

TROOP 87

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Well, it's March already and the year is flashing by. Camp Rowe was a cold windy outing. A big snow storm was forecast, but we only had a few flakes. On Friday night we got 2 Frost points. Saturday was the snowy day, but less than half an inch accumulated. Saturday night we got another 12 frosty point. That leaves those of us who went to Klondike 10 points short. March will be a short month for the Troop. No meeting March 19 for spring break. Last month we bridged over 3 new Scouts from Pack 87. One of our new Scouts has a peanut allergy so please be mindful of that when making menus or sending snacks to troop events. If something you send contains any peanut products be sure to clearly label it. March 28 we will be Bridging over another new scout from Pack 98. Our final meeting in March will be work on cooking merit badge. Be sure to bring in your filled out workbooks. Our April campout will be on the weekend of April 5 thru 7 at Pawnee Buttes. While there we will try to get some star gazing in for those needing to complete Astronomy merit badge. For April we will be working on Genealogy merit Badge.

Spring Camporee will be "Camp Gadget" May 3-5 at Soaring Eagle, BDSR. Spring Camporee will consist of 4 separate competitions that you will compete in with your Patrols. The events will take place in or near your campsites. District will only be providing judges, so the adults in our Troop will be supervising our Scouts.

Scouts will have 3 hours to construct camp gadgets using materials that you bring with you (and take back home after you are done). You will be judged on originality, creativity, usefulness, and Scouting skills. Gadgets must be constructed on-site (during the 3 hour time period) you may not build them in advance. Here is a website to get you thinking. <http://www.pioneeringprojects.org/projects/camp.htm>

Our final summer camp payment (\$100) is due in to Council by 31 March if we want to avoid late fees. Please get your payments in to Mr. Addington or Mrs. Yung by the March 26 meeting. The final payment may go down if we get our FOS goal letter and if you have a popcorn goal letter. If you have a popcorn letter bring a copy in when you make your final payment.

Finally, we will be having a Court of Honor April 30. Be sure to get those partial merit badges finished soon. If you need a Scoutmaster conference or board of review see me at any meeting so we can set that up.

Be Prepared for a busy and fun spring.

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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
Prep for camping trip
- 4/5-4/7 (Fri-Sun) **Pawnee Buttes camping trip**
Astronomy Merit Badge
- 4/9/13 (Tuesday) **Cleanup after camp**
- 4/13-4/14 ??** **Fundraiser at FC Nursery**
- 4/16/13 (Tuesday) **Genealogy Merit Badge #1**
- 4/23/13 (Tuesday) **Genealogy Merit Badge #2**
Prep for Spring Camporee
- 4/30/13 (Tuesday) **Court of Honor**

May 2013: Cinematography Merit Badge

- 5/3-5/5 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee
- 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
Cleanup after Camporee

- 5/14/13 (Tuesday) **Rank Advancement**
- 5/21/13 (Tuesday) **Cinematography Merit Badge #1**
- 5/28/13 (Tuesday) **Cinematography Merit Badge #2**

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

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

9/10/13 (Tuesday)

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

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

10/8/13 (Tuesday)

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

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

11/12/13 (Tuesday)

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: Dawn Dorsch

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.*

Committee Meeting Date: March 5, 2013

Committee Members Present: Sean Dougherty, Bev Addington, Pat Knebel, Dawn Dorsch, Kim Yung, Lori Discoe, Mark Wilson, Matthew Condell, Lee Roberts, and Scott Dorsch.

No February minutes were written or approved. The committee did not hold a regular committee meeting in February.

Committee Reports:

Finances: Budget discussed, monthly balanced not provided

Fundraising: Ft Collins Nursery in April: Bev and Lori will co-chair. They will confirm the date and provide it to the troop, SPL and Pat D.

New Scouts: Dawn/Matt will process the new Scout applications (Jonah and Martin).

FOS: We made both our Patch and Camp goals. Thanks to all of you for contributing.

High Adventure 2014: The committee agreed that this camp will be in 2015. Mark W. will confirm the Scout choice by the 4/30 Court of Honor.

Elk's Lodge: We need an adult to volunteer to be the liaison with the Elk's Lodge. The time commitment is minimal – 2-3 hours a year. If you are interested, please contact Dawn or Mr. Addington.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Will discuss in April to ask for volunteer to travel to Greeley to research (Maybe Scott A and Doug B) as it would be nice to have this done by the end of May
- Election Recap: The committee members and ASM felt that the election went well given the new position descriptions and format. We will make a couple of adjustment for the next one. *Thanks to all the parents/adults that helped to finalize all of these policies.*

New Business:

- Budget Review: Kim presented two budget formats for discussion. The committee asked Kim to create a combined budget using the best of both formats. Kim will create and provide to the committee at the next meeting.
 - Summer Camp Gas Payment: Pat K. motioned that each Scout attending summer camp will prepay a set amount to cover gas expenses two weeks prior to camp. If the amount paid is greater than the actual amount, the difference will be deposited into the Scout's account. If the amount paid is less than the actual amount, the difference will be deducted from the Scout's account or paid promptly by the scout/family. Bev A. seconded.
 - Negative Scout Account balances: Expectation is that all accounts are in the positive or events are paid for before the Scout can participate.
- Gathering/Review of past financial policy: Kim Yung will review the old committee meeting minutes for all policies relating to finances and gather these into one document.
- Training:
 - Leadership Positions – In need of Secretary and Elk's Lodge Liaison; A few adults are in the process on completing Assistant Scout Master training.
 - Adult Training – Tracking, Monitoring, Determining what is needed by leaders and by volunteers: Matt can view the training history of each Adult with a BSA ID#. He will check the My Scouting website for training, contact Adults that need to renew or take required training, input all training into Troopmaster.

- Journey to Excellence: Tracking through the year by the Awards Chair; help needed from troop/parents. Dawn and Matt to determine best way to do it.

Tabled Business: See List at end of minutes

Troop Updates & Information:

- For Troop t-shirts and Troop Numeral 87 patches (\$2 each) see QuarterMaster -

Troop 87 Committee Meeting – Major Topics to be discussed each month and if need more than 1 meeting to complete the discussion

December: Job Descriptions: committee approved the job descriptions as written in the Scoutmaster Handbook.

January:

- X1. Set the Participation Policy
 - a. Include Glenn, Gage and Patrol Leaders in our discussions
 - b. Invite Tom Noon to participate in setting the policy
 - c. split policy into rank advancement and participation?
- X2. Review and confirm the BSA Job Descriptions – do we want to offer all to the boys
 - a. Include Glenn, Gage and Patrol Leaders in our discussions
 - b. Elected vs. Appointed
- X4. Write Overall policy of participation, job descriptions, elected vs. appointed and name it something short
- X5. Schedule set for all steps with a final due date of February 19.

February: Budget; Participation/Elections; High Adventure 2014

- X2. Fundraising: review last year; determine 2013 fundraisers; determine volunteer chair for each
- X3. Complete the Participation/Job Description policy
- X4. High Adventure Camp in 2014

March: Open Positions; Training; Eagle Scout Coordinating Committee

- X1. New Scoutmaster; Assistant Scoutmasters and if tasks for each position will need to change from status quo
- X2. Adult Training: Tracking; YPT; how to communicate need for training; Journey to Excellence requirements
- X3. Journey to Excellence: Tracking through the year by the Awards Chair; help needed from troop/parents

April: Budge finalized, Training,

1. Budget Finalized
2. Training
 - Mentoring: Assigning Adult or Older Scout to each leadership position
 - Youth Training: Options available to troop, select best and set training plan
 - Eagle Coordinating Committee: Chuck, Mark and Dawn to review the new policy and determine how the committee can be the most useful. Tom Noon will help the committee in any way. Set a date in April for meeting with Tom.
2. Merit Badge Counselors: Review the list for additions, changes,
3. Extra funds in Troop Account for former Scout's Accounts.

May: Policy creation,

1. Policy
 - Set committee
 - Set timeline for completion
 - At first meeting: select format; set sections; assign owner for each section; set deadlines for section completion