

TROOP 87

APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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We had a great time at Pawnee Buttes. The weather Friday night was a surprise, however as all good Scouts are, we were prepared. Some Scouts learned a little more about how to prepare for bad weather.

This month we have a Court of Honor the 30th. Scouts need to get as many merit badges completed and turned in to Mr. Condell as possible. Also, if you need a Scoutmaster conference or board of review be sure to see me at the start of the meeting.

Spring Camporee is the first weekend in May. We will be at BDSR and will be participating in a camp gadget building competition. Here is a link to information about Spring Camporee:

<http://www.longspeakbsa.org/CacheLaPoudre/events/spring%20camporee.html>

Here are some links for camp gadget ideas:

<http://scoutpioneering.com/tag/camp-gadgets-boy-scout/>

<http://ajm.pioneeringprojects.org/pioneering/PioneeringProjects.pdf>

http://insanescouter.org/p/226/66/General_Camp_Gadgets.html

Summer Camp will be here in no time. Final payments are due in to council by 1 May so be sure to see Mr. Addington or Mrs. Yung and get your payments in. We are able to accommodate additional Scouts or adults if someone still wants to attend. A very important item for summer camp 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 Mr. Addington

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. 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 in Scouting!!

Dave Rowe
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

April 2013: Genealogy Merit Badge

- 4/16/13 (Tuesday) Genealogy Merit Badge #1
- 4/27-4/28 Fundraiser at FC Nursery
Bring baked goods to sell (wrapped and priced)
- 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
Prep for campout
- 6/7-6/9 (Fri-Sun) Campout & rafting
Ansel Watrous & Dutch Flats camp sites
- 6/11/13 (Tuesday) Cleanup after campout
- 6/18/13 (Tuesday) Fishing Merit Badge I
- 6/22/13 (Sat) Fishing Day
- 6/25/13 (Tuesday) Fishing Merit Badge II

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
Final prep for Summer Camp
- 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

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

12/10/13 (Tuesday) Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

12/17/13 (Tuesday)

12/24/13 (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: April 9, 2013

Committee Members Present: Sean Dougherty, Bev Addington, Pat Knebel, Dawn Dorsch, Kim Yung, Lee Roberts, Robert Acker, Chuck Yung, Cindy Tunney

The committee chair forgot to approve the March minutes.

Committee Reports:

Finances: Scout Account = 2305.44; Troop Account = 2242.47; Per Scout = 82.34

Fundraising: Ft Collins Nursery on April 27 and 28: Bev and Lori will co-chair. The Scouts will assist customers with carrying items to car plus we will have a Bake Sale. The Co chairs will send an email with additional instructions. Please start Baking!!

New Scouts: Dawn has mailed all 3 Scout apps to Greeley.

Merit Badge Counselors: Dawn updated the list per the responses. She mailed the additions to Greeley.

Re-Charter: Dawn will provide paper copies as needed plus provided pdf copies.

High Adventure 2014: Mark W. will confirm the Scout choice by the 4/30 Court of Honor.

Elk's Lodge: Mr. Dougherty agreed to be the liaison with introductions

Secretary: Mrs. Discoe agreed to be the secretary.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Will discuss in May 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
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn sent final requirements to Logan and Blake for final draft; once approved, Dawn will ask Blake to distribute letterhead to committee members and Logan to coordinating the printing of business cards.

New Business:

- Fundraising: Dawn to email all adults asking if they have any ideas for future fundraising. We are in need of new fundraising opportunities for general funds plus the 2015 High Adventure camp. For the past few years, the Troop has spent \$1600 and the Elk's Lodge provides us with \$1500. We just want to be prepared with other options to provide funds for the Troop and the Scouts.
- Budget Review: Kim presented the updated budget. The committee asked for a couple of nomenclature updates to the budget. Kim will distribute for review before the May committee meeting for final approval.
- Budget Policies: Kim provided an outline of several financial items that needed to be discussed. As a committee, we reviewed each item - motioned and approved several updates plus approved those that did not need changes. Kim and Dawn will finalize the items and send to the Scouts and families in a separate email.
- Split of Fundraising Profits: Pat motioned that if a fundraiser makes \$500 or more, the troop will take 20% of the profits with the rest divided among the Scouts that worked the fundraiser; if a fundraiser makes <\$500, the Troop will take 10% of the profits with the rest divided among the Scouts that worked the fundraiser. Cindy T. approved; passed unanimously.
- Youth Training: Doug Burdette agreed to review the Youth Training program options and present his finding to the committee in May.

- Quartermaster, Cole Beyer: Made three requests for the committee's permission:
 - explore the costs of creating a repair kit for the trailer. The repair kit would contain several items to repair tents and patrol boxes. All tents will be numbered so Scouts can report issues by tent. Robert motioned; Bev seconded; passed unanimously. Once final list and costs are determined, ask the Scoutmaster for final approval.
 - To order additional Class B t-shirts for summer camp. Bev motioned; Robert seconded; passed unanimously. Cole will circulate a new list plus solicit hand me downs.
 - To purge the oils in all the patrol boxes and replace with oil approved by Jonah's parents. Kim motioned; Robert seconded; passed unanimously.

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: Budget finalized, Training,

X1. Budget Updates requested and details finalized

X2. Merit Badge Counselors: Review the list for additions, changes,

May:

1. Finalize the 2013 budget

2. Discuss Fundraising for High Adventure 2015

2. Adult Leader Training Update
3. Youth Leader Training update
3. Extra funds in Troop Account for former Scout's Accounts.

June: 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