

TROOP 87

SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Summer is over, school has started and we have a lot of fun activities this fall. First off we have the Fall Camporee. That will be the weekend of Sept 23-25 at BDSR. The theme this year is Scouts vs Wild. Camporee should really be great. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time. Our camping trip for October will be to Veedauwoo for rock climbing. More details as we get closer. Popcorn sales start soon. Remember, popcorn sales are one of our major fundraisers for the year. Selling popcorn is a lot easier than counting hardware or throwing dead ducks. We will be having a couple of show and sell events soon so be sure to sign up and support this important fundraiser. We are also going to be having a work day at the Elks lodge. They have really been great to our Troop and we have a good reputation with them. Let's be sure to get plenty of participation on that event as well.

Fall is always a tough time for Scouts. School starts up and everyone is busy with schoolwork, sports, clubs, band, etc. It can be hard to decide what activities are most important. Sometimes we have to miss a Troop meeting or activity. That's OK. What is important is that we live up to the Scout Oath and Law in all we do, do well in school, and get back to the Troop meetings when we can. No matter how many meetings you may miss, we always look forward to seeing you active in Scouting.

Be Prepared for a busy fall.

Dave Rowe  
Scoutmaster Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## 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
- 9/10/11                      Popcorn sales begin
- 9/13/11 (Tuesday)      Troop 87 Scout Meeting  
Away Meeting at **6pm** (be in the water by 6pm)  
EPIC Center
- 9/17-9/18 (Sat-Sun)      Popcorn sales at King Soopers**  
**Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00pm; Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.**
- 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 @ Outpost Camp at BDSR
- 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  
First Aid patrol competition
- 10/8/11 (Saturday)      Work day at the Elk's Lodge  
10am-2pm
- 10/11/11 (Tuesday)      Troop 87 Scout Meeting  
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm  
Camping prep and rock climbing skills
- 10/14-10/16 (Fri-Sun)      Rock Climbing and Camping at Vedauwoo

10/18/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting  
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm  
Camp cleanup & rank advancement

10/22-10/23 (Sat-Sun) **TENTATIVE - Assist with Haunted Weekend at Camp Nicol**

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

Date TBD Jax Customer Appreciation Days

**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  
Personal management merit badge

11/8/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting  
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm

11/15/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting  
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm  
Personal management merit badge

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: 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, Oct 4, 2011.*

## Committee Meeting Date: September 6, 2011

**Committee Members Present:** Dawn Dorsch, Pat Knebel, Carol Peacock, Lee Roberts, Tom Noon, Mark Wilson, Genia Denny, Sean Dougherty, Diane Clark, Carolyn Jones, Kim Dawson, Katye Grant, Doug Burdette

### Finances, Carol Peacock

**Entire account:** \$4376.19  
**Troop account:** \$1612.59  
**Scout accounts:** \$43.58 average/scout

Upcoming Expenses/Purchases: 3-ring binders for permission slips and medical forms, and fundraising supplies to include, but not limited to a new cash box with lock.

### Fundraising, Genia Denny

- Fort Collins Nursery  
Collected: \$1090.00, Expenses: \$329.00. For future reference: 2 adults and 7-10 scouts/day are needed for this fundraiser.
- Popcorn Sales  
Show and Deliver on Sept 17-18 at North College King Soopers, 10 am-4 pm.  
Sean will pick up popcorn on Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>  
If your scout's order sheet is full, he is eligible for a prize drawing. Make a copy of the order form and turn it in to Genia.  
All orders and money are due no later than Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, but may be turned in earlier.

### Unit Commissioner Report, Tom Noon

- Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the new national performance assessment, communication and recognition program for units, councils and districts. The goal of JTE is to improve the quality of all units. As compared to the old Quality Unit Award, it is more quantitative in nature. Tom will help us understand JTE, complete necessary form required by BSA, and learn how to make our JTE scores better year after year. An email from Tom to Dawn included the JTE scorecard for Troops, a spreadsheet for calculating JTE scores and answers to frequently asked questions. A separate meeting is required to complete the spreadsheet.
- Scouting Showcase, an opportunity to promote Troop 87 to Cub Scout Packs, is scheduled for Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2pm at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College. Committee will make a decision about attending this event in October.
- Cub Scout Roundtable Discussions-Troop invited to make a presentation and hand out troop flyers (project for Communications Merit Badge).
- Register for Scoutmaster leader specific training at <http://www.longspeakbsa.org/CacheLaPoudre/training/trainorama.htm>
- Information and reservation form for National Jamboree 2013 found at <http://www.longspeakbsa.org/jamboree/>

### Old Business:

- Web Master/Website-Dawn forwarded BSA regulations link to Pat. Everyone should have received Troop 87 Facebook invitation.
- Eagle Scout Plaque-Dawn/Chuck-We have church approval; requested list of past Eagle Scouts from Greely office; proceeding with design ideas.
- Driver's Information for Tour Plan-Dawn sent emails to specific families requesting info.

- Permission Slip/Medical History Data, Dawn-Need to develop process to gather and track forms for each scout.

#### **New Business:**

- Brian Hackleman's Eagle Project is to make 4 structures out of PVC pipe to be placed in Arapahoe Bend Ponds Natural Area to shelter fish. Goal for completion is this fall. Tom Noon advised Brian that more details are needed and Brian should consult the Eagle Guide Book on District Website for more information.
- Haunted Weekend Help- At next round table meeting, Scott will offer our troop's help with staffing haunted house one Saturday in October, possibly Oct 21-23.
- Need places to cut Christmas Trees on Saturday, Nov. 26 for tree sale fundraiser.
- A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Mark to form a High Adventure Camp Committee. Motion passed. Committee volunteers are: Mark, Kim D., Genia, Kim and Chuck. Mark will ask Scouts to research ideas of where they'd like to go for summer of 2014, and report back at Sept 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Waiting response from church about church tree trimming.
- Elks Work Day on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm. Look for email with more details.
- Doug will organize a care package for Zack Rowe who is in Afghanistan.
- Error on Be a Scout website: Pat will update/correct contact info and change location of our troop from Livermore to La Porte.

#### **Tabled Business:**

- Volunteer and Scout Birthday Recognition-Dawn will present at Sept PLC meeting.
- Journey to Excellence-tabled until October committee meeting.

#### **Troop Updates & Information:**

- Fall Camporee: Scout vs Wild at the Outpost- BDSR, Sept. 23-25.
- See Cindy for Troop t-shirts and see Dawn for Troop #87 patches (\$2 each)