

TROOP 87

DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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All,

Hope you are all gearing up for the Christmas Holiday Season. We have a lot going on this month with the Christmas Tree Sale last weekend (Burrrrrr really it was Klondike Prep) and the Skiing coming up on December 14th, Great Job Pat / Matt for getting that organized. Finally we have our yearly Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17th. Make sure to bring an appetizer dish to share, and a wrapped gift to exchange \$10-\$15 range. It should be something that a Scout can use..... We will be sharing a lot of good cheer and looking back on a fun filled Scouting year. Even Mr. Rowe will be joining us at our Christmas Party. So wear your Class A Uniforms and look forward to a fun night at the Elks Lodge (6:30-8:30PM). Keep in mind we will not have scout meetings on December 24th and December 31st due to the holidays. Therefore, the next time I will see any of the scouts in 2014 will be at MBU which is held Saturday January 4th and 11th at 8AM (Front Range Community College – Corner of Harmony and Shields). I will try to get your books to you by the Christmas Party, but we may need to meet at MBU to get your books and information early January 4th.

On that Holiday note we have a lot to be thankful for this year. We have had a lot of fun / cool activities and campouts. This really should not be the only time of year to reflect on what we have and be thankful for your parents, family, friends and fellow scouts. We also need to be thankful that we have food to eat, warm clothing to wear and shelter over our heads this time of year. Remember not everyone in the community have these things and you as scouts should be always doing a "Good Turn Daily"..... Scouting is all about volunteering and giving of oneself to others in the form of aid and support. In Scouting you have to be a leader and representative of this support / giving by helping your neighbors and around the community. Be the beacon showing how Scouts model what it means to be a good Citizen.

Go out of your way to help others this month and on into 2014 knowing we are very blessed.....

I am proud of Troop 87

Happy Scouting.....and Merry Christmas

Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

December 2013:

- 12/10/13 (Tuesday) **Chess night (for fun or for learning the skills needed for the Chess Merit Badge)
Rank Advancement**
- 12/14/13 (Saturday) Scout Ski Days at Copper Mountain
- 12/17/13 (Tuesday) Christmas Party @ Elk's Lodge **6:30pm-8:30pm**
Scout gift exchange (\$10-\$15)
Bring appetizers and snacks (eat dinner before the event)
- 12/24/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [Christmas]
- 12/31/13 (Tuesday) No meeting [New Year's]

January 2014:

- 1/4/14 (Saturday) Merit Badge University, I
8AM (Front Range Community College – Corner of Harmony and Shields)
- 1/7/14 (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
- 1/11/14 (Saturday) Merit Badge University, II
- 1/14/14 (Tuesday) Cold weather camping tips and preparations
- 1/21/14 (Tuesday) **Camping Merit Badge**
- 1/28/14 (Tuesday) Prep for Klondike
- 1/31-2/2 (Fri-Sun) **Klondike Winter Camping in Gould, CO**

February 2014:

- 2/4/14 (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 Klondike
- 2/11/14 (Tuesday) **Carpentry Merit Badge**
- 2/18/14 (Tuesday) **Rock Climbing at Inner Strength or Miramont**

2/25/13 (Tuesday) **Building Bookshelves (away meeting)**

March 2014:

3/4/14 (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
Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

3/11/14 (Tuesday) **open**

3/18/14 (Tuesday) **No meeting – Spring Break**

3/25/14 (Tuesday) **open**

tbd **City Council Meeting (for Citizenship in the Community)**

Troop Events 2014

May - Elks Memorial Day Events: Veterans Plaza, Flag Retirement Ceremony
Aug - Open Water Swim Fundraiser
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: Dec 3, 2013

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

Minutes from previous meeting approved as written (Sean motioned and Chuck seconded)

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:	Budget Review	<u>Balances:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
		Entire account: \$4,497.92	Upcoming:
		Troop account: \$2,039.81	
		Scout accounts: \$2,458.11 / \$195.60 per scout	

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: update from Sean
 - Kim has all the information in a spreadsheet.
 - The troop added \$1900 to the cards in Nov. We will get a check every time we spend a total of \$5000
- Tree Cutting: update from Doug/Scott A
 - We had six scouts and cut 33 trees.
- Tree Sale: Bev and Dawn to co-chair
 - Be here at 7:30am for setup. Dawn will bring tags. Scott will bring a fire pit.
 - We will have hot drinks and Dutch Oven doughnuts
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot:
 - Did not participate in the Nov gun show
 - Ok'd by council but will need to complete Unit \$ Earning form and submit to council
 - Next opportunity is Dec 14-15. Chuck is checking whether we can get spot for free.
- Ideas for High Adventure Fundraising - Dinner and auction possibility
- Patrol Boxes – Scott Addington
 - Scott found a company that will sell a completed box for \$400.
 - Scott suggested that we sell a plan for \$25-\$30. We need to determine how much it would cost to advertise in Boys Life or Scouting magazine.
 - Scott and Chuck will look at options for combining a hardware kit with the plans
 - Scott will provide pictures for Pat to create a page on our Troop 87 web site

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

- Recharter: Due 12/11
 - Dawn is more than 75% complete.
- Journey to Excellence: Dawn & Matt to determine data from TroopMaster needed to complete
 - Dawn and Matt have put in all our service projects
- Elk's Lodge: Sean reserved for 12/17 Holiday Party
 - 6:30pm Elk's Lodge
 - Bring an appetizer / snack to share (eat dinner before the event)

- Gift exchange (\$10-\$15)
- Dawn has plaque for Mr. Rowe
- Josh Knebel is Master of Ceremony
- Projects for the Church:
 - Clean up around the outside of the church (N, W sides) on the day of the tree sale
 - Confirm we will mow the entire lot including East side
 - Scouts will build bookcases for the church
- FOS: Update from Kim
 - Mrs. Noon will host the Friends of Scouting discussion at our Christmas party
 - District Executive (Michael Baker) will not be able to attend our party
 - Fees are going up: \$24 for recharter fee
 - Council spends \$197 per scout. Huge expenses at Ben Delatour
 - This year, there is only a single goal of \$1848 for the troop, based solely on the number of scouts in the troop. Last year we hit \$2300 (camp goal)

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Design Updates from Chuck Y
 - Chuck found 33 scout names for the plaque
 - We should have ~9 Eagle Scouts in the next three years and 6 after that
 - Chuck ordered 50 of the brass plates
 - Troop 87 originally chartered in 1940. Reactivated in 1988.
- Mr. Rowe's Thank You plaque:
 - Dave will attend party
 - Dawn will bring plaque.
- 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
 - Chris Knebel and Mr. Dougherty have a draft of the letter
 - Sean asked if the committee would approve them to send the letter out asking for equipment donations. Chuck motioned, Scott seconded.
- 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
 - Chuck has a neighbor who will weld the support leg.

New Business:

- Budget: Extra funds in Troop Account from former Scout's Accounts.
- Popcorn Gift Cards: Cindy – status of donations or need to purchase
 - Cindy will handout gift cards, pins, and patches at the Christmas party
 - Cindy has extra popcorn for the tree sale and gun sale
- Summer Camp 2014: Scott A – Dates for Camp Buffalo Bill, Cody WY
 - White water rafting in late June
- High Adventure 2015: Next Steps
 - Boundary Waters in 2015
 - Dawn will re-send the email asking for people to commit
- Fundraising: Lori – wood working projects – she will meet with the PLC when they are ready
- Eagle Coordinating Committee: Met 10/15; Set a time for 2nd meeting.
 - Delayed until January
- Holiday Party:

- Kim to send invite to all Scouts and their families
- Additional New Business
- Scout Accounts – Kim
 - The committee needs to determine a policy for funds left in scout accounts for scouts who leave the troop.
 - Mr Noon suggested that many troops, have the following policy:
 - For scouts that transfer out of the troop, funds can be transferred to the new troop.
 - For scouts that are active, funds may be used to reimburse for equipment used in scouting
 - For scouts that are inactive, funds rollover to the troop account
 - Sean made a motion to move forfeited funds in the troop's general account. Chuck seconded, and the motion carried.
- Troop budget
 - It was recommended that we have a line item in our formal budget for equipment purchase
 - Revisit this discussion in January

Updates/Information:

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