

TROOP 87

MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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School is almost out and high school graduation is only a couple of weeks away. Our Scouts will have more time available for outdoor adventures. One of the main reasons we are in Scouting is because we love the great outdoors and we want our Scouts to love it as well. So, if you have an idea for a summer time outdoor activity let us know. Activities don't have to be overnight or involve the whole troop. Day activities and Patrol activities are fine.

Our next outdoor activity will be a day trip to Horsetooth Park on May 28th. We will be doing some rock climbing. For the Scouts who haven't been climbing before we need to make sure you learn your basic rock climbing skills. We will be spending time learning the knots and belay techniques and demonstrating them before you go up the rocks. It is also important that all scouts have the proper safety gear. Each Scout will need a helmet and harness while they are climbing. We have some helmets and harnesses to share, but if Scouts have their own that fit them that would be preferable. Parents, please talk to me about climbing equipment if you already have some or have questions about what to get.

Summer is a very active time for us all and being in good physical condition is important. We will be working on Personal Fitness merit badge this month. At our next two troop meetings we will be doing fitness evaluations so come dressed to work out.

After that is summer camp. Here is a link for the Camp Laramie Peak Leader's Guide:
<http://www.longspeakbsa.org/camps/CLP/Guide11.pdf>

Scouts going to CLP and their parents should review the leader's guide so they will know how camp will run and what to expect. One item of equipment we need to upgrade is the troop first aid kit. I have attached a list of items we would like in our kit. If anyone can donate any of these items please bring them to meet at any troop meeting.

We have a couple of fund raising events coming up in May and early June. In June we are planning a campout to Creedmore Lakes where we'll have some canoe practice. In June we will concentrate on prep for summer camp. Each Scout should have a backpack he can load all his personal gear into. If you have questions, or would like to borrow one of the troop's packs please see me.

The schedule looks full, but we can always make room for more fun.

BE PREPARED for a great summer

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

May 2011: Personal Fitness

- 5/10/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal Fitness MB – meet at the Church
Do not wear your Class A khaki shirt. Do wear a Troop 87 T-shirt.
- 5/14-5/15 (Sat-Sun) Nate Wertz Eagle Project
Sat – community bike ride at Redtail Grove Natural Area (5131 S College)
Sun – diaper donations at Albertsons (North) and Overland Foods (Laporte)
- 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
Families bring side dishes. Troop provides burgers and hot dogs.
Note the early start time of 6pm!
- 5/28/11 (Sat) Outdoor activities at Horsetooth Mtn Park
- 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
- 6/14/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Away meeting at the Elk's Lodge
Flag Retirement

6/21/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Physicals for summer camp (if needed)

6/28/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Equipment checkout for summer camps

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
Prep for summer camps

July 9-17 (Sat-Sun) High-adventure camp (Boundary Waters canoe trip)
July 10-16 (Sun-Sat) 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



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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, June 7, 2011.*

Committee Meeting Date: May 3, 2011