

TROOP 87

NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Last year the fall was warm, this year we have already had two heavy snowstorms. It could be an interesting season. Scouts and parents remember to keep an eye on the weather and BE PREPARED for adverse driving conditions. The two storms so far have both hit on a Tuesday night. Make sure your vehicle is prepared for winter driving. A few emergency supplies like a wool blanket, flashlight, hat coat, gloves and boots are a good idea.

For this month we will be working on Personnel Management merit badge on both November 8th and 15th. No meeting on Nov 22nd for Thanksgiving. The Saturday after Thanksgiving we plan to cut trees for our Christmas tree sale on 3 December. More details on this as we get a little closer. Nov 29th we plan to work on knots.

We are currently working through recharter which is due in early December. It looks like Council lost all our merit badge counselors from the database again this year. So, if you would like to be a merit badge counselor for the troop please fill out the merit badge counselor applications at <http://www.longspeakbsa.org/forms/MBCreg.pdf> and the fifth page of an adult application at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501A.pdf>. Please get these turned in to Dawn Dorsch by the Nov 29th meeting.

For December we will be having dutch oven cooking on the 6th. Each patrol will cook at least one dutch oven item. Adults are invited to bring their dutch ovens and create something as well. We'll be taste testing all the results. We are inviting the Webelos IIs from both Packs 87 and 197 for this event. We have a Court of Honor on Dec 13th. All scouts in full uniforms please. Family are invited and be sure to bring a treat to share while we celebrate all the accomplishments of our Scouts. December 20th will be the troop Christmas party. Location to be determined. Families are invited. Please bring a treat to share and a wrapped gift (no more than \$15) for the white elephant gift exchange. No meeting on Dec 27.

Other events on the horizon – Merit Badge University - MBU will be on the 7th and 14th of January. I need to have us registered by Nov 30th. Please download the individual signup sheet at <http://www.longspeakbsa.org/CacheLaPoudre/MBU/scoutsignup.pdf>. Bring the completed sheet to this week's meeting if possible and I will start registering our Scouts. I need those returned to me by Nov 15th at the latest. The sooner we get registered the more likely we are to get our first choices.

Klondike Derby in Gould Feb 3-5.

The other long term event we need to plan for is summer camp 2012. We are registered to attend Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch (MMSR) the week of 8-14 July. Cost for this summer camp is \$260 per scout and \$100 per adult (full week) plus fuel (we'll figure that after we return from camp). Full details on MMSRP can be found at: <http://blackhillsareacouncil.com/MedicineMountainScoutRanch.html>

BE PREPARED for fun this fall.

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

November 2011: Personal Management

- 11/8/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal management merit badge (1st session)
- 11/15/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal management merit badge (2nd session)
- 11/19/11 (Sat) Austin Dorsch Eagle Project
- 11/22/11 (Tuesday) No Troop 87 Meeting – Thanksgiving
- 11/26 (Saturday) Christmas Tree Cutting
- 11/29/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Skill training: Knots

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
Dutch oven cookoff
- 12/10/11 (Sat) Snow Shoeing at Hewlett Gulch
- 12/13/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Court of Honor
- 12/17/11 (Sat) Scout Ski Day at Copper Mountain (tentative)
- 12/20/11 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Troop 87 Christmas Party
Scouts bring a gift to give; families bring a dish to share
- 12/27/11 (Tuesday) No Troop 87 Meeting - Christmas

January 2012:

- 1/3/12 (Tuesday) No Troop87 Meeting – New Years
- 1/7/12 (Sat) Merit Badge University (1st session)
- 1/10/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend - Yearly Planning Session
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
MBU Homework Session
- 1/14/12 (Sat) Merit Badge University (2nd session)
- 1/17/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Cold Weather Camping Class
- 1/24/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Knots? Other?
- 1/31/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Klondike Equipment Checkout

February 2012:

- 2/3-2/5 (Fri-Sun) Klondike Winter Camping
- 2/7/12 (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
- 2/14/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal Management Merit Badge (completions)

Upcoming Events:

- July 8-14, 2012 Summer Camp at Medicine Mountain in S.D.

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



Dawn Dorsch, Committee Chair
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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, Dec 6, 2011.*

Committee Meeting Date: 11/1/2011

Finances:

- Fundraiser at the Nursery \$1089.94 for 5 days. Avg \$5.58 per scout. Decision for \$100.00 to go into troop fund. Sean Motion, Lee second.
- Summer camp gas?

From Senior Patrol Leader:

- Rank Advancements / Personal Management
- Nov 22nd, no meeting
- Nov 26th tree cutting
- Nov 29th knot session
- Dec Court of Honor
- Dec 6th Dutch Oven cook off
- Dec 20th Christmas Party
- Jan 10th MBU
- Jan 14th MBU
- Jan 17th Prep for Klondike
- Jan 24th knot session
- Jan 31st final prep
- Feb 3-5 Klondike
- Jul 8-14 summer camp, \$260 per scout / 100 per adult Mount Rushmore
- Current physicals needed

Popcorn Sales

- Sean has full inventory, Cindy is coordinating
- Fund raising, have \$150 in receipts? Reimburse? Dawn to follow up.

Tree cutting

- Contacts? Scott Addington and Mark H. to coordinate. Will need volunteers.
- Cindy cosmos to coordinate tree sales, put add in north 40.
- No committee meeting prior to sale.
- Need coffee pots!

Website update

- Dawn to update

Re- Charter

- Dawn will start

Eagles

- Committee for Eagles
- High Adventure 2014
- Kim, Mark, Doug, Kim Byers

Old Business

- Zack Rowe – Package gone

New Business

- Talk in Jan about new chair for fundraising
- Eagle coordinator – Mark Wilson tracking; Nate and Peter coming up, New book for advancement and policy guide.
- Webelos invited to cook off. 5 from Mark's Den confirmed so far.
- Meal scheduling for Denny's; sheet sign up and then publish. Dawn to provide email; every other day.
- Scout Birthday recognition
- Plaque – will wait until after until after New Year for planning
- Austin's Project – Need shovels and wheel barrels, many questions still need answered. 10-15 scouts needed plus 4-5 adults. November 19th!!!
- Journey to Excellence - We're in good shape. Need documentation to prove our quality units.