

TROOP **87**
AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

August 2011: Merit Badge Completions

- 8/9/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Court of Honor
- 8/16/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for backpacking trip
- 8/19-8/21 (Fri-Sun) Camping / Backpacking Trip to Blue Lake
- 8/23/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Elections
Cleanup after backpacking trip
- 8/30/11 (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
Prep for swimming merit badge
- 9/13/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Away Meeting at **6pm**
EPIC Center
- 9/17-9/18 (Sat-Sun) Popcorn sales at King Soopers**
- 9/20/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Prep for Fall Camporee
- 9/23-9/25 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee
- 9/27/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Cleanup after 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

Date TBD Jax Customer Appreciation Days

Date TBD Assist with Haunted Weekend at Camp Nicol

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

- 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, Sept 6, 2011.*

Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2011

Next Meeting Date: September 6, 2011

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Lee Roberts, Pat Knebel, Mark Wilson, Robert Acker, Darci Johnson, Genia Denny, Cindy Tunney, Scott Addington, Kim Dawson

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Entire account: \$632.86

Troop account: \$1898.53 (\$51.31 per Scout)

Scout accounts: \$2734.33

Expenses: 1) Amended 8/2/11 Pat K motioned that Troop pay for the 75 mile patches and 100 mile patches for the three crews. Bev seconded. Committee approved.

2) For the CLP Summer Camp, the total gas expense was \$236.53. Darci motioned that each Scout that attended CLP pay \$10 and the troop pays the balance. Kim seconded. Committee approved.

Fundraising: Popcorn Kick-off: Genia/Kim will send a separate email with dates/details for Popcorn sales. Genia will have popcorn sheets available at all August Troop meetings. Show and Sell starts on September 10. Genia will order popcorn for Show and Sell based upon last year's sales quantities. The committee supported selling of popcorn at the N College King Soopers on September 17, 18. We are waiting on a second date for the King Soopers. Sales end on October 23.

Jax Appreciation Days: Held in October – specific weekend to be announced later.

Lawn Mowing: Short Term: Scott/Bev emailed the list of volunteers.

Long Term: Dawn will ask Pat Harms (CDOT employee) about which government agency has rights to the ditch as it would be nice to xeriscape the road side of the ditch. The committee also discussed the lack of space to store equipment. This topic will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Dawn will contact the Church committee about storage space, lawn care responsibilities, gas storage.

The following Scout families agreed to donate the lawn care equipment:

1. Robert A donated a riding lawn mower to be used for the back section of the church. Robert will investigate the cost to adjust the deck. He will provide an update at the next committee meeting. The battery will need to be charged and the mower delivered to the church.
2. Heather S donated a push lawn mower to be used for the front of the church and the ditch. Heather will bring the mower when the storage situation is resolved.
3. Pat K will determine if he has a string trimmer to donate. If the trimmer needs a tune-up/repair, Pat will investigate the cost and provide an update at the next committee meeting. Dave Brannon, former Scout Master, will donate a string trimmer for the Troop to use.
4. Darci J will confirm if she has an enclosed wire dog fence that could be used to store equipment.

Old Business:

Tour Plan Driver info: Chuck is gathering insurance, driver, and car information for each Scout Family. Dawn sent an email to the specific families asking for these details. Please response as this needs to be completed by the September meeting.

Permission Slips/Medical History Forms: Dawn passed and received several completed 2011 Permission slips. She will develop and document a process for gathering and tracking both forms for each Scout.

Eagle Scout Plaque: The Church approved the hanging of a plaque. Chuck will proceed with design ideas to be presented to the committee. Dawn will follow-up with Council office for a list of Troop 87 Eagle Scouts from 2004 to current; access to newsletter for additional names; discuss at September meeting how far back in time should we track.

Donations from July meeting: Kim Y will check on the availability of providing a vacuum.

New Business:

BDSR Cub Camp Haunted Weekend help: Last year the Troop volunteering for these weekends requested help. However, our Troop was not able to respond quickly enough to be of assistance. In preparation for the September Roundtable meeting where the request for help will most likely be made, Scout Master Rowe asked the PLC if they were interested in helping. The PLC members were interested. Mr. Rowe asked the committee, as parents, if we were willing to support the Scouts in this service project. Parents were asked to check their weekend schedules in October and be prepared to provide commitment/availability at the September Committee Meeting. Dawn will send separate email with this request. Mr. Rowe will have this information for the Roundtable meeting.

High Adventure Camp for 2013: Due to the change in committee meeting dates, not all of the information for each camp option was available. Genia presented some basic information about the Alaska trip. The committee discussed the following issues:

- 1) Summer of 2013 or 2014 – a few Scouts will age out prior to 2014; these parents should discuss this with their Scout. Waiting one year gives the Scouts additional time to fundraise.
- 2) Genia, Chuck and Kim Y will gather and present information for several High Adventure Options so that Scouts and parents can discuss and provide feedback/preferences.
- 3) Scouts fundraising all or part of the Scout expense plus a portion of adult leader expenses.

Troop Website Options: Pat K and Eric B have been working on the Troop website hosted by FRII which uses Adobe flash player. The website is not very administrative-friendly and FRII is not helpful about answering questions or providing assistance. But FRII provides the website for free. Pat and Eric have proposed that the Troop continue to use FRII to host the basic web site at a cost of \$0. This website would be used mainly for non-Troop members. The website would have a link to a Facebook Group page. This page would have photos, updates, schedule changes, etc and would be easier to manage and access. Key question to committee: Are parents okay with the open nature of social media with regards to their children and their privacy? Dawn will contact the council to determine what limitations exist for using social media for communication within the Troop. Committee questions for Pat/Eric: 1) by using Group, can we limit the access of others 2) if others wish to join, how are they approved 3) what are the privacy limits of Groups 4) can using Shutter fly be explored as another option to Facebook.

Next Camping Trip on August 19 - 21: The next trip will be a backpacking trip to Blue Lake Trail which has an elevation gain of 2800 feet plus a 5 mi round trip hike. The Scouts will meet many of the requirements for the Camping Merit Badge. Troop will depart on August 19 at 4:00 pm from the Church. Bring a sack lunch for Friday dinner. The Troop will return on August 21 at 1:00 pm at the CLP Middle School parking lot.

Tabled Business:

Volunteer Recognition/ Scout Birthday Recognition: discuss with PLC when August elections are completed.

Journey to Excellence – Dawn: discuss at September committee meeting

Shed/storage for lawn equipment – Dawn: discuss at September committee meeting

Next High Adventure Summer Camp: discuss at September committee meeting

Updates:

2012 Summer Camp: Medicine Mountain in South Dakota

For Troop t-shirts – see Cindy Cosmas; Troop Numeral “87” patches (\$2.00 each) – see Dawn.