

TROOP 87

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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2013 is off and running. After Merit Badge University we were off to Klondike Derby. Twelve Scouts attended this year and they had a great time. There was much less snow than normal, but it sure was cold. We earned 76 frost points. Last year was colder though, we earned 90.

We are scheduled to Bridge over some new Scouts from Pack 87 on Feb 23rd. That is a Saturday and I'll be looking for several Scouts to help bridge these new Scouts over. Our old Senior Patrol Leader, Glen Dawson has done a fine job for the troop the last 6 months. We have Troop elections scheduled for Feb 26 so everyone make sure to attend and help select the next leadership team for the Troop. For all the Life Scouts in the Troop, time can get away from you for that Eagle leadership project. Be sure to stop by and discuss your plans with me so we can stay on track.

Our next Troop event will be Camp Rowe at the Rowe's property in Hewlett Gulch the 8nd thru 10th of March. Right now there is no snow so I think we will be able to work on orienteering as well as Cooking merit badge and basic Scout skills. Remember that we are still in winter and March is the 2nd biggest snow month for the Front Range. Dress for the weather and bring the right camp equipment. It is often cold and windy for Camp Rowe. Spring Camporee in early May and summer camp at CLP in July. We still need a camping trip for April so think about where we could go that would be fun and maybe warm. Outdoor adventures are a key part of Scouting. Let's make the most of the opportunities available to us in the great place we live.

Be Prepared for a great spring and summer

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster
Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

February 2013: Music Merit Badge

- 2/12/13 (Tuesday) Music Merit Badge, part I
- 2/19/13 (Tuesday) Music Merit Badge, part II
Troop Job Descriptions
- 2/26/13 (Tuesday) Troop Elections

March 2013: Cooking Merit Badge

- 3/5/13 (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
Camp Rowe Prep & Cooking Merit Badge, part I
- 3/8-3/10 (Fri-Sun) Camp Rowe
- 3/12/13 (Tuesday) Cleanup after camp
- 3/19/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [Spring Break]
- 3/26/13 (Tuesday) Cooking Merit Badge, part II

April 2013: Genealogy Merit Badge

- 4/2/13 (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
- 4/9/13 (Tuesday)
- 4/16/13 (Tuesday)
- 4/23/13 (Tuesday)
- 4/30/13 (Tuesday)

May 2013: Cinematography Merit Badge

- 5/7/13 (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

5/3-5/7 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee

5/14/13 (Tuesday)

5/21/13 (Tuesday)

5/28/13 (Tuesday)

June 2013: **Fishing Merit Badge**

6/4/13 (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

6/11/13 (Tuesday)

6/18/13 (Tuesday)

6/25/13 (Tuesday)

July 2013:

7/2/13 (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

7/7-7/13 (Sun-Sat) Summer Camp at Camp Laramie Peaks

7/9/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [Summer Camp]

7/16/13 (Tuesday)

7/23/13 (Tuesday)

7/30/13 (Tuesday)

Aug 2013: **Geocaching Merit Badge**

8/6/13 (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

8/13/13 (Tuesday)

8/20/13 (Tuesday)

8/27/13 (Tuesday)

September 2013: Family Life Merit Badge

9/3/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

9/10/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

9/17/13 (Tuesday)

9/24/13 (Tuesday)

October 2013: Traffic Safety Badge

10/1/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

10/8/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

10/15/13 (Tuesday)

10/22/13 (Tuesday)

10/29/13 (Tuesday)

November 2013: Swimming Merit Badge

11/5/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM
All Patrol Leaders should attend

11/12/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

11/19/13 (Tuesday)

11/26/13 (Tuesday)

December 2013:

12/3/13 (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

12/10/13 (Tuesday)

12/17/13 (Tuesday)

12/24/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [Christmas]

12/31/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [New Years]

Troop Events 2013

7/7-7/13 Summer Camp at CLP (\$50 deposit due Jan 8)

Fundraising Chairs

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 Powers

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



Dawn Dorsch, Committee Chair
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Minutes by: **Chuck Yung**

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.*

Troop 87 minutes, 5 February

Dawn Dorsch opened the meeting.

- I. Treasurer reported #3,082.61 total in the troop account. Scout funds work out to \$130/scout, or \$74/scout excluding funds from the retired scouts.
- II. Second item of business was the Job Descriptions, as written by Doug Burdette with considerable input from Lee Roberts and Pat Knebel. Kim Yung made a motion to accept the Job Descriptions, seconded by Pat Knebel. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Chuck Yung to develop a sign-up form for scouts desiring to run for elected positions.
- IV. Scott Addington will present the job descriptions to the troop at a meeting prior to the elections. Mr Noon suggested the scoutmaster and senior patrol leader review the applicants, and decide the final slate of candidates.
- V. Sign-up sheet to be posted on the 19th, with election the following week. Election to be conducted "top down", starting with SPL Proposal by Scott Addington / Doug Burdette that, if a scout fails to fulfill his obligation, the SM and SPL will intervene, and – if necessary – a new election will be held to fill his vacated position.
- VI. Participation guidance; as per Lee Roberts suggestions; the degree of participation to be set out for the scouts, describing the expected involvement for troop membership, followed by a greater degree of participation for rank advancement. Scouts in positions of responsibility are expected to have the highest level of participation.
There was also discussion as to how much each scout should be involved in each type of activity, with a goal of well-rounded participation. The committee understood and agreed that, with extracurricular activity there would be times when scouts would not be able to participate in some troop activities.
Pat Knebel to write a description articulating the expectation of the committee.
- VII. Mr Noon recommended that Junior Leader Training should be conducted at least annually. Dawn Dorsch, Pat Knebel and Lee Roberts to form a subcommittee to develop written guidelines for participation.