

# TROOP 87

## NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Well, we are off to a great fall in Troop 87. We have a lot of great activities coming up that we need to make sure everyone is involved with. One is our annual Christmas tree fundrasier. We will need volunteers adult and scouts for both the cutting of the 30-40 trees on Saturday, November 30th and the selling of the trees the following Saturday, December 7th. This is one of our best fundraisers during the fall and we need to make sure all signup for the dates. Also we are planning to go Summer Camp at Buffalo Bill Scout Camp in Cody Wyoming this summer. Please let me and your Senior patrol leader know if you are interested in attending the camp and/or High Adventure (Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost participants must be at least 14, or have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation). Currently we are planning for the normal time during July that we typically go to camp. The Troop can participate in camp and High Adventure depending on interest and age. Please let me know your interest so we can get deposits to the camp. We will need parent volunteers for the camp so also please check your availability Parents and leaders.

Have a great Thanksgiving we will not be meeting on Tuesday November 26th to allow families travel and family activity time.

Happy Scouting...

Scott Addington  
Scoutmaster Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## November 2013: Swimming Merit Badge

- 11/12/13 (Tuesday) Movie night, 6pm at the Church  
"The Hobbit"
- 11/19/13 (Tuesday) **Bowling**
- 11/26/13 (Tuesday) **No meeting**
- 11/30/13 (Saturday) Christmas Tree Cutting  
11/30/13 (Saturday) **Food sales at the gun show at The Ranch**

## 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) / **chess**
- 12/14/13 (Saturday) Scout Ski Days at Copper Mountain (tentative)
- 12/17/13 (Tuesday) Christmas Party @ Elk's Lodge  
**Scout gift exchange (\$10-\$15)**
- 12/24/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [Christmas]
- 12/31/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [New Years]

## January 2014:

- 1/4/13 (Saturday) **Merit Badge University, I**
- 1/7/13 (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  
**MBU homework session**
- 1/11/13 (Saturday) **Merit Badge University, II**
- 1/14/13 (Tuesday) **Cold weather camping tips and preparations**

1/21/13 (Tuesday)      **Prep for Klondike I**

1/28/13 (Tuesday)      **Prep for Klondike II**

**Troop Events 2014**

May - Elks Memorial Day Events: Veterans Plaza, Flag Retirement Ceremony

Aug - Open Water Swim

Nov - Tree Cutting

Dec - Tree Sale

**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: Nov 5, 2013**

**Attendance:** Dawn D, Pat K, Kim B, Chuck Y, Cindy T, Matt C, Tom N, Mark W, Robert A, Sean D, Doug B

Minutes from previous meeting approved as written (Mark motioned and Matt seconded)

## Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

### Balances:

Entire account: \$2994.48

Troop account: \$1236.44

Scout accounts: \$1757.94

### Expenses:

Upcoming:

## B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: update from Sean
  - 13 scout families have the cards (3 have not been recharged yet).
  - Over \$8000 spent so far in the troop. \$422 returned to the scouts.
- Harmony Nursery: Recap – Dawn has cash; Mark has food receipt
  - Saturday: Sold one pack of hamburgers and half pack of hot dogs. Did not make a huge amount of money. But it was a busy day for the nursery. Cloudy and cooler.
  - Sunday: Sold very little even with nice weather.
  - \$239.20 spent for food with lots of leftovers. We basically broke even, but the leftovers can be used.
- Tree Cutting: update from Doug/Scott A
  - We are invited to cut trees again at Beaver Meadows.
  - Doug Birlingmair will figure out the meeting time. Can use Sean's trailers, even though he is not available.
- Tree Sale: Bev and Dawn to co-chair
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot: date for December
  - Nov and Dec are the big shows at the Ranch. We could get a table and sell inside, but the parents would have to sign a waiver, and we would need approval from the District (Tom will check) since they will be selling firearms at this event. (Sat. after Thanksgiving)
- Ideas for High Adventure Fundraising - Dinner and auction possibility

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
  - Mark distributed some handouts including price estimates
  - 2015 trip: 2014 prices look to be about \$200 more than 2011 trip. 2011 was an 8-day trip (6 days on the water). A comparable trip would be about \$1000 per person, assuming that shuttle bus and forest service fees haven't changed too much. Also assumed flights would be approx.. \$270 even though flights on the web today are showing closer to \$400.

- Registration begins in January. At the time of the trip, scouts must be 14 years of age, or completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and weigh at least 100 pounds.
- Need to get commitment from scouts and adults. Adults will need some training. All adults need YPT. One adult per crew needs Safe swim, Safety Afloat, Wilderness Safety, CPR, Hazardous Weather
- Recharter: Dawn sent emails to confirm status of each Scout/Leader for next year
  - Dawn has started the process. Matt has attendance. Kim has account balances. Dawn will be confirming which scouts will be rechartering.
  - Fee for recharter has risen from \$15 to \$24, due to insurance. The troop has traditionally paid for adults who are volunteering. We typically register 8 adults (SM, CC, 2 committee members, and Asst. Scout Masters). It was agreed (Matt motioned and Mark seconded) that the troop continue to pay for recharter for these volunteers.
- Journey to Excellence: Dawn & Matt to determine data from TroopMaster needed to complete
  - Matt will help Dawn with information from Scout Master
- Elk's Lodge: Sean reserved for 12/17 Holiday Party
  - Sean reserved the Elk's Lodge
  - Dawn has contacted Mr. Rowe

#### **Old Business:**

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Any Updates from Chuck Y about traveling to Greeley
  - Chuck has a list of 35 Eagle Scouts from 1970-present
- Mr. Rowe's Thank You plaque: Dawn has completed plaque & emailed Dave to invite him to attend the holiday party
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn and Logan to order via Vista Print
- Troop Equipment: Update from Sean/Chris K. about developing list and writing donation request letter
- Quartermaster, Cole Beyer/Josh B: Made 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.
- Trailer Repair: Chuck report on repairs needed

#### **New Business:**

- Eagle Project Presentation: Chris Knebel
  - Chris will be rebuilding a bridge in Lory State Park, probably in the spring.
- Eagle Project Presentation: Gage Bock
  - Gage will be working at the Abbey in Virginia Dale. He will be restoring a trail, installing a safety rail, building a bench, removing barbed wire, and moving firewood and slash. He will also be directing firefighters in the removal of some dead trees and building a new trail.
- Budget: Extra funds in Troop Account from former Scout's Accounts.
- Popcorn Gift Cards: Cindy – status of donations or need to purchase
  - Cindy has talked to a couple of local stores for donations, but is finding that we will probably just need to buy a \$20 gift card. This will be awarded at the Christmas party. It was agreed (Doug motioned and Matt seconded) that the troop would purchase the gift card.
- Summer Camp 2014: Scott A – Elkhorn at BDSR or Camp Buffalo Bill, Cody WY
  - Decision was made to attend Camp Buffalo Bill in Cody, WY. It's a 7+ hour drive.
  - There is a high-adventure camp option in addition to traditional summer camp. The scouts have picked the rafting option for high-adventure camp.

- The troop needs to pick the week. Typically, we leave on the Sunday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but that would be July 6 this year. July 13 was suggested as a better alternative.
- High Adventure 2015: Next Steps
- Fundraising: Lori – wood working projects – she met with the PLC
- Eagle Coordinating Committee: Met 10/15; Set a time for 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
  - Matt, Chuck, Mark, and Dawn have been meeting, and will be printing materials for Life to Eagle.
- Additional New Business
- Lawnmowing:
  - There was a concern from the church that we weren't mowing enough, but the troop feels like we have been mowing.

**Updates/Information:**

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