

TROOP 87

SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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It has been a very busy summer and we are quickly heading into "fall" my favorite time of the year. The trees start to change color the coolness starts to slide into the evenings and we start planning for Fall Camporee.....

This year the theme is "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" - Ring, Ring, Ring.....Attention all Scouts, there is a criminal organization that has been identified operating at BDSR Scout Ranch. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, will be to arrive at camp on September 27 and be prepared to help solve our mystery on Saturday the 28th. You will need all of your Scout skills, your intelligence and a bit of luck to face the dangers and challenges that await you. One of our undercover agents has found a sheet of paper with numbers that will be posted soon. After studying them, we have determined that they are GPS coordinates. You will need to locate and bring with you at least one GPS unit per patrol. Program the coordinates into your GPS and know how to use it before your arrival (Be sure to bring one per patrol). As always, if you or any member of your Patrol is caught or captured, the President will disavow any knowledge of your activities. Good luck Scouts. This message will self destruct in 30 seconds... After the mission is complete, each patrol is encouraged to participate in a camp-wide race, the winner of the race will take home the coveted Buffalo Skull.

We also need to prepare a skit for campfire. Prizes will be awarded for the best skits. This will be a fun campout, no pressure to work on any on any merit badges or Scout skills (although some skills you learn will apply)

So make sure to sign up and show how great Troop 87 can be in the spy business and outdoor skills....

Final Thoughts... This month try using these 10 tips to improve on communication and relating to others around you.....

1. Smile at people - it takes sixty-five muscles to frown, only fifteen to smile
2. Call people by name - to do that, you need to learn their name
3. Speak to people - take a chance and approach someone new
4. Be friendly - if you would have friends, be one
5. Be cordial - speak and act as if everything that you do is a real pleasure
6. Be interested in people - find out what makes them tick
7. Be generous with praise - stingy with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others - think what impact your words will have before you speak them

9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others - there are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other person's, and the right one.
10. Be ready to serve - helping someone strengthens that bond of friendship.

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Addington
Scoutmaster

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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, Popcorn kickoff
- 9/10/13 (Tuesday) **Jamboree discussion**, Family Life Merit Badge I
- 9/17/13 (Tuesday) “Life to Eagle” presentation, **Family Life Merit Badge II**
- 9/21/13 (Saturday) Elk’s Lodge work-day (tentative)
- 9/24/13 (Tuesday) prep for Camporee
- 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
Cleanup after Camporee
- ~~tbd weekend~~ ~~Astronomy campout at WIRO Observatory near Laramie~~
- 10/8/13 (Tuesday) Dutch Oven cookoff
- 10/15/13 (Tuesday) **Safety class for shooting sports (archery and/or rifle/shotgun)**
- 10/22/13 (Tuesday) **Tentative – shooting activity at TBD location**
- 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)

11/30/13 (Saturday) **Christmas Tree Cutting**

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

12/7/13 (Saturday) **Christmas Tree Sale**

12/10/13 (Tuesday)

12/17/13 (Tuesday) **Christmas Party**

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

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

Troop Events 2014

Elks Memorial Day Events

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: Sept 3, 2013

Committee Members Present: Pat Knebel, Dawn Dorsch, ~~Kim Beyer, Chuck Yung~~, Lee Roberts, Matt Condell, Sean Dougherty, ~~Mark Wilson~~, Doug Birlingmair, Bev Addington, Lori Discoe, Cindy Tunney

Minutes from previous meeting

Correction: if the Gun Show conflicts with the Tree sale, we will staff both.
Minutes were approved with amendments (motioned by Bev, seconded by Lee)

Committee Reports:

A. Finance: **No update due to Kim's absence**

Budget Review

Balances:

Entire account:

Troop account:

Scout accounts:

Expenses:

Upcoming:

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card
 - Sean has cards available, 22 have been sold so far.
- Fort Collins Nursery: Update from Bev/Lori
 - With our 1-day sale, we made \$242.13 (approx. \$10/hour)
- Tree Cutting/Tree Sale
 - Scott Addington will coordinate the tree cutting.
 - Bev Addington and Dawn Dorsch will coordinate the tree sale. Doug proposed that we limit the sale to a single weekend, since it was a lot of effort to extend into the 2nd weekend and we really didn't sell any.
- Gun Show / Outlet Mall Parking Lot
 - Chuck Yung is coordinating a date for December
- Ideas for High Adventure Fundraising - Dinner and auction possibility
 - Tabled for a later meeting

C. Web Master; Re-Charter; Journey to Excellence; FOS; Eagle Coordinator; New Scout Registration; High Adventure 2015; Lawn Mowing: Elk's Lodge

- High Adventure 2015:
 - Dawn will talk with Mark. We need to determine which Scouts are interested, deadline for registration, cost estimates, someone to plan the trip.
- Elk's Lodge:
 - Sean is working with the Elks Lodge to determine if we have a work day on 9/21.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Any Updates from Chuck Y about traveling to Greely
 - No update
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn sent email with final instructions on sending/ordering
 - Dawn has routed the letterhead to interested parties via email.

- Logan is ready to order business cards. We agreed to order 250 cards with free shipping. Dawn will help Logan place the order.
- Troop Equipment: Update from Sean about developing list and writing donation request letter
 - No update
- Quartermaster, Cole Beyer/Josh B: 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.
 - No update.
 - 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.
 - No update
 - To purge the oils in all the patrol boxes and replace with oil approved by Jonah's parents. Kim motioned; Robert seconded; passed unanimously.
 - Lee suggested that we need to have the specifics before going shopping.
 - It was announced that Jonah has moved and is no longer in the troop.

New Business:

- Budget: Extra funds in Troop Account from former Scout's Accounts.
 - No update
- Training:
 - Assigning Mentors to each Scout position – see table below.
 - Review Adult Training: Matt
 - All Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters have been trained
 - At last check, we were good with YPT. Matt will check again.
 - Eagle Coordinating Committee: Mr. Noon will come to the 9/17 meeting in September and present the Eagle process to all Star and Life Scouts and their parents. Chuck, Matt and Dawn will develop a process for the committee to be helpful in the process. .
- Flat Retirement
 - Cindy asked if we should be collecting flags for a burning ceremony. Dawn responded that we can collect the flags and store them in the Scout room until next ceremony. Sean is checking with the Elks to see if they have plans for future ceremonies.
- Dave Rowe's Thank You Plaque
 - Sean is finalizing the plaque. We will invite Dave to the holiday party for presentation.
- Summer Camp 2014
 - Scott Addington will research our options. We need to pick a camp, pick the dates, and be ready to sign up before the end of the year.
 - Normally we pick the weekend immediately after July 4 but that would mean we would be departing on Sunday, July 6, which is probably not desirable.
- Popcorn gift cards
 - Walmart and Albertson's may be willing to provide \$20-\$25 gift cards that we can use as prizes for popcorn sales. Cindy will check.
- Troop fundraising
 - Lori proposed that we choose some simple woodworking projects. Justin has a workshop with equipment that we could use. We could sell these at Christmas tree sales, nursery projects, etc. Matt has plans for simple stools that the Cub Scouts built and painted. Doug saw bicycle baskets made from wood (Ben Delator Scout Camp sells beetle kill lumber). Maybe Jax would sell items for us. Lori asked us to send her specific plans. Sean suggested that we need to agree on what is likely to sell before we start building.

Updates/Information:

- For Troop T-shirts see The Quartermaster; Troop Numeral “87” patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn

Troop 87 Adult Mentors to Scout Leaders

Scout Leadership Position	Mentor
Senior Patrol Leader	Scout Master
Assistant Sr. Patrol Leader	Scout Master
Patrol Leaders (3)	Assistant Scout Master (Chuck) and Sr. Patrol Leader
Younger Scouts	Doug Birlingmair
Outdoor Experience	Chuck Yung
Other Items	Sean Dougherty
Recharter, New Scout Bridging	Scott and Dawn Dorsch
Scribe	Awards Chair and Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
Quarter Master	Treasurer and Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
Web Master	Website Coordinator and Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
Librarian	Parent (Dawn) and Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
Historian	Secretary – photos to webmaster and Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader

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

September: Policy Creation; Extra funds discussion

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

October: 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

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

3. Youth Training

- X4. Write Overall policy of participation, job descriptions, elected vs. appointed and name it something short

X5. Set schedule for all steps with a final due date of February 19.

February: Budget; Participation/Elections; High Adventure 2014

1. Budget: review the format, information included, vote on final budget for 2013
- 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
4. Eagle Scout Coordinating sub-committee: confirms Dawn, Chuck, Mark will be on committee; meet with Tom to review the requirements; outline how the committee/troop Eagle Coordinator will help each Eagle candidate with the process

April: Budget finalized, Training,

X1. Budget Finalized

X2. 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.

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

3. Extra funds in Troop Account for former Scout's Accounts.

May: Final Budget, Fundraising for Everyday plus High Adventure, Training

X1. Budget Finalized

2. Fundraising for High Adventure 2015

3. Adult Leader Training Update

4. Youth Leader Training update

June:

X1. New Process for Permission forms and Medical Forms – any volunteers to develop and institute new process (must be done before Summer Camp).

August: Policy Creation; Extra funds discussion

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