

TROOP 87

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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All,

Hey Troop 87 we have been busy already in the month of May!

We had an awesome Spring Camporee with about 10 scouts in attendance. We worked on cooking merit badges and won 4 out of the 7 Camporee Awards in Troop 87. We also placed 2nd in the Camp Tug-of-War. This weekend we worked on preparing for the swimming test and some merit badge testing at EPIC and this coming Tuesday we will be starting the physical fitness merit badge with Mr. Burlingmiar at CLP around 6:30PM. We move ever closer to the end of the school year and we all have more and more to think about looking forward to summer. Just remember we also have a lot to accomplish in Troop 87. Make sure to stay focused on Summer Camp and other outings planned for the upcoming months. Those of you going to Summer Camp must get your camp physicals completed. Also keep in mind we have some Life Scouts preparing for their Eagle Projects that will need some help over the summer as well.

As we start thinking about summer and what it will bring, make sure to focus on ways to help your neighbors and others in the community. As it says in our Scout motto: "Do a good turn daily". It may be helping someone haul some debris or mow some yards. We also need to focus on volunteer hours like cleaning up the Presbyterian Church by both mowing and removing debris around the site. Make sure to stay in contact with your Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders for details.

I know a lot of us have vacations planned this summer, but try to attend as many of the Scout meetings and adventures that await us in May, June, July and August. Your leadership team is busy planning some really cool stuff this summer....

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

May 2014:

- 5/13/14 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness MB – initial assessments
Meet at CLP at 6:30pm
- 5/20/14 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness MB paperwork and plans
- 5/24/14 (Saturday) Memorial Day / Veteran's Plaza Event – Flag Ceremony
5/25/14 (Sunday) Memorial Day / Veteran's Plaza Event – Assist with taking flags down
- 5/27/14 (Tuesday) Flag retirement 6pm at the Church

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 Blue Lake Backpacking Trip
Review Backpacking basics
Turn in Summer Camp forms – health and permission
Camp fee is due: 2014 Summer camp additional fees -- Wednesday activity fee of \$60 for rafting or \$15 for Yellowstone Park admittance fee
- 6/6-6/8 (Fri-Sun) Blue Lake backpacking trip
- 6/10/14 (Tuesday) Clean up after Blue Lake
Toten chip and Fireman chip review
Complete summer camp form turn-in
- 6/17/14 (Tuesday) Prep for Summer Camp
Merit Badge Completions & Rank Advancement
Reorganize patrol boxes and church cleanup
- 6/21-6/28 (Sat-Sat) Summer Camp
Bring spending \$ for Summer Camp: \$30 for food to and from camp; \$?? for items at camp including Merit Badge kits, snacks and souvenirs
- 6/24/14 (Tuesday) No meeting (summer camp)

July 2014:

- Canoeing Merit Badge; Camping Trip involving Canoeing; Project for Elk's Lodge
- 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
Patrol games

7/8/14 (Tuesday) Outdoor fun / water day
7/12/14 (Sat) Elks cleanup
7/15/14 (Tuesday) Treasure hunt
7/22/14 (Tuesday) Communications MB, part 1
7/29/14 (Tuesday) Communications MB, part 2

Aug 2014: Mammal Studies Merit Badge

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
Pool party

8/10/14 (Sunday) Horsetooth Open Water Swim Service Project

8/12/14 (Tuesday) Prep for campout

8/15-8/17 (Fri-Sun) Campout / service project

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

8/26/14 (Tuesday) Mammal Study

September 2014: Family Life Merit Badge

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

9/5-7 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee

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: 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: May 6, 2014

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Chuck Yung, Matt Condell, Sean Dougherty, Carolyn Coleman, Robert Acker, Kim Yung, Scott Addington

Approval of April minutes: Sean motioned, Matt approved; committee accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

- **King Soopers Cards:** Latest check received for \$361.95 for past 2 months.
- **Ft Collins Nursery:** \$288.42 - \$26.20 to the troop; Scouts earned \$17.60/hr.

2014 Summer Camp: Activities fee payment is due on 6/3/14. The amount of the final payment will be provided in a separate email once the Scouts determine their final activities. The committee is recommending that each Scout bring \$50 for meals to and from camp plus extras needed at camp. The Logistics email was forwarded by Mr. Knebel on Sunday. Please see it for all travel details.

High Adventure 2015: Mark Wilson and Matt Condell are the Co-Coordiators. Next payment of \$200 is due May 5. Subsequent payments of \$200 are due on July 1, Oct 7, Jan 6, 2015, April 7, 2015.

Church Clean-up: The fire department and the church have asked us to remove the excess items from around the church. Scott and Chuck will coordinate a clean up next Tuesday with the articles being hauled away.

Lawn Mowing: Every year, the Troop mows the yards around the church as part of our service to our charter organization. It is time to start mowing. We are asking for each Scout family to sign up for at least two mowing slots. The Scouts are not able to operate the equipment so the parents will need to do the actual work. Specific details for the mowing are provided on the signup sheet.

Scott will check on equipment and supplies.

Dawn will circulate, via email, a signup sheet.

Old Business:

- Eagle Scout Plaque: Chuck and Matt will be hanging it in the next two weeks.
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn distributed letterhead/ needs to order cards
- Trailer Repair: Sean will check with Habitat for a pair of jack stands.

New Business:

- Budget: Review in June – Dawn to discuss format with Kim prior to that meeting where we will discuss and vote
- Cooking Merit Badge: The Scout Leaders have developed a plan to assist the Scouts with accomplishing the cooking portion of this merit badge.
- Eagle Coordinating Committee: Meet during the May meetings to finalize committee assistance to be provided
- Scout Strong Program: Dawn to printed information/forms and presented it at the May PLC. PLC did not vote on the program.