDSR
Dutch Oven dessert cookoff and other fun events

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
Cleanup from Spring Camporee
- 5/7/11 (Sat) Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser**
- 5/10/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting

Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal Fitness MB – meet at CLP track

5/17/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal Fitness MB – bring individual 12-week fitness plan

5/24/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 6:00-8:30pm
Patrol competition, rocket launch, troop cookout
Note the early start time!

5/31/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for Creedmore Lake campout

June 2011: **First Aid Skills**

6/4/11 (Sat) Troop 87 Garage Sale
Laporte Presbyterian Church

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
Final prep for Creedmore Lake campout

6/10-6/12 (Fri-Sun) Canoe and Camping Trip – Creedmore Lake
All Troop 87 Scouts are welcome

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:

12/3/11 (Sat) Christmas Tree Sale

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

July/Aug	Swim Party
August	Court of Honor
August	Troop Elections
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: Diane Clark

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, May 3, 2011.*

Committee Meeting Date: April 5, 2011

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Lee Roberts, Mark Wilson, Doug Burdette, Chuck Yung, Kim Yung, Cindy Tunney, Carlyn Jones, Diane Clark, Pat Knebel, Genia Denny, Darrell Schoenig, Bev Addington, Robert Acker, Carol Peacock, John Molenar, Cindy Cosmas

Minutes were approved as written.

The following three scouts reported to the committee on their Eagle Service Projects:

Nate is organizing a donation drive outside local stores for Adoption Dreams Come True's Dream Room. Needy families with babies get necessary items such as formula, diapers, etc. at no cost from the Dream Room, however, supplies are low and donations are needed. Possible dates for donation drive include May 13, 14, 15. Nate will organize a Bike Tune up and Wash in the park as another avenue for raising donations. He also wants to organize help to repair the Dream Room as there are problems such as water damage in the room that houses all the donations at Adoption Dreams Come True.

Josh will repair a bridge and improve the trail near the bridge at Lorry State Park. Rotten boards will be replaced, nails removed with a modified fence post puller, railing replaced and a spacer made so as not to disrupt traffic across the bridge while it's being repaired. He needs 10-20 older scouts to help in shifts and wants to complete the job on a week day before the end of May. Josh estimates the cost will be \$400 and will ask for donations to raise funds. He will take before and after pictures.

Peter will mount two plaques, and build garden tables & benches for the Elks Lodge. He will make the table tops out of beetle kill logs. The lodge will donate necessary funds and Peter and his father will do all the prep work. He needs 10-12 scouts to help with assembly in mid-June.

Finances: Carol

Entire account: \$5190.89

Troop account: \$2300.67

Scout accounts: \$2890.22 (\$62.18/scout average)

Fundraising: Genia

- Spring fundraiser at Fort Collins Nursery Saturday, April 16th 7:30 am – 3:00 pm, Sunday, April 17th 8:30 am – 3:00 and Saturday, May 7th 7:30 am – 3:00 pm. Next week, scouts will make the price list for coffee, cinnamon rolls, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. that will be sold.

Miscellaneous Items:

FOS Update, Dawn

- Achieved Platinum Level with \$1565.00 contributed. Troop will receive camp discount of \$25 off price to CLP for summer 2011, free merit badges and advancement.

New Scout Registration, Scott

- Youth applications, adult applications and MBC sheets submitted on March 12, 2011.

Lawn Mowing tabled until May meeting.

Old Business:

- Youth Protection Training – Dawn will schedule with Freddie
- Neckerchief Sewing – Kim will have 30 completed by the end of April. Chuck made a motion that a scout who loses his neckerchief will pay \$5 to replace it and that the price doubles each time should the same scout continue to lose his neckerchief (\$5, \$10, \$20, etc.) Cindy seconded and the motion passed.
- Policy Sub-committee – Dawn reported that the committee will have the first meeting in April. Committee members are: Mark Wilson, Pat Knebel, Amy Strunk, Diane Clark, Sue Schoenig, Scott Dorsch and Dawn Dorsch.
- Quality Unit for 2010 – Dawn and Ron will submit even though it is late.

New Business:

- Merit Badge Counselor Review – Dawn asks all adults to review the MBC listing for accuracy.
- Tour Permit Changes, Dawn – Note: any trip constitutes a tour. Due to changes in requirements, Genia made a motion that parents sign a *tour permission slip/release to treat/emergency and medical contact information sheet* once a year in March after scouts have crossed over. Carol seconded and the motion passed. Chuck volunteered to gather information via email that he will use to create a spreadsheet of vehicle information, drivers, insurance, etc. from all parents who may volunteer to drive scouts on a tour. All the necessary information will be compiled for easy use before any tour. Please watch for Chuck's email and reply as soon as possible. The completed forms and the spreadsheet will be duplicated and kept in three separate notebooks (one for the Committee Chair, one for the lead driver and one for the Scoutmaster).
- Journey to Excellence-tabled until May
- Volunteer Recognition-tabled until May
- Scout Birthday Recognition – Senior Patrol Leader will coordinate and lead scouts in singing Happy Birthday to You at the first meeting of each month.
- Camping Supplies – Are there any upcoming expenses?
- A new Treasurer is needed as Carol wants to retire. Dawn and Carol will write job description.

Troop Updates/Information:

- Elks Work Days- Chuck and Kim suggest that older scouts are present to supervise younger scouts
- Each scout receives CLP camp discount, but let Scoutmaster Rowe know if you get a popcorn discount as well.
- Boundary Waters – John Molenaar will discuss at next scout meeting
- Pawnee Buttes trip cancelled; see new April calendar/schedule