

TROOP 87

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Merry Christmas Scouters....

I will keep my Scoutmaster minute short this month.

I just wanted to make sure everyone works hard this time of year to do **a good turn daily** and reflect on the importance of family and friends. Make sure to help your neighbors and do something special for those people around you. There are a lot of people in need around the Fort Collins area where scouts can always lend a hand and make a difference during the holidays. We at Scout Troop 87 have a lot to be thankful for and we have a great group of scouts that have done a lot over the last year. We also have a lot happening this month into the new year. This Tuesday evening, remember we are meeting at the Elks Club near Mulberry and Link Lane instead of the Church for our Annual Christmas Party and FOS Meeting. Make sure to bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange around \$15. The gift needs to be useful for scouters. Also bring a snack/appetizer or dessert to share. The meeting starts around 6:30PM. It will be a great time. Finally, we are gearing up for the MBU (Merit Badge University) registration that comes up early in January. Make sure to register, it is a great way to knock out some of the required merit badges needed to advance.

Happy Holidays....

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

December 2014:

- 12/9/14 (Tuesday) Holiday Party at the Elks Lodge at 6:30-8:30 pm;
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share; drinks provided by Troop
Gift exchange (real gifts valued at \$10-\$15)
Also FOS will be distributed, donations may be made through:
Colorado Gives Day <http://www.longspeakbsa.org/events/coloradogives/>
- 12/16/14 (Tuesday) Away meeting at Fort Fun 6:30pm
- 12/23/14 (Tuesday) No meeting
- 12/30/14 (Tuesday) No meeting

January 2015:

- 1/3/15 (Saturday) Merit Badge University I
[Merit badge books not provided this year; bring your own books (BYOB)]
- 1/6/15 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting
Laporte Pizza, 5:30 PM (EARLY START FOR 2015 CALENDAR PLANNING)
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 & Merit Badge completions
- 1/10/15 (Saturday) Merit Badge University II
- 1/13/15 (Tuesday) Personal Management MB part 3
- 1/20/15 (Tuesday) Personal Management MB part 4
- 1/27/15 (Tuesday) Cold weather prep for Klondike
- 1/30 – 2/1 (Fri-Sun) Klondike winter camping at Gould, CO

February 2015:

- 2/3/15 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza
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
- 2/10/15 (Tuesday) Personal Management MB part 5
- 2/17/15 (Tuesday) Archery MB part 1
- 2/24/15 (Tuesday) Archery MB part 2

March 2015:

- 3/3/15 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
Game or Movie night
- 3/10/15 (Tuesday) **Court of Honor and Elections**
- 3/17/15 (Tuesday) **No meeting [spring break]**
- 3/24/15 (Tuesday) **Canoeing MB, part 1**
- 3/28/15 (Sat) **Canoeing Exercises [location TBD]**
- 3/31/15 (Tuesday) **Canoeing MB, part 2**

Troop Events 2014/2015

- May - Elks Memorial Day Events: Veterans Plaza, Flag Retirement Ceremony
Aug - Open Water Swim Fundraiser
Nov – Pancake 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.*

December 2, 2014

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Cindy motioned; Carolyn accepted

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

- No update

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card:
 - From Sean: "Please note that we will be receiving a check from Kroger in the next week or two. As of November 1, Scout families had earned \$190.05 for the troop. I'm expecting that to come close to doubling when we receive the next statement."
- Pancake Breakfast: Bev A
 - Total take \$480
- Popcorn: Cindy T
 - Sold \$1442, but need some adjustment due to trading between troops to fill orders
 - Cindy still have ~\$150 of popcorn that needs to be sold
- Tree Cutting/Tree Sale:
 - Cancelled for this year due to lack of participation and lack of good trees
- Gun Show/Outlet Mall Parking Lot
 - tabled until 2015

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

- Recharter: Dawn
 - Collecting final signatures with turn-in on 12/4; Due on 12/12/14 with 17 paid youth, 8 Boy's Life, 10 paid adults plus liability insurance = \$760.00;
 - All Training up to date. Updated Roster sent before this meeting. Recharter Lists will be provided to Kim, Scott once signature obtained.
- Journey to Excellence: Dawn
 - We achieved Silver Level with 1475 points.
 - Next year, new objectives so will review to determine any we need to work on.
- Volunteer Hours: Dawn
 - 8 Service Projects including Josh and Chris Eagle Projects input to website
- Merit Badge Counselors
 - Asked again for Scott, Cindy and Dawn to be added. Asked at 2012 and 2013 recharter.
- 2015 Great Expectation Unit Scorecard
 - see New Business
- FOS
 - Our goal this year is \$1348, based on 18 scouts.

- You are able to donate through Colorado Gives and just write that on your pledge card. This can be done ahead of time. (unclear if fees are waived again this year)
- Mrs. Noon will speak at the holiday party
- 2015 High Adventure Camp Update:
 - 2015 High Adventure: July 12-18 at Northern Tier, Minnesota
 - Payment schedule \$200 due on Nov 4, Feb 3, 2015, May 5, 2015 plus additional travel expenses
 - Ground Transportation: 2-3 cars and 1 van reserved
 - Air Transportation: Cannot book until Feb 2015
 - Leaders (4) – Doug, Sean, Matt, Chuck
 - Scouts (9) – Andrew D, Holden M, Max C, Cole B, Chance B, Josh B, Van D, Evan T, Blake R

Old Business:

- Business Cards/Letterhead: Dawn distributed letterhead/ needs to order cards
- Trailer Repair: Sean/Chuck – jack stands into trailer? Repairs and Improvements update
- Eagle Steering Committee: Dawn to type list and distribute

New Business:

- Holiday Party:
 - Every family should bring appetizer or dessert to share
 - Scouts bring gift for exchange (\$15 value, no white elephant gifts)
 - Parents will be asked to donate to Friends of Scouting
- “Great Expectations” Unit Scorecard for 2015: Dawn
 - “Journey to Excellence” is a part of “Great Expectations”
 - Have to show improvement in score with J2E with gold status
 - Recharter, FOS, Popcorn, Service Projects: we’re always okay on these
 - We are checking into the other areas where we can show improvement in order to achieve Peak Performance and discounts for patches and camps
 - Example: set up Patrol Leader training
 - Example: move from two to four Court of Honor ceremonies per year
 - Example: increase number of weekend campouts
- 2015 Budget:
 - Dawn will talk to Kim to prep before January Committee Mtg.
- Additional New Business
 - Chuck and Kim had an idea for fundraiser for next Christmas
 - Collect beetle kill, cut and shellac, create custom wreaths with candles
 - Different colors: Advent, Christmas, schools
 - Sell for \$20 (materials ~\$4)
 - Good because more scout participation and fewer adults

Updates/Information:

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