

TROOP 87

APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Due to a schedule change from Council we will not be camping on the weekend of 13-15 April. Forestry day has been moved to 28 April, and since that is the weekend before Spring Camporee we will not be going. Instead we are planning a bike ride around Ft Collins on the 14th. Plan to meet at the CLP parking lot with your bike, helmet, water, and snacks at 9am. The ride should take about 2 hours and end back at CLP.

On the weekend of April 28/29 we have the Ft Collins Nursery fundraiser. Times are 9:30 am to 2:30 pm both days. Please be sure to sign up if you can make it. Fundraising is never fun, but it is an important element of keeping the Troop going, and it teaches the Scouts a good lesson in supporting themselves. Spring Camporee will be May 4-6 at BDSR. The Theme will be Survivor Soaring Eagle Challenge:

- **Join us on May 4, 5, & 6 for a fun filled weekend of at a Spring camporee modeled after the Survivor TV Show. You will be dropped off on the Soaring Eagle Island where you will be divided into Tribes. You will travel around the Island with another Tribe competing in many activities earning points that will earn you special rewards at Saturday night's Tribal Council. Get ready to Outwit, Outplay and Outlast the other Tribes to earn the title of Ultimate Survivor.**

Sign-up sheet is available now. Cost will be \$24 per Scout and \$5 per adult.

While we continue to schedule and work on new merit badges, lots of Scouts have unfinished ones and we are going to start pushing hard to get those completed. So, all Scouts, look through your blue cards and merit badge work books and bring the incomplete ones in to get a plan for finishing them. If you are unsure what you might have incomplete then see Mr. Powers.

Summer Camp will be here in no time. Final payments have been collected and mailed in. We are currently booked for 24 Scouts and 7 adults for the week of July 8-14 at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch in South Dakota. We are able to accommodate additional Scouts or adults if someone still wants to attend. We will be setting up our side trips for the Wednesday of that week so be sure to get your input to me. A very important item is physicals. Every summer camp participant needs a current BSA physical to attend camp. The forms can be downloaded from the Longs Peak Council website. Any camper without a current physical in hand will be sent home from camp on check-in day so please get those physicals done and turned in to me.

Finally a note about adult participation. While we strive to have a boy led Troop, we cannot go on campouts without adequate adult supervision. That means two deep adults at a minimum. On the March and April campouts we had a hard time finding a second adult. Parents, please participate when you can. If everyone takes a turn it is not so time consuming. If the same few parents come every time it gets to be a burden. Adults attending summer camp will need to complete or update their Youth Protection Guidelines training to be sure you are current. This can be done online through the Longs Peak Council website. A BSA membership number is not needed for YPG training.

BE PREPARED for a great spring and summer

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

April 2012: Weather 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
- ~~Prep for camp-out~~
Rank Advancement
- 4/10/12 (Tuesday) Weather Merit Badge
~~Final prep for camp-out~~
- ~~4/13-4/15 (Fri-Sun)~~ ~~Forestry Days at Soaring Eagle at BDSR and camping trip~~
4/14/12 (Saturday) **Scout Bicycle Outing**
Meet at 9am at CLP school parking lot
- 4/17/12 (Tuesday) ~~Clean-up from camp-out~~
Church cleanup
- 4/24/12 (Tuesday) Weather Merit Badge completions
Prep for Spring Camporee
- 4/28-4/29 (Sat-Sun) Fundraising at Fort Collins Nursery

May 2012: Architecture 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
- Architecture Merit Badge – first session**
Prep for Camporee
- 5/4-5/6 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee
- 5/8/12 (Tuesday) Clean up from Spring Camporee
- 5/15/12 (Tuesday) **Away meeting – note early start time**
Swimming at Epic Center (be in the water at 6pm)

5/22/12 (Tuesday) **Architecture Merit Badge – second session**

5/29/12 (Tuesday) **Game Day**

June 2012: **Personal Fitness Merit Badge**

6/2/2012 (Sat) Jared Powers Eagle Project

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)

6/22-6/24 (Fri-Sun) **Backpacking trip to Blue Lake**

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

~~First weekend in June – Yard Sale (canceled)~~

Sept 1 – FC Nursery

Oct 7 – FC Nursery

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, May 1, 2012.*

Committee Meeting Date: April 3, 2012

Committee Members Present: Kim Yung, Kim Dawson, Doug Burdette, Sean Dougherty, Chuck Yung, Pat Knebel, Matthew Condell, Lori Discoe, Lee Roberts, Carolyn Jones, Samantha Holtan, Mark Wilson, Dawn Dorsch, Diane Clark, Bev Addington, John Molenaar, Cindy Tunney, Tom Noon.

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

Committee Reports:

Finances: Kim Yung
Entire account: \$3480.93
Troop account: \$1771.02
Scout accounts: \$1709.91 (~\$47.50/scout)

Upcoming expenses may include purchasing a cooler for each patrol to use on campouts and fundraising events.

***Ft. Collins Nursery Fundraiser:** April 28th Sean & Chuck or Kim are parent volunteers; April 29th Cindy Cosmos, Bev & Scott are parent volunteers. Need metal bucket to put coals in when cleaning up grill. For keys to church, see Ron. All scouts should bring 12 pack of soda and ice for fundraiser. Soda may be brought to Tuesday Scout meeting. Bring baked items wrapped in single serving sizes to sell as well.

Committee Chair, Dawn

***FOS:** We met goal. Council sending Dawn list of donors so we can thank them and ask for support in future.

***High Adventure Camp:** Mark will bring power point of camps for Scouts to view.

***Journey to Excellence:** Ron should track Brian Hackleman's Eagle project hours in Troop Master. If a Scout performs any individual service hours (outside of Scout activity) be sure to report hours to Ron.

***New Scout Registration:** 5 Scouts bridged to Troop 87 last Friday.

Old Business:

***Genia Plaque,** Sean cannot locate photograph. Pat will send email to request photo. A photo taken during the summer camp at San Isabel is on the website and would work well if it can be located. Further discussion on where to place plaque is necessary. Perhaps we will place plaque at BDSR near tree planted in her remembrance. Mark will investigate tree planting.

New Business:

***Eagle Scout Plaque,** John will take 3-4 older Scouts to Greeley this summer to locate names of Troop 87 Eagle Scouts in archives.

***Troop 87 25th Anniversary,** Dawn: Craig will confirm founding date. Further discussion about celebration necessary.

***Business Cards:** Logan Wilson and Blake Roberts will be asked by their parents to design Troop 87 business cards and letterhead as requirement for Communications badge.

***Lawn Mowing,** Pat donated lawn mower and Dave Brannon donated a string trimmer to Troop 87 for use when mowing the Church lawn. Perhaps Scouts should organize a "Rock Pick" to take place during the April 17th meeting before the first mowing of the season.

Tabled Business:

*Genia "Camporship" tabled until Fall

***Participation in Fundraising:** Discussion of instituting fees or requiring participation in fundraising for Troop expenses and research into how other troops handle this issue. Tom Noon suggested that there needs to be "buy in" from Scouts, and fundraisers must be scheduled 6-12 months in advance. Also, there is a new policy that allows troops to establish participation expectations for advancement. This is meant to encourage leadership and participation. John suggested that patrol leaders should email patrols regarding participation in fundraisers, account balances should be posted regularly and that during the meeting on April 17th, time should be devoted to meeting with patrol leaders for a discussion about how they want to handle fundraising and improve participation. The hope is that all Scouts will participate instead of the same Scouts volunteering every time there is a work day at the Elk's Lodge or fundraiser at Fort Collins Nursery, to name a couple of examples.

Troop Updates & Information:

*2012 Medicine Mountain Summer Camp balance of \$156 was due March 31st.

*For Troop t-shirts, see Cindy C.: Troop 87 patches (\$2 each), see Dawn.