

TROOP 87

JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



Dave Rowe, Scoutmaster
Email: drowe@larimer.org
Home Phone: 419-0241
Cell Phone: 227-4932

As we move into 2012, I would like to focus more on outdoor activities. Enjoyment and appreciation of the great outdoors is a major focus of Scouting. We should be looking for a greater number and variety of outdoor activities. These don't have to be overnight/camping activities. Day hikes or bike rides, fishing trips, boating, or whatever fun outdoor activities you like. Please either have your Scout pass their ideas to their patrol leader or e-mail them to me. At the January PLC we outlined our schedule of events for the entire 2012 calendar year.

Here are some upcoming events:

- January 24: First summer camp payment of \$100 is due. Please get those payments in to me or Mrs. Yung so we can get our payment in to Medicine Mountain.
- February 3-5 is Klondike at Gould. Cost will be \$28 per Scout. So far the snow isn't very deep but we should be prepared for cold anyhow. The sign-up sheet will be at every meeting before Klondike. I still need some adults to sign up as well.
- February 10th is the District Recognition Event. It will be at the Timberline Church, catered by Old Chicago's. All 2011 Eagle Scouts are can attend for free. Cost is \$10 for all others.
- February 21 we will be having Troop elections. Any Scout who needs a leadership position for rank advancement should be putting their name in.
- March campout will be Camp Rowe.
- The Fort Robinson tree planting will only run for three more years. The project was slated for 25 years and has gone 22 already. We are not planning on attending as a Troop, but individual Scouts can attend if they want.
- May 4-6 will be Spring Camporee at Camp Soaring Eagle. The theme will be - Survivor. I don't know what events are planned except that the shooting ranges will be available.

Summer Camp this year will be at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch in South Dakota. Their program is a little different this year with merit badge signups online. As soon as we get our first payment in to MMSR we will be able to start merit badge registrations. Scouts and parents will need to start looking over your camping equipment. I'd like each scout to have a backpack that he can pack all his summer camp personal equipment in. All those attending summer camp will need a new BSA physical form. The new Tour Plan guidelines require us to have a physical form on hand for any Scout taking part in any activity we need a Tour Plan for (i.e. Klondike) anyhow. The physical form is good for one year so please be sure to get those forms signed by your doctor at your next physical and turn a copy in to the Troop.

Finally, a reminder for Life Scouts looking towards Eagle Scout. You all need an Eagle leadership Project. These projects take a lot of time and planning. Please get started on them early. Also, there is a new Eagle Project workbook. You will need to use that workbook for your Eagle project unless you already have all the needed signatures. See me anytime and we can discuss Eagle Leadership project options. Let's BE PREPARED to have a great and productive year.

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

January 2012:

- 1/14/12 (Sat) Merit Badge University (2nd session)
8am-12:15pm @ Front Range Community College (Harmony and Shields)
- 1/17/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Cold Weather Camping Class
Personal Mgmt Merit Badge counselors available to answer questions
- 1/24/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Rank Advancements, Klondike prep and equipment checkout
- 1/29/12 (Sun) Eagle Ceremony at Elk's Lodge 2-4pm**
Eagle ceremony for Peter Cosmas, Josh Schoenig, and Nate Wertz
- 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 in Gould, Colorado
- 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
Klondike cleanup
- 2/14/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Personal Management Merit Badge (completions)
- 2/21/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Elections
- 2/28/12 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Camp Rowe prep

March 2012: **Orienteering Merit Badge**

3/2-3/4 (Fri-Sun) Camp Rowe

3/6/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

3/13/12 (Tuesday) No meeting [Spring Break]

3/20/12 (Tuesday)

3/27/12 (Tuesday)

April 2012: **Architecture Merit Badge**

4/3/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

4/10/12 (Tuesday)

4/17/12 (Tuesday)

4/24/12 (Tuesday)

May 2012: **Weather Merit Badge**

5/1/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

5/4-5/6 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee

5/8/12 (Tuesday)

5/15/12 (Tuesday)

5/22/12 (Tuesday)

5/29/12 (Tuesday)

June 2012: **Personal Fitness Merit Badge**

6/5/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

6/12/12 (Tuesday)

6/19/12 (Tuesday)

6/26/12 (Tuesday)

July 2012:

7/3/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

7/8-7/14 (Sun-Sat) Summer Camp at Medicine Mountain in S.D.

7/10/12 (Tuesday) No meeting [Summer Camp]

7/17/12 (Tuesday)

7/24/12 (Tuesday)

7/31/12 (Tuesday)

Aug 2012: **Photography Merit Badge**

8/7/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

8/14/12 (Tuesday)

8/21/12 (Tuesday)

8/28/12 (Tuesday)

September 2012: Fishing Merit Badge

- 9/4/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
- 9/11/12 (Tuesday)
- 9/18/12 (Tuesday)
- 9/25/12 (Tuesday)

October 2012: Computer Merit Badge

- 10/2/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
- 10/5-10/7 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee
- 10/9/12 (Tuesday)
- 10/16/12 (Tuesday)
- 10/23/12 (Tuesday)
- 10/30/12 (Tuesday) Corn Maze

November 2012: Merit Badge Makeups

- 11/6/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
- 11/13/12 (Tuesday)
- 11/20/12 (Tuesday)
- 11/24/12 (Sat) Christmas Tree Cutting
- 11/27/12 (Tuesday)

December 2012:

- 12/1/12 (Sat) Christmas Tree Sale
- 12/4/12 (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
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
- 12/11/12 (Tuesday)
- 12/18/12 (Tuesday)
- 12/25/12 (Tuesday) No meeting [Christmas]

Other Events in 2012

- Feb 14 or 21 - FC Nursery
First weekend in June - Yard Sale

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



Dawn Dorsch, Committee Chair
Home Phone: 484-5045
Email: dsdorsch@msn.com

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, Feb 7, 2012.*

Committee Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Committee Members Present: Lee Roberts, Sean Dougherty, Kim Dawson, Bev Addington, Cindy Cosmos, Doug Burdette, Cindy Tunney, Carolyn Jones, Pat Knebel, Dawn Dorsch, Kim Yung, Diane Clark.

Motion to approve minutes by Doug and 2nd by Cindy. Minutes approved.

Proposal for Eagle Project, Jared Powers: To build 6-10 flag cases for veterans who have passed away and possibly organize a ceremony to present flag cases at Elks Lodge. Cases will be made of hard wood & plexiglass (or another non-yellowing substance) & photo. Scouts to help with assembly, staining of boxes, inserting flags into boxes and ceremony. The tentative completion is sometime in March. Committee recommended strongly that presentation ceremony be included in project plans and that Jared nail down all details and put proposal in binder.

Committee Reports:

Finances: Kim Yung

Entire account: \$5264.37

Troop account: \$1138.32

Scout accounts: \$4126.05 (~\$125.03/scout)

Lee moved to reimburse drivers for ski trip. Cindy & Bev 2nd and motion passed.

Fundraising:

- **Elks Lodge**, Cindy Cosmos will talk to Joyce at Elks Club about when to expect donation.
- **Christmas Tree Cutting Update**, Cindy Cosmos will send thank you note to Gary Weixelman. Bev Addington suggested that scouts plan outing to Beaver Meadows this winter as a way to thank Gary for his donation. Glen Dawson said scouts are discussing Beaver Meadows outing.
- Cindy will call Fort Collins Nursery to ask about dates for fundraisers in 2012.

Webmaster: Dawn will update Be A Scout website

FOS, Kim Dawson: We are \$1000 short for our FOS goal.

High Adventure 2014: Tabled until Mark Wilson is present.

Old Business:

- **Genia Denny Memorial:** Discussion included "Campership" in her name to fund camping trips for Ty. When Ty no longer needs it, campership will be awarded to other scouts who need help paying for camping trips. Sean will get photo of Genia and order plaque.
- **Fundraising:** Volunteer needed to chair Fundraising Committee. The troop has annual operating expenses of \$1460 that are covered by fundraisers. Committee members voiced concern that the same scouts and their families routinely participate in fundraisers while other scouts and families do not. So, some families contribute to troop operating expenses, while others do not. There was discussion about requiring all families to either participate in fundraisers or pay dues to the troop. Perhaps all families will be charged dues, but have the opportunity to have dues credited each time a family member volunteers in some way for the troop and/or participates in a fundraiser. This will be discussed more at the next meeting. Also to be discussed is whether to institute a set percentage for troop expenses to be collected after each fundraiser. A letter to explain how the troop's operating expenses and scout accounts work will be drafted by Sean.

New Business:

- Volunteer recognition/Scout Birthday recognition: Dawn presented at January PLC meeting.
- Sparkplug Award nomination for Genia is due by Jan 12th.
- Journey to Excellence emblem for uniforms tabled to a future year.
- New Tour Plan Guidelines: Pat will add link to website and/or Facebook.

Tabled Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque, Chuck/Dawn: Have church approval, Dawn requested list from Greeley. Proceed with design ideas.

Troop Updates & Information:

- 2012 Medicine Mountain Summer Camp
Summer Camp Fees: \$100/person due by Jan. 24th and balance of \$156 due by March 31st.
- For Troop t-shirts see Cindy C.
- For Troop Numeral 87 patches (\$2 each) see Dawn.