

# TROOP 87

## OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Fall is here and the weather is turning cool. We have a pretty busy schedule for the month of October. This weekend was Grant peacock's Eagle Project.

Next weekend, Oct 13, is a day hike up the Grey Rock trail. The scenery is spectacular right now and this should be a super outing. Meet at the church at 9 am. Bring a lunch, water bottle, weather appropriate clothing, and anything else you need for the hike. The trail is well marked, but it is quite a climb. We should be back by mid afternoon. I will be out of town again this weekend so we will need several adults to sign up for the hike.

The weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> is Austin Dorsch's Eagle project. It is important to make these eagle projects if you can. You get service hours and Austin has the help he needs to complete his eagle Project.

The meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> is rank advancements and outdoor games. A reminder about staying safe, last week a Scout was hit below the eye with a thrown stick. We all want to have fun, but don't let it get out of control. Throwing ANYTHING at other Scouts is strictly against troop policy. Our older Scouts know this from years of experience. I am relying on you older Scouts to keep an eye on the younger Scouts so this doesn't happen again. Scout activities should be fun and challenging, but safe.

We will be working on Computer merit badge this month on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will also visit the Northern Colorado Corn maze for Halloween again this year on the 29th. Cost is \$12 per person (group rate) if we have more than 15 going. There is a signup sheet at the troop meeting. Family members are welcome to attend but need to be on the signup sheet. Everyone had very scary time last year. We have had cold and snowy weather several times at the corn maze so BE PREPARED for the weather.

As always one of our main goals is for the Scouts to have fun in the outdoors. We are always looking for ideas of fun outdoor events. If you have something in mind either pass it along to your patrol leader or e-mail it to me. Day activities or overnights are great.

Let's look forward to a great month and BE PREPARED for fun.

Dave Rowe  
Scoutmaster Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## October 2012:      Computer Merit Badge

- 10/6, 10/7 (Sat., Sun)      Grant Peacock Eagle Project, 9am-3pm  
Lory State park at the orchard cove parking lot
- 10/9/12 (Tuesday)      Rank Advancement, Games, and Cleanup after Camporee
- 10/13/12 (Saturday)      Hike to Grey Rock  
Meet at Laporte Pres. Church at 9am
- 10/16/12 (Tuesday)      Computer Merit Badge - part I
- 10/20/12 (Saturday)      Austin Dorsch Eagle Project, 9am-2pm at Horsetooth Reservoir
- 10/23/12 (Tuesday)      Computer Merit Badge – part II  
RSVP's due for corn maze
- 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  
Rank Advancements
- 11/13/12 (Tuesday)      Dutch Oven cookoffs
- 11/20/12 (Tuesday)      Board games
- 11/24/12 (Sat)      Christmas Tree Cutting
- 11/27/12 (Tuesday)      Prep for tree sale

## 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)

- 12/15/12 (Saturday) Scout Family Ski Day at Copper Mountain  
<http://ScoutFamilySkiDays.org>
- 12/18/12 (Tuesday) Christmas Party at Elk's Lodge (tentative)
- 12/25/12 (Tuesday) No meeting [Christmas]

**Other Events in 2012**

~~First weekend in June – Yard Sale (canceled)~~  
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 – Bev Addington and Lori Discoe
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, October 2, 2012.*

Minutes from 2 October, 2012 Troop 87 committee meeting

- I. Minutes of previous meeting approved by voice vote.
  - A. Finance: Treasurer reported balances as follows:
    - a. Entire account = 3033.92
    - b. Troop account = 1761.05
    - c. Scout accounts = 1272.87
  - B. Popcorn; Orders have been turned in.
  - C. Ms. Dorsch asked that the Eagle coordinating committee meet off-line to discuss the new policy.
- II. Discussion of how to handle scout arrears, particularly for inactive / "eagled out" scouts. Pat Knebel moved to catch up arrears rather than change policy; Kim Dawson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Old business;
  - a. Under old business, summer camp was narrowed down to BDSR or Laramie Peaks. Scouts to vote with decision TBA next week.
  - b. The Eagle Scout plaque project is still ongoing, and seems to be stalled waiting for volunteer to obtain a complete list of past Eagles.
  - c. Tree cutting is scheduled for 24 November in Beaver Meadows; Scott Addington to coordinate.
  - d. Glenn updated the committee regarding the schedule for October & November;
    - 9<sup>th</sup> October – rank advancement, cleanup
    - 16<sup>th</sup> – Computer merit badge, part I
    - 13<sup>th</sup> Gray Rock hike
    - 23<sup>rd</sup> – Computer merit badge, part II
    - 30<sup>th</sup> – Corn maze
    - 6 November – PLC, rank advancement
    - 13 – Dutch oven cook-off
    - 20 – board game night
    - 24<sup>th</sup> – tree cutting
    - 27 – Tree sale preparation
  - e. December, 18<sup>th</sup> possibly Christmas party at Elks Lodge
  - 15 Dec – ski day outing

- IV. Leadership positions; discussion included job descriptions, participation requirements, communication re: absences, assistant scout master to mentor incoming Patrol Leaders. Patrol leaders to select and mentor Assistant Patrol Leaders.

Elks Lodge made a \$500.00 donation to the troop.