

# TROOP 87

## AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Wow, Scouts, the summer is almost over and School days are fast approaching. We have a lot coming up in the next few weeks and we need to make sure we attend the weekly meetings and weekend activities to support the troop. We have a fall loaded with camping activities, fundraisers, Eagle project work days and merit badge / rank advancements. Make sure you participate in as much as you can including fundraising activities which enable our troop to camp and plan other fun activities.

Some of the upcoming events that are noteworthy:

An away meeting Tuesday at Miramont where we will participate in climbing activities.

New West Fest activities this coming weekend where the Longs Peak Council have a table. (If you have time, you can volunteer to work the table. Contact me for details)

Eagle Project work days...

Fall Camporee. The theme is Aquatic Adventure. All Patrols need to create and build a cardboard canoe prior to the Camporee. I am relying on the SPL and ASPL to get the patrols moving on materials and construction... we only have a few weeks. (Enclosed information)

Also, it is Popcorn time again.... Our Chairperson needs to be at Harmony Presbyterian right before Roundtable August 14th.....

It is a great time to be involved in Troop 87!

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Addington  
Scoutmaster Troop 87



## 2014 Fall Camporee - An Aquatic Adventure

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at Camp Soaring Eagle at BDSR



### Description

This year's Fall camporee is a water based adventure that will be held at BDSR. Most of the events will be at Weaver Lake and the camping will be at Soaring Eagle. All of the events will be conducted in strict

compliance with [BSA aquatic safety rules](#). Each Scoutmaster is responsible to know each Scout's [swimming ability](#) and to limit their activities to their ability.

The Events this year include:

- Cardboard boats for Show - Each boat will be scored on it's looks
- Cardboard boats for Go - Each boat will be scored on how long 2 or more boys can stay afloat
- Canoeing
- Volleyball
- Fishing
- Swim Relay
- Shoot the beach ball to the Moon
- Horseshoes
- Other Events may be included

After the days activities, each patrol is encouraged to participate in a **camp-wide relay race**, the winner of the race will take home the coveted Buffalo Skull.

Also, have your Scouts prepare a skit for campfire in advance. Prizes will be awarded for the best skits. This will be a fun campout, no pressure to work on any on any merit badges or Scout skills (although some skills you learn will apply)

## Information

- Boat Construction - The boats are to be made entirely of cardboard. Glue and duck tape can be used to assemble the boats. The cardboard may be waterproofed and painted. You will need to take your soggy canoe home when you are done.
- Webelos Information - Webelos 1,2 are invited to join us at the event. Webelos must be accompanied at all times by an adult and may participate in the events. Webelos are not allowed to spend the night unless they are camping with a Troop. There is no fee for Webelos/Webelos adults, unless they wish to purchase a patch which will cost \$5.00 each.
- If you have them, please bring PFD's for the boys in your unit. A few PFD's will be available to share if you do not have access to them.
- No water is available. Please bring all the water that you will need.
- There will be **no ground fires allowed**. Any fires must be elevated to eliminate damage. Bring your own firewood. Any County fire restrictions will be observed.
- We are in bear habitat, all smellables will be required to be stored properly or removed nightly.
- Parking: One Troop trailer can be parked near the camping area, all other vehicles need to be removed to the parking area.

The event map can be downloaded [here](#)

## Schedule

<b>Friday</b>	4:00 - 7:00	Check In and set up camp.
	9:00 -9:30	Cracker barrel and information
	10:00 pm	Lights Out – TAPS
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 - 8:15	Reveille, Breakfast and Cleanup
	8:30 - 8:50	Flag Ceremony and Announcements
	9:00 - Noon	Morning Mission Session
	Noon-1:00	Lunch

	1:00-3:00	Afternoon Mission Session
	3:00-3:30	The camp-wide race
	3:30-4:00	Free swim, cool down
	4:00-7:15	Free Time, Supper and Cleanup
	7:15-7:30	Flag Ceremony
	7:30-9:00	Campfire
	10:00 pm	Lights Out – TAPS
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 - 8:15	Reveille, Breakfast and Cleanup
	9:00 - 10:00	Scouter's Own Service
	10:00 am	Break Camp

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## 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  
Pool party at City Park, 5-8pm  
NTier payment #2 \$200
- 8/10/14 (Sunday) Horsetooth Open Water Swim Service Project, 6:30am-11:30pm
- 8/12/14 (Tuesday) Rock climbing at Miramont gym at 6:30pm (1800 Heath Parkway)
- 8/13-8/14 (Wed-Thu) ~~Blake Roberts' Eagle Project at RMNP~~
- 8/16/14 (Sat) Chris Knebel's Eagle Project at Lory State Park
- 8/19/14 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness MB completions, 6pm
- 8/26/14 (Tuesday) **Canoe building, part 1 – please bring large sheets of cardboard if you have it**  
Blue cards due in preparation for Court of Honor

## September 2014:

- 9/1/14 (Mon) **Fort Collins Nursery fundraiser**
- 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  
**Canoe building, part 2**  
**Prep for Fall Camporee**
- 9/5-9/7 (Fri-Sun) **Fall Camporee**
- 9/9/14 (Tuesday) Court of Honor / Elections
- 9/13-14 (Sat, Sun) Josh Knebel's Eagle Project at Lory State Park
- 9/16/14 (Tuesday) Personal Mgmt MB Part I
- 9/23/14 (Tuesday) Personal Mgmt MB Part II
- 9/30/14 (Tuesday) Marching

## 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  
Dutch Oven Cookoff

10/14/14 (Tuesday) American Heritage MB, part I

10/21/14 (Tuesday) Pumpkin Carving

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  
NTier payment #3 due \$200

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 2014/2015**

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

Aug - Open Water Swim Fundraiser

Nov - Tree Cutting

Dec - Tree Sale

Feb 2015 NTier payment #4 due (airline + shuttle service)

May 2015 NTier payment #5 due (airline + shuttle service)

### **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.*

**Meeting: August 5, 2014**

**Approve minutes from previous meeting (May/June):** Approved as written, Matt motioned and Bev seconded

## Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

### Balances:

Entire account:

Troop account:

Scout accounts:

### Expenses:

Upcoming:

## B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: Sean – no update
- Fort Collins Nursery (Labor Day) – Bev A
  - Heather from Ft Collins Nursery asked if the troop wanted to work over Labor Day. We are allowed to cook again since the food truck is no longer there.
  - We will have two shifts on Labor Day, Monday Sept 1
  - The troop will cook hot dogs and hamburgers, sell chips/cookies, and soda. We will also have a few apples or other healthy offerings.
  - We will also offer bake sale items.
  - Scouts will need to bring soda/water and bake sale items.
- Fundraising Dinner: Bev A – update from meeting with Elk's
  - Bev is now the troop contact for the Elk's Lodge.
  - Joyce has requested two or three dates to choose from. We also need to decide on spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast.
  - The committee discussed holding a pancake breakfast on Veteran's Day weekend (Nov 8-9)
  - Perhaps 8am-11am with a flag ceremony at 10am
  - It was recommended that we could sell tickets in front of Walmart
  - We could collect names of fallen soldiers and create a tribute board
- Patrol Box Sales: Chuck - hardware kit update
  - Chuck reported that there were many, many patrol box plans available for free on the web.
  - Current thinking is that it would not be profitable to sell completed boxes or kits.
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot:
  - Tabled until Jan since we already have a couple of fundraisers

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: Tent Thank You
  - Max wrote a thank you note and Chance delivered it to the Elks
- Lawn Mowing: Status; Scott A – check w/ Rock about mowing field; supplies available
  - The troop has been keeping up with mowing
  - Dawn will email a reminder that the church will need to be mowed on 8/12
  - Chuck will bring gas
- 2015 High Adventure Camp Update:



- Payment schedule \$200 due on August 1, Oct 7, Jan 6, 2015, April 7,2015.
- Leaders (5) – Doug, Sean, Matt, Chuck, Mark.
- Scouts (11) – Andrew D, Holden M, Max C, Cole B, Chance B, Blake W, Josh B, Van D, Evan T, Blake R, Logan W
- Matt will distribute a recommended equipment list for the Boundary Waters trip

**Old Business:**

- Eagle Scout Plaque:
  - Thanks to Matt and Chuck for hanging the plaque
- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn distributed letterhead/ needs to order cards
- Quartermaster Update:
  - Status of repair kits; numbering tents, ordering lantern parts
  - The quartermaster created a list, and we have started collecting parts
- Trailer Repair: Sean/Chuck – jack stands into trailer?

**New Business:**

- Eagle Project presentation:
  - No presentations this month
- Budget: Review from February meeting; discuss and vote
- Eagle Steering Committee: Present and Review the Outline of Steps for Path to Eagle
  - Dawn will type up notes based on the recent steering committee meeting
- Recruiting
  - Matt will complete the survey for the Council recruiting event
- Popcorn
  - Sales officially begin Sept 6

**Updates/Information:**

- For Troop T-shirts see The Quartermaster; Troop Numeral “87” patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn
- 2015 High Adventure: July 12-18 at Northern Tier, Minnesota