

TROOP 87

MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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May is off to a fast start with Spring Camporee already over. We had 20 Scouts and 4 adults attend. It was great fun with beautiful weather and competitions that were varied and unusual. Our Pirate Patrol (Pirate Moose Tribe) was in a three way tie for ultimate survivor. GOOD JOB Pirates (mooses).

For June we had planned a backpacking trip to Blue Lake. Despite the recent warm temperatures it looks like there will be too much snow in the high mountains for this trip. So, we will look for an alternate place to camp. Possible ideas – Pawnee Buttes, somewhere near Red Feather – anything else ?

After that is summer camp. Here is a link for the Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch Leader's Guide: <http://www.blackhillsareacouncil.com/MMSR%20Camp%20Leader%20Guidebook%202012.pdf> Scouts going to MMSR and their parents should review the leader's guide so they will know how camp will run and what to expect. All Scouts and adults going MMSR need to have a current BSA physical (within the last year) to attend camp. Please start getting your physicals done and turned in to me. Anyone without a current physical will be turned away from MMSR. In June we will work on prep for summer camp. Each Scout should have a backpack he can load all his personal gear into. If you have questions, or would like to borrow one of the troop's packs please see me.

With school almost out for the summer our Scouts will have more time available for outdoor adventures. One of the main reasons we are in Scouting is because we love the great outdoors and we want our Scouts to love it as well. So, if you have an idea for a summer time outdoor activity let us know. Activities don't have to be overnight or involve the whole troop. Day activities and Patrol activities are fine. Summer is a very active time for us all and being in good physical condition is important. We will start working on the Personal Fitness merit badge beginning the last meeting in May. The first meeting in June will be our initial physical eval so come in workout clothes.

The schedule looks full, but we can always make room for more fun.

BE PREPARED for a great summer
Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

May 2012: Architecture Merit Badge

- 5/4-5/6 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee
- 5/8/12 (Tuesday) Cleanup from Spring Camporee
Architecture Merit Badge – first session
- 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) **Personal Fitness MB – book work**

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
- Personal Fitness Merit Badge – initial fitness test**
- 6/12/12 (Tuesday) **Game Night (outside games)**
- 6/19/12 (Tuesday) **Prep for backpacking trip**
- 6/22-6/24 (Fri-Sun) Backpacking trip to Blue Lake
- 6/26/12 (Tuesday) Away meeting at Inner Strength rock gym

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
- Prep for summer camp**
- 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) **Cleanup after summer camp**

7/24/12 (Tuesday) **Scout skills (eg. first aid and knots)**

7/31/12 (Tuesday) **Rank Advancement**

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

Personal Fitness Merit Badge completions (12 week fitness test)

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

Fundraising Chairs for 2012

1. Popcorn – Cindy Tunney
2. Jax – Cindy Tunney

3. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington
4. Fort Collins Nursery – [need a chair]
5. Christmas Trees – Cutting: Scott Addington; Sale: Bev Addington
6. Patrol Boxes – Ron

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, June 5, 2012.*

Committee Meeting Date: May 1, 2012

Committee Members Present: Kim Yung, Kim Dawson, Doug Burdette, Sean Dougherty, Pat Knebel, Matthew Condell, Lori Discoe, Lee Roberts, Dawn Dorsch, Diane Clark, Scott Addington, Cindy Tunney, Tom Noon, Doug Burlingmair, Robert Allen, Cindy Cosmos.

Motion to approve minutes by Sean and 2nd by Pat. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Finances: Kim Yung
Entire account: \$4288.59
Troop account: \$2466.66
Scout accounts: \$1821.93 (~\$45.55/scout)

***Ft. Collins Nursery Fundraiser:** \$777.05 collected through donations/tips and concessions, less expenses brings net funds raised to \$ 542.46. Motion by Sean for the Troop to take 10% and scouts split remainder. Cindy seconded and motion passed.

Committee Chair, Dawn

***FOS:** Kim Y. sent thank you notes to donors that aren't current Troop families.

***Journey to Excellence:** Need to complete volunteer hours for 3/24 work day at Elk's Lodge. Waiting for Brian Hackleman to reply to Dawn with Eagle Project volunteer hours. See Troop Committee Training at myscouting.org. All adults who receive any training should show certificate of completion to Ron.

***New Scout Registration:** 4 scouts and 1 adult registered with council

***Permission Slips/Health Forms:** Dawn will print forms for completion

Items in Church Shed: Looking for a home for games in shed

Merit Badge Counselors: Dawn will create a list based on the forms submitted because council database not current.

Old Business:

***Troop 87 25th Anniversary,** Dawn: No reply from Craig confirming founding date as of yet. More discussion about celebration necessary.

***Lawn Mowing,** Pat: Mower and trimmer in shed as are 2 gas cans and oil. Doug Burlingmair volunteered to create lawn-mowing schedule and seek volunteers.

Coolers, One donated. We are looking for more. Sean will apply for cooler donation from Sam's Club and report back next month.

Operating Expense Policy, Sean is working on draft.

New Business:

***Troop T-shirts,** Kim will order extra shirts besides those ordered.

***Troop Master Costs,** Sean motioned to pay for 3 years at cost of \$49.95, Lee seconded and motion passed. We will not pay ledger cost as Kim Y. uses Excel at no cost to Troop.

***PLC Communication Meeting**

Communication with Scouts: SPL has implemented a 5-minute Patrol Time during each meeting that will be used to review the upcoming schedule and solicit suggestions/ideas from each individual patrol. Patrol Leaders will use this time to explain to the Scouts the importance of fund raising and service projects. Each Patrol Leader will develop a list of patrol members and

determine the best way to communicate with each scout. If we have an event change or short notice of an event (within two meetings), the Patrol Leaders will contact each Scout with updates. *Communication with Elk's Lodge:* PLC will meet with the Elk's Lodge leader to discuss how the Troop can meet the needs of the Lodge.

Communication between the PLC and Committee: The Committee Chair and/or any adult can present events to PLC during the PLC meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month. The SPL will present the upcoming schedule at the Committee meeting held the first Tuesday of each month. The Committee Chair will share important details from the Committee meeting with the PLC at the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

***Camp Physicals:** Scheduling with Dr. Parliament pending

***Pool Party and Pot Luck:** Scouts do want to have this event so Leah Powers will schedule. Troop provides grilled hotdogs and Scouts/families bring sides and desserts. The cost is \$3-\$4 to attend. We will invite Webelos 1 & 2 this year.

Tabled Business:

***Genia "Camporship" & Memorial:** tabled until Fall; photo located.

***Participation in Fundraising:** Discussion of instituting fees or requiring participation in fundraising for Troop expenses and research into how other troops handle this issue.

Troop Updates & Information:

*2012 Medicine Mountain Summer Camp: 24 Scouts and 7 adults attending.

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

* Doug Kelly gave a presentation about National Jamboree scheduled July 15-25, 2013. 40,000 Scouts will attend permanent camp in West Virginia. Long's Peak Council is allotted 2 troops of 36 boys in each troop. Cost is \$3600 and includes 2 ½-3 days of sight seeing in Washington, DC area. Fundraising is planned and includes 35% of popcorn sales for any boy registered. Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. [Flyer for National Jamboree will be attached to this month's newsletter.]



2013 National Scout Jamboree Summit Bechtel Reserve

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia, will become the BSA's permanent home for the National Scout Jamboree as well as the organization's fourth high-adventure base. The 2013 National Jamboree committee is now looking for youth to fill troops. If you are interested in the experience of a lifetime, please fill out the following interest form and return it to the Longs Peak Council office along with your deposit.

If you have any questions regarding the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, contact 2013 National Jamboree Chairman: Ray Stuckenschmidt, ray@systemsundercover.net or Mike Turner, professional staff advisor, michael.turner@scouting.org. or visit the Longs Peak Council website www.longspeakbsa.org/jamboree

Boy Scouts must have completed the sixth grade and be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2013, have attained the rank of First Class by July 1, 2013, have completed National Jamboree physical, participate in the pre-jamboree training, be active in his troop for 6 months prior to July 1, 2013, and be approved by his Scoutmaster. The Scout must be under the age of 18 on July 24, 2013.



Yes! I am a Boy Scout and interested in the 2013 National Scout Jamboree!

Please put me on the list of interested Scouts.

(Please Print Clearly)

Name _____ Troop # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail address _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent E-mail address _____

I want to secure my reservation in one of the Jamboree troops and am enclosing my first payment of \$100 made payable to the Longs Peak Council.

Please send this completed form (and \$100 non-refundable deposit) to the 2013 National Jamboree, c/o Longs Peak Council, Scout Center, P.O. Box 1166, Greeley, CO 80632-1166

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