

# TROOP 87

## FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Wow! the year has gotten off to a great start and we are quickly moving toward spring. Last weekend we had a great outdoor camping experience at Klondike. The attendance was a bit light, but the scouts that did attend had a great time performing outdoor training skills and camping in the snow.... Great Job Guys..... The month of February brings a mix of weather and we have a lot of things going on this month. We will be finishing up our Personal Management MB with Mrs. Dorsch and we will be starting the Archery Merit Badge. It will be great fun to overview Archery and its history as well as sharpening your skills shooting at the range. Make sure to bring any MB books you have on Archery. We are also having some Cub Scouts bridging over to Troop 87 later this month. Please attend the ceremony, if you can, and welcome the new scouts to our Troop. We have a lot of cool stuff planned over the next few months getting ready for a change in Scout Leaders and planning for the upcoming scout camps. Please make sure to attend the meetings and extra volunteer activities or Eagle project and support of the Ft. Collins Elks Lodge. It is important that we keep growing the Troop and the fun.....

I also wanted to note that Mark Acker has been awarded the Youth Leadership Scholarship for Troop 87 to attend the week long camp at Ben Delatour in June sponsored by the Aspen Elks Lodge. Only one scout per Troop can get the scholarship each summer. Congratulations for Mark, the experience has been said to be very exciting and a great learning experience. Next year it can be some other lucky Troop 87 Scout 1st Class or higher rank. We appreciate the fact the Aspen Elks Lodge invited us to send a Scout this year.....

I thought that with the arrival of new scouts this month and gearing up for the 2015 camping season it would be a good time to review the key fundamental laws of Scouting. Please take a few moments to review the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code. It is always good to ground ourselves in these fundamentals and think how they guide us in our Scouting path. The new Scouts will need to have you teach and train them on the meanings through recitations of these fundamentals. So make sure you review and reflect in your scouting experience so you can pass that training on to our younger scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Addington  
Scoutmaster Troop 87

### **Boy Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan and the Outdoor Code**

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#### **Boy Scout Oath or Promise**

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

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**Note that the Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:**

- **Duty to God and country,**
- **Duty to other people, and**
- **Duty to self**

**DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY:** Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you do your duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

**DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE:** Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

**DUTY TO SELF: Keeping yourself physically strong** means taking care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. **Staying mentally awake** means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being **morally straight** means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.

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## **Boy Scout Law**

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy,
  - Loyal,
  - Helpful,
  - Friendly,
  - Courteous,
  - Kind,
  - Obedient,
  - Cheerful,
  - Thrifty,
  - Brave,
  - Clean,
  - and Reverent.
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## **Boy Scout Motto**

Be Prepared!

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## **Boy Scout Slogan**

Do a Good Turn Daily!

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## **The Outdoor Code**

As an American, I will do my best to -

- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.
- Leave no Trace

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## February 2015:

Northern Tier payment #4 due this month (airline + shuttle service)

- 2/10/15 (Tuesday) Personal Management MB part 5
- 2/17/15 (Tuesday) Archery MB part 1
- 2/21/15 (Sat) Pack 87 Bridging, Blue and Gold Ceremony at the church  
Blue & Gold banquet at noon; bridging ceremony at 1pm  
Need a few scouts from Troop 87 to attend and help with bridging
- 2/24/15 (Tuesday) Archery MB part 2

## March 2015:

Training opportunities for adult leaders, especially those attending Northern Tier.

- 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 / Rank Advancements  
Also on 3/3, flag ceremony at Elks Lodge for essay winners
- 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]  
3/28/15 (Sat) Dylan Addington Eagle Project: 9am-3pm at Bob Wilson Ranch
- 3/31/15 (Tuesday) Canoeing MB, part 2  
Boundary Waters discussion with previous participants

## April 2015: **First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges**

- 4/7/15 (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  
Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – part I
- 4/14/15 (Tuesday) Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – part II
- 4/18/15 (Sat) Forestry Field Day at BDSR (\$4)

- 4/21/15 (Tuesday)      **Prep for Camp Yung**
- 4/24-4/26 (Fri-Sun)      **Camp Yung (tentative due to Spring Camporee?)**
- 4/28/15 (Tuesday)      **Cleanup after Camp Yung**

**May 2015:                      Search and Rescue Merit Badge**

Northern Tier payment #5 due this month (airline + shuttle service)

- 5/1-5/3 (Fri-Sun)              Spring Camporee**
- 5/5/15 (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  
**Search and Rescue Merit Badge, Part I**
- 5/12/15 (Tuesday)              **Search and Rescue Merit Badge, Part II**
- 5/19/15 (Tuesday)              **Boundary Waters Gear Discussion**
- 5/26/15 (Tuesday)              **Sports Night**

**June 2015:                      Swimming Merit Badge**

Summer Camp health forms are due soon (scouts and adult leaders)  
Canoe Practice this month

- 6/2/15 (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
- 6/9/15 (Tuesday)
- 6/16/15 (Tuesday)
- 6/23/15 (Tuesday)
- 6/30/15 (Tuesday)

**July 2015:**

- 7/7/15 (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
- July 10-19 (Fri-Sun)              Summer Camp at Boundary Waters
- July 12-18 (Sun-Sat)              Summer Camp at Ben Delatour
- 7/14/15 (Tuesday)              No meeting [summer camps]
- 7/21/15 (Tuesday)
- 7/28/15 (Tuesday)

**August 2015: Pioneering Merit Badge**

8/4/15 (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

8/11/15 (Tuesday)  
8/18/15 (Tuesday)  
8/25/15 (Tuesday)

**September 2015: Aviation Merit Badge**

9/1/15 (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

9/8/15 (Tuesday)  
9/15/15 (Tuesday)  
9/22/15 (Tuesday)  
9/29/15 (Tuesday)

**October 2015: Skating Merit Badge**

10/6/15 (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

10/13/15 (Tuesday)  
10/20/15 (Tuesday)  
10/27/15 (Tuesday)

**November 2015: Basketry Merit Badge**

11/3/15 (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

11/8/15 (Sun) Pancake fundraiser at Elk's Lodge

11/10/15 (Tuesday)  
11/17/15 (Tuesday)  
11/24/15 (Tuesday)

**December 2015: Music Merit Badge**

12/1/15 (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

12/8/15 (Tuesday)

12/15/15 (Tuesday)  
12/22/15 (Tuesday)  
12/29/15 (Tuesday)

### **Annual Troop Events**

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

Aug - Open Water Swim Fundraiser

Nov – Pancake Fundraiser (Sun, Nov 8)

Nov - Tree Cutting - **Canceled for 2015**

Dec - Tree Sale – **Canceled for 2015**

Jan – fundraiser to pick up disposed-of Christmas trees

### **Fundraising Chairs**

1. Popcorn – Cindy Tunney

2. Jax – Cindy Tunney

3. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington

4. Fort Collins Nursery – Bev Addington

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.*

**Attendees:** Dawn, Kim, Pat, Robert, Bev, Doug, Carolyn, Matt, Sean, Ariella, Tom, Cindy, Chuck

**Approve minutes from previous meeting:** Matt motioned and Bev seconded

## Committee Reports:

### A. Finance:

Total: \$6,625.59 (including money owed to NTier)

Scouts: \$2,011.05 (scouts)

Troop: \$4,614 \$ (including money owed to NTier)

### B. New Business

- Flag ceremony at Elks Lodge on May 3. We need 1 adult + 4 scouts
- New scouts
  - Four new scouts will be bridging from Pack 87 this month.
  - Troop 87 needs a few Scouts to help with the bridging ceremony.
  - Participants are welcome to join the Blue and Gold Banquet before the bridging ceremony.
- District has a new membership chairman working on recruiting
- Recharter
  - Dawn will email an updated roster after adding the new scouts who are bridging over from Pack 87 this month
  - Kim reported that Troop 87 is once again the first troop to finish their FOS drive and hit their goal.
- Journey to Excellence:
  - We will discuss the requirements for “2 areas of improvement” at the March committee meeting
- Troopmaster software
  - Our license expires May'15
  - Renewal fees
    - Local copy of troopmaster: 1 year \$30; 3 years = \$50
    - Troopmaster.net allowing cloud access: 1 year \$25; 3 years = \$55
  - Matt motioned to purchase 3 year licenses at a total of \$105. Chuck seconded. The motion carried.
- Summer camp at BDSR Camp Jeffries [July 12-18]
  - Robert Acker will attend.
  - Matt and Doug are looking for a second adult for BDSR summer camp
  - Kim has made reservations for six scouts and two adults. It's easy to add more if additional people would like to attend.
  - Scouts need to commit for summer camp by the March committee meeting
- Boundary waters payment #4 is due tonight
  - Ground Transportation: 2 cars and 1 van reserved
  - Matt will take care of air transportation this week (flying July 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>)



- Leader training – Jax will offer Wilderness First Aid training at the end of Feb. Matt has information and will send a link to the adults going on this trip.
- Payment schedule \$200 due on Nov 4, Feb 3, 2015, May 5, 2015 plus additional travel expenses
- Leaders (4) – [Doug, Matt], [Sean, Chuck]
- Scouts (9) – [Evan, Josh, Cole, Max], [Andrew D, Holden M, Chance B, Van D, Blake R]
- Health forms for summer camps
  - Need to make sure scouts and parents are aware of the requirements for both camps
- Nursery fundraiser
  - Last year we collected \$358, which included selling food. This worked out to \$7.68/hour for the scouts.
  - Bev will contact FC Nursery and let them know that we are interested again this year.
  - We could also pursue potting plants for other nurseries as many groups find this to be a very good fundraiser
- Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
  - The troop made over \$580, largely because the Elks covered all the expenses
  - For tickets sold at the door, the troop took 20% and the rest was divided by the scouts who worked that day.
  - After discussion, the committee decided that we would like to hold this fundraiser again in 2015.
  - Regarding possible dates for the event, there was discussion about the weekend on either side of Veteran's Day. There was also discussion around selling tickets when the scouts are volunteering for the Memorial Day event.
- King Soppers Cards update
  - We got another check in December and Sean gave the check to Kim. We are currently at \$4700 and we'll get another check at \$5000.
  - This is a great fundraiser for scout families. If you shop for groceries or gas at King Soppers (or Loaf and Jug), you can get a renewable card from Sean Dougherty.
- Dawn will order business cards
- Trailer maintenance
  - We plan to add plywood, shelves, and flag holders in the trailer
  - We need to reorganize the trailer before Spring Camporee
- The Aspen Elks Lodge would like for Troop 87 to send a scout to NYLT (National Youth Leaders Training).
  - Jun 7-13. The \$250 fee has already paid, so this would be a free trip for one lucky scout.
  - NYLT is similar to Wood Badge, but it's for youth. It's run by Scouts with adult mentors for that youth staff. It's a week-long event with participants are broken into patrols. It's focused on leadership skills, presentation skills, etc, and includes an Outpost campout for two days.
  - It was expanded from 48 to 56 scouts this year.
  - Dick Miller, Elks Lodge in Aspen, asked if Troop 87 could have a name by the end of this week.
- Scott Addington reported that there continues to be legal action against the Council due to the bike accident that occurred during a Troop 87 event in 2012.
  - Our local council and the national BSA groups are involved.