

TROOP 87

OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Well, we had a great Fall Camporee and as usual Troop 87 performed splendidly in all events and activities. We made some cool stuff in Dutch ovens (Monkey bread, pizza and popcorn) and just had a great time. I hope patrols are gearing up for the Dutch oven cookoff this coming Tuesday at the Church. We will be creating culinary delights and treating new Webelo scouts to both food and Boy Scout Activities. Be sure to make a good showing and let the new upcoming scouts know how great Scouting is and can be at Troop 87. We also have a movie night coming up this month where we can enjoy some quality time and excitement. I believe the movie will be The Hobbit..... Precious???? I can't wait!

Just a reminder to all scouts on sign off of advancements:

When working together on scout rank advancements please remember that only scouts that have earned the rank for the requirements they are signing can sign off on requirements other than the Scoutmaster. So in a nutshell only First Class or higher scout ranks can sign off requirements for those boys that are earning Scout, Tenderfoot or First class. For ranks of Star, Life the only scouts that can sign off requirements are ones that have already earned the rank that they are signing for each scout. Obviously the Scoutmaster must monitor this closely for quality control, including other adults authorized and Assistant Scoutmasters. There have been some questions on this and I wanted to clarify the requirements. Merit Badges can only be signed off by the Scoutmaster or Merit Badge counselors that are approved through Longs Peak Council and committee. If you have any questions regarding this information let me know.

STRENGTHENING OUR TROOP

(Hold up two ropes of different sizes)

Which one of these ropes do you think is stronger? You're right. Common sense tells us that the thicker rope must be stronger.

But how much stronger? Is a half inch rope twice as strong as a quarter inch rope? Sound as if it should be, doesn't it? It's not though. In fact, a half inch rope is four times stronger than a quarter inch rope of the same material.

Why is that? It's because there are more strands in the bigger rope, and each strand helps to make the others stronger. When the strands are laid together in a rope their strength is much, much greater than when they are separate.

Our troop works the same way. If the members of your patrol help each other, then your patrol will be much stronger than if each patrol member does his own thing. And if all the patrols work together when they're doing things as a troop, the whole troop becomes much stronger than if each patrol goes its own way.

So let's share our skills and knowledge as we share the fun of Scouting. Everybody - you, your patrol, and our whole troop - will benefit if we pull together.

Happy Scouting,

Scott Addington
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

October 2013:

- 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
- 10/8/13 (Tuesday) Dutch Oven cookoff, 6:30pm
Coal preparation at 6pm
All scouts attend at 6:30pm
Webelos invited
- 10/15/13 (Tuesday) **Knots and rope safety**
~~Safety class for shooting sports (archery and/or rifle/shotgun)~~
- 10/22/13 (Tuesday) **Climbing at Inner Strength rock gym, 6:30pm**
~~Tentative—shooting activity at TBD location~~
- 10/29/13 (Tuesday) Corn Maze
Meet @ 7pm at Northern Colorado Corn Maze <http://nococornmaze.com/>

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
Emergency Preparedness exercises
- 11/12/13 (Tuesday) **Movie night, 6pm**
"The Hobbit"
- 11/19/13 (Tuesday) **Swimming night**
Meet @ 6:30pm at Epic Center
- 11/26/13 (Tuesday) **Rank Advancement**
- 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
Cooking Merit Badge (book work)
- 12/7/13 (Saturday) Christmas Tree Sale
- 12/10/13 (Tuesday) **Personal Fitness Merit Badge completions (weather permitting)**
- 12/14/13 (Saturday) **Scout Ski Days at Copper Mountain (tentative)**
- 12/17/13 (Tuesday) Christmas Party @ Elk's Lodge
- 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: Pat Knebel

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: October 1, 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~~

September minutes were approved as written: motioned by Chuck, seconded by Matt.

Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

Balances

Entire account: \$3,224.05 / \$148.18 per scout

Scout accounts: \$1,317.41

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: update from Sean
 - Once we hit \$5000 on all the gift cards, they will start sending checks to the troop
 - As of 9/7, we had put \$3534.80 on the gift cards
 - Sean will provide a spreadsheet to show how much has been earned per scout
 - The committee motioned and approved that the troop would not take a cut of the 5% rebate put into the scout accounts.
- Nursery Fundraiser: Update from Bev
 - Harmony Gardens has asked the troop to volunteer during their open house days on the weekends in October. The troop can sell hotdogs and hamburgers.
 - Committee chose Oct. 12-13, Sat from 10am-2pm and Sun 11am-3pm. Chuck and Mark can help on Saturday. The Dorsches, Addingtons, Knebels may be able to help on Sunday.
- Tree Cutting/Tree Sale:
 - Dawn will reserve the church for the tree sale
 - Doug Birlingmair. volunteered to coordinate the cutting of the trees
 - Bev and Dawn will lead the bake sale
 - The troop will split the scouts between the tree sale and the gun sale, if necessary.
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot: date for December
 - No update
- Ideas for High Adventure Fundraising - Dinner and auction possibility
 - No update

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: Mark to provide attendance, cost and deadline update
 - No update
- Elk's Lodge
 - Several scouts volunteered at the Elk's Lodge on Sept 21.
 - Troop 87 took the flags that were collected by the Elk's. We'll need to plan a flag retirement ceremony.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Any Updates from Chuck Y about traveling to Greeley
 - Chuck will plan to go next week
- Mr. Rowe's Thank You Plaque: Sean
 - Sean showed the plaque. It looks great!
 - Dawn will invite Dave to the Christmas Party.
 - Sean gave the plaque to Dawn for safe keeping
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn sent email with final instructions on sending/ordering
- Troop Equipment: Update from Sean about developing list and writing donation request letter
 - Scribe to contact Sean for writing donation letter for new tents
- 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.
 - Quartermaster handoff: Chuck and Doug will assist with the transition next week

New Business:

- Budget:
 - Extra funds in Troop Account from former Scout's Accounts.
 - Trailer repair: Chuck will take a look to see what repairs are necessary for the broken leg.
 - Merit Badge Materials: The committee motioned and approved to pay for the Family Life MB materials printed by Dawn
- Popcorn Gift Cards: Cindy – status of donations or need to purchase
 - No update
- Summer Camp 2014
 - Scouts narrowed down to two choices: Elkhorn High Adventure Camp at BDSR and Camp Buffalo Bill at Cody, Wyoming
- Fundraising: Lori – wood working projects
 - No update
- Eagle Coordinating Committee
 - 1-2 meetings to develop a process for the committee to be helpful in the Path to Eagle
 - Mark, Matt, Chuck, Dawn
 - First meeting Oct 15 at the church
- Troop procedures
 - Review the approved leadership positions for rank advancement
 - Review who is authorized to sign off on requirements for rank advancement
 - Kim will email the Scoutmaster which scouts are in arrears so he can check before signing off on rank advancement
 - See "Guide to Rank Advancement" and guide for Board of Review
 - Scoutmaster Addington will talk to the scouts
- Scout Ski Days at Copper Mountain
 - Dec 7 / Dec 14, \$32
- Memorial Day Veterans Plaza
 - Troop 87 has been asked to participate again in 2014 (Fri, Sat before Memorial Day)
- Horsetooth Open Swim
 - Troop 87 has been asked to participate again in 2014

Updates/Information:

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