

TROOP 87
AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

Aug 2013:

- 8/20/13 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness Merit Badge (6:30pm at CLP)
8/27/13 (Tuesday) Elections and Court of Honor

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
Scout skills, Jamboree discussion, Popcorn kickoff
- 9/10/13 (Tuesday) Family Life Merit Badge I
- 9/17/13 (Tuesday) **“Life to Eagle” presentation**
- 9/21/13 (Saturday) Elk’s Lodge work-day
- 9/24/13 (Tuesday) **prep for Camporee**
Family Life Merit Badge II
- 9/27-29 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee

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
- tbd weekend **Astronomy campout at WIRO Observatory near Laramie**
- 10/8/13 (Tuesday) **Dutch Oven cookoff**
- 10/15/13 (Tuesday) **Traffic Safety Merit Badge I**
- 10/22/13 (Tuesday) **Traffic Safety Merit Badge II**
- 10/29/13 (Tuesday) **Corn Maze**

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

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 – Scott Addington

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: August 13, 2013

Committee Members Present: Pat Knebel, Dawn Dorsch, Kim Yung, Lee Roberts, Matt Condell, Sean Dougherty, Mark Wilson,

Approval of May minutes: Sean motioned, Matt approved; committee accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

- **Ft Collins Nursery:** September 2 is the date for the Bake Sale and Carryout Fundraiser.
- **King Soopers Cards:** Sean distributed gift cards loaded with \$5 and he will track the cards. Scout will receive a percentage of all purchases made using the cards. Cards can be sold to family and friends.
- **Scout Store/Gun Show:** The date of the next Gun Show is in December. We are approved to sell hot dogs. If the date of the gun show is the same as the Tree sale, we will try to staff both.
- **Team FTC Swim Event:** Final recap

High Adventure 2015: Mark reported that the Scouts had chosen Boundary Waters. He will provide costs and dates at the next committee meeting. He would like to have a parent assist him with the coordination.

Elk's Lodge: Dawn to send email to Joyce and Sean again. Sean to confirm that 9/21 is a Elk's Service project date.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Chuck was hoping to make it in June
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn sent email with final instructions on sending/ordering

New Business:

- New BSA Membership Policy Q&A with Mr. Noon: Mr. Noon reviewed the new policy. He doesn't see much change within the operations of the units. The committee agreed that our processes won't be impacted by the change. At the district level, 1 adult leader and 1 Scout have left since the announcement.
- Eagle:
 - Chris Knebel – Lowe's Grant: Sean volunteered to help Chris with the coordination of the letter to Lowes. It was later determined that the Council is coordinating this grant. All requests should be directed to Dawn Baumgartner.
 - Gage – Eagle Project: After much feedback from Mr. Noon and committee discussion, Gage was asked to revisit the project. As it was outlined, it was more of a service project than an Eagle project.
- Dave's TY Gift: Sean has the photo of the Troop and is working on the wording for the plaque.
- Dutch Oven Cookoff on 10/08: Request to invite Webelos – Matt to invite Pack 87 and Doug B to invite Pack 197.
- Life to Eagle Presentation: Mr. Noon will present Life to Eagle to the Star and Life rank Scouts and their parents/guardians. Doug B. will run the meeting in Scott and Chuck's absence.

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. X Finalize the 2013 budget
- 2. X 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

August: Policy Creation; Extra funds discussion

- 1. Policy: Extra funds in Troop Account from former Scout's Accounts.

September: Policy creation,

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