

TROOP 87

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Happy February All,

We had a great time at Klondike earlier this month and we now are looking forward to the upcoming Troop Elections. Please make sure you apply for the positions this coming Tuesday so we can review and evaluate prior to the elections the following week. Make sure to get involved and take leadership in the Troop it is both good for the Troop as a whole and your advancement in the Troop. We have a lot planned for the upcoming weeks and month and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings in uniform and ready to participate.

We are also having an impromptu Dutch Oven cook this coming Tuesday. If you want to bring something to cook or share please feel free to pitch in and see what transpires.

We have a lot of cool activities planned this Spring so make sure you stay involved and make sure to come to the meetings and see what is new. We off to a great year in Troop 87.

Yours in Scouting
Scott Addington Scoutmaster

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

February 2014:

2/18/14 (Tuesday) Prep for elections
Dutch oven cook-offs (starting at 6:30)

2/22/14 (Sat) ~~Building Bookcases~~
Pack 87 Bridging Ceremony at 1pm

2/25/12 (Tuesday) Elections ~~& Court of Honor~~ & Talent Show

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~~
City Council Meeting (for Citizenship in the Comm MB) 6pm at Laporte & Hughes
Color Guard at Elk's Lodge (6pm)

3/11/14 (Tuesday) PLC Meeting, Laporte Pizza, 6:00 PM,
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
Finish Citizenship in the Community MB

3/18/14 (Tuesday) No meeting [Spring Break]

3/25/14 (Tuesday) Prep for camping trip

3/28-3/30 (Fri-Sun) Camping Trip (Camp Yung or other)

April 2014:

4/1/14 (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 camping trip

4/8/14 (Tuesday) Rock climbing (Inner Strength Rock Gym or Miramont)

4/15/14 (Tuesday) Court of Honor

4/22/14 (Tuesday) Merit Badge (tbd) or Swim Tests for Summer Camp

4/26/14 (Sat) Ft Collins Nursery fund raiser

4/29/14 (Tuesday) Prep for Spring Camporee

May 2014:

5/2-5/4 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee

5/6/14 (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

5/13/14 (Tuesday) **Personal Fitness MB – initial assessments**

5/20/14 (Tuesday) **Personal Fitness MB paperwork and plans**

5/27/14 (Tuesday) **Flag retirement**

June 2014:

6/3/14 (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
Prep for camping trip

6/6-6/8 (Fri-Sun) Camping trip

6/10/14 (Tuesday)

6/17/14 (Tuesday)

6/22-6/28 (Sun-Sat) Summer Camp

6/24/14 (Tuesday) No meeting (summer camp)

July 2014:

7/1/14 (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

7/8/14 (Tuesday)

7/15/14 (Tuesday)

7/22/14 (Tuesday)

7/29/14 (Tuesday)

Aug 2014:

8/5/14 (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

8/12/14 (Tuesday)

8/19/14 (Tuesday) **Personal Fitness MB completions**

8/26/14 (Tuesday)

September 2014:

9/2/14 (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

9/9/14 (Tuesday)

9/16/14 (Tuesday)

9/23/14 (Tuesday)

9/30/14 (Tuesday)

October 2014: Computer Merit Badge

10/7/14 (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

10/14/14 (Tuesday)

10/21/14 (Tuesday)

10/28/14 (Tuesday) Corn Maze

November 2014:

11/4/14 (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

11/11/14 (Tuesday)

11/18/14 (Tuesday)

11/25/14 (Tuesday)

11/29 (Sat) Christmas Tree Cutting

December 2014:

- 12/2/14 (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
- 12/7 (Sat) Christmas Tree Sales
- 12/9/14 (Tuesday)
- 12/16/14 (Tuesday)
- 12/23/14 (Tuesday)
- 12/30/14 (Tuesday) No meeting

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.*

Feb 4, 2013

Attendees: Dawn D, Kim Y, Sean D, Lee R, Cindy T, Matt C, Pat K, Doug B., Bev A, Mark W, Chuck Y, Robert A, Tom N

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Matt motioned and Bev seconded to approve as written.

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

- Checking account balance: \$2934.07 (after \$1900 already paid for Boundary Waters)
- Scout accounts \$2860.21
- Troop total \$65.86 (will be better after reimbursement for Boundary Waters)
- Need to collect Klondike fees from Scouts who attended

Budget from 2013

- \$1570/year spent as a troop
 - \$183 raised for the troop last year; spent \$1300 of our reserves
- +\$50.96 XMAS tree sales
- +\$18.01 Nursery Harmony
- +\$22.05 Nursery (Ft Collins Nursery fall)
- +\$26 Horsetooth swim
- +\$66.75 Nursery (Ft Collins Nursery spring)
- \$0 from the Elks
- \$0 from Jax customer appreciation days
- New IRS ruling forbids fundraising to go into individual scout accounts. This may affect our ability to put money into individual scout accounts. Stay tuned...

Budget for 2014

- Five Eagle awards \$310
- Thanks you gifts \$100
- Banking \$10
- Copies \$85
- Adult events \$40
- Propane, tent repairs \$225
- Spring Camporee \$30
- Fall Camporee \$30
- Other camping trips \$20/per
- Larimer Clerk \$50
- New Cub Scout Bridging \$20
- Lawn mowing expenses \$50
- Troop master software \$109
- Pool party \$70
- Recharter for adults \$300
- Ad for Christmas tree sales \$51

Need to explore options to pay for troop expenses:

- Could be more or better fund raising

- Could charge up to \$70 per scout in yearly fees

B. Fundraising:

- Doug – volunteered for fund raising chair for 2014
 - Could collect Christmas trees for recycling, put envelopes on the door the week ahead
 - Car wash fundraiser at former Old Town car wash
 - Build milk boxes
 - Build bicycle racks out of pine beetle wood (get metal part from a bike company)
 - Patrol boxes (plans, boxes)
- King Soopers Card
- Patrol Box Sales: Plans only vs. hardware/plans; where to place ads
 - Discussion centered around starting with local advertisements before pursuing Scouting magazine. Put flyers on our patrol boxes, put ads at Jax, discuss at Round Table, etc
 - 100's of free plans available on the web, but they are not as nice as ours
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot: do we want to do in the Spring?
- 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

- Elk's Lodge: Sean has been asking, but no offers forthcoming
- Cindy said there are scout service opportunities at Discovery Museum
- Projects for the Church: build bookcases for the books – tabled as the Church Session needs to meet and discuss
- New Scout Registration
 - Pack 87 Blue and Gold – Matt is coordinating. Date is 2/22/2014
 - Pack 197 – Doug will check with the WB-II's
- 2015 High Adventure Camp Update: 2 crews registered, initial payment made to Camp, next Scout payment due is 4/1/14 for \$200. Review the new payment schedule and add to minutes for February.
 - (Original plan was down payment of \$50 and \$200 every 3 months after that)
 - First payment of \$118.75 due today
 - April \$200
 - July \$200
 - Oct \$200
 - Jan \$200
 - Apr \$200
- 2014 summer camp
 - \$50 deposit due end of March, balance is due June 1
 - \$100/month
 - Total = \$285 + \$40 for white water + \$40 for fuel + possible overnight

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Dawn to confirm hanging location with the Church Session.
- 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:
 - Doug reported that it will be \$60 for parts for repair kits (clasps for patrol boxes, camp stove repairs. Kim motioned. Matt seconded. Motion carried.
- Trailer Repair: Chuck report on repairs needed

New Business:

- FC Nursery (Bev)
 - Heather emailed Bev. Open House Sat April 26 from 10-4. Carry out, bake sale, but no food sales. \$570 weekend total. \$66 for the troop; \$8.61/hr for the scouts
- Budget: Develop a 2014 Budget including a line item for equipment
- March 4 Honor Guard: 4 scouts have volunteered (Blake, Donovan, Holden, Dylan)
- Eagle Coordinating Committee: Met 10/15; Set a time for 2nd meeting during this month
- Scout Strong Program: missing as part of JTE requirements; Volunteer to research and set program for Troop
 - Journey to Excellence is part of recharter every year; 13 categories
 - Scout Strong is a fitness category for scouts (and adults)
 - Scouts: Do fitness activity for 1 hr/day, 5 days/week, for 6 of 8 weeks
 - Different levels to achieve the JTE goals: introduce the program, set goals, hold fitness competitions.
 - No committee volunteers yet. Need to solicit the PLC to see if the scouts might be interested.
- Election & Court of Honor Prep: set for 2/25
- Additional New Business

Updates/Information:

- For Troop T-shirts see The Quartermaster; Troop Numeral "87" patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn
- Summer Camp 2014: June 22-28 at Camp Buffalo Bill, Wyoming
- High Adventure 2015: July 12 – 18 at Northern Tier, Minnesota

Troop 87 Committee Meeting – Major Topics to be discussed each month and if need more than 1 meeting to complete the discussion**Q1 2014:**

1. Feb: 2014 Budget
2. Feb: Create/Document Committee Process to assist with Path to Eagle
3. March: Summer 2014 Planning
4. Youth Training
5. Adult Training
6. Scout Strong Program
7. Develop Written Troop 87 Policy
 - A. Set committee
 - B. Set timeline for completion
 - C. At first meeting: select format; set sections; assign owner for each section; set deadlines for section completion