

TROOP 87

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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All,

Wow it has been a great start to April. We had huge success with Dylan's Eagle Project as he managed a group of about 10 Scouts and 4 Adult Leaders. He was able to install 8 Wood Duck Boxes all along the Thompson River in a pristine Ducks Unlimited habitat area on the Bob Wilson Ranch outside Johnstown. He was able to get the team to straighten 2 other Wood Duck habitats that were tilted due to the flooding in 2013. I am impressed how the Troop worked together to help Dylan with his project.... Great Job!

Also we had a fun campout at Camp Yung up at Mr. Yungs house this last weekend. Fun was had by all and all scouts that attended had fun cooking and working on their Metalworking Merit Badge. It was great weather for the campout. It was great prep for the upcoming Spring Camporee in May. I cannot wait. I expect all the scouts to practice their dutch oven cooking at Spring Camporee. Let's see who can make the best dinners and deserts.

Just remember that all that camping and fun activities run on the fundraising dollars that a put into your Scout Accounts. We have yearly opportunity for fundraising for the Troop this coming Saturday at the Fort Collins Nursery on East Mulberry. We will be cooking burgers and hot dogs and helping with cleanup and assisting people with their early spring plantings etc. We look forward to a great turnout!

Two Little Words.....

Scouts, here's a quiz: What's the most welcome two-word sentence in the English language?

Some of you might say it's "We won!" Others would vote for '1fere's money!" But I think the most welcome two-word sentence is "Thank you."

It isn't used as often as it should be. How often do you use it? And how often do you say "thank you" to the people who are closest to you, your mother or father? How often do you say it to your friends or even strangers when they do something for you?

It's so easy to forget, especially if the Good Turn is done by somebody in your family. Too often we take for granted the many things our parents and other family members do for us.

This week were going to have a fundraiser and time with our family and meeting the Fort Collins community. Here's a challenge for you. Between now and then, see if you can find some reason to say "thank you" every day to some member of your family, neighbor or friend. You may be surprised how they will react.

A simple "thank you" costs nothing, but it means much to those who matter most to you.

Happy Scouting!!!

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

April 2015: First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges

- 4/14/15 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Camp Yung
- 4/18/15 (Sat) Forestry Field Day at BDSR (\$4)
- 4/18/15 (Sat) Ft Collins Nursery Fundraiser 9-3pm (morning shift + afternoon shift)
Bring baked goods to sell, and/or donate 12 pack of soda or water to sell.
- 4/21/15 (Tuesday) Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – part I
- 4/28/15 (Tuesday) **Prep for Spring Camporee**

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 @ BDSR
- 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
Cleanup after Spring Camporee
- 5/12/15 (Tuesday) **Swim tests at EPIC Center**
- 5/19/15 (Tuesday) Boundary Waters Gear Discussion
- 5/24/15 (Sunday) Flag Ceremony at FC Veteran's Plaza
Need 10 scouts to meet at ~11am for a 12pm ceremony
- 5/26/15 (Tuesday) Sports Night @ CLP (**work on Tenderfoot requirements**)
- 5/30/15 (Sat) Boundary Waters Canoe Day**

June 2015: Swimming Merit Badge

- 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
Movie night
- 6/9/15 (Tuesday) **Hike at Reservoir Ridge on Overland**
- 6/16/15 (Tuesday) Rank Advancements
- 6/23/15 (Tuesday) Game Night
- ~~6/27/15 (Sat) Canoe Practice~~

6/30/15 (Tuesday) **Gear check for both summer camps**
Health forms due for both summer camps

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
Pancake fundraiser at Elk's Lodge
- 11/15/15 (Sun)
- 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 15)
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 Dorsch, Tom Noon, Robert Acker, Sean Dougherty, Ryan and Kristin McConnell, Matt Condell, Doug Birlingmair, Bev Addington, Pat Knebel, Kim Young, Ariella Wells

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Matt motioned and Bev seconded

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

Total: \$9447.44 (including money owed to Northern Tier)

- Upcoming credits: Elk's Lodge has a check for the troop. Scott will pick it up.
- Upcoming expense: The committee has previously approved purchase of TroopMaster software.

Fundraising:

- King Soopers Cards – Sean Dougherty can get cards for new parents. 5% of your purchases for food and/or gas can go into your scout accounts when purchased on these gift cards.
- Camp Cards (Discount Cards) – These cards sell for \$5, and there is a list of stores where they can be used. If there is any interest in selling these cards as a fundraiser for your scout, Dawn can get the cards. For each card sold, \$2.50 goes to the council and \$2.50 goes into your scout account.
- FC Nursery Fundraiser - Sat, April 18
 - Bev Addington is working with Daniel to arrange the bake sale.
 - We will be cooking and selling hamburgers, hotdogs, etc
 - Scouts will be helping customers carry out their purchases. We will also be cleaning up behind the nursery near the river bank.
 - Bring a 12-pack of soda or water for the troop to sell.
 - We will also hold a bake sale, so scouts should bring a baked good to sell.
- Pancake breakfast fundraiser
 - Nov 15, 2015
 - Sean to see if we can sell tickets at the Memorial Day event at the Veteran's Plaza

Regular Committee Updates:

- We need a Tour Permit for Camp Young. Doug is working on it. Matt and Doug will be the drivers. Chuck has a spreadsheet with everybody's Drivers License and insurance information.
- Dawn mailed in the new scout applications and updated the roster
- Membership cards will be distributed at the next meeting
- Cole (Troop Quartermaster) is working on getting wicking shirts for \$15
 - Some will say Boundary Waters / Troop 87
 - Others will just say Troop 87
- Summer Camps
 - Boundary waters
 - May payment will be \$200
 - Each scout needs to get their health forms completed
 - Matt has booked travel for everyone except Holden (since his plans are not set yet)
 - Ground Transportation: 2 cars and 1 van reserved
 - Wilderness training has been done.

- Some of the online training still needs.
- Leaders (4) – [Doug, Matt], [Sean, Chuck]
- Scouts (9) – [Evan, Josh, Cole, Max], [Andrew D, Holden M, Chance B, Van D, Blake R]
- Summer camp at BDSR Camp Jeffries [July 12-18]
 - Each scout needs to get their health forms completed
 - Robert Acker will attend.
 - The Troop trailer will not be needed since the camp provides a dining hall.
 - We still need a second adult for BDSR summer camp. It's possible to split the week among multiple adults.
 - Kim has registered 8 scouts and 2 adult leaders for camp.

Old Business:

- Business Cards
 - The committee voted for a troop business card
 - Front: Fleur-de-lis with weebly website address
 - Back: Blank with watermark of the Troop logo
 - Laura Birlingmair can help with graphics or ordering business cards
- Trailer Repair
 - Will work on the trailer at Camp Yung this weekend
- NYLT 2015
 - Mark Acker will be attending
 - There is a mandatory meeting on the 25th
 - Leadership class is first full weekend of June

New Business:

- 2015 Budget review – this will be done next month
- 2015 Bike Incident legal action – no update
- Summer camp health forms
 - These need to be filled out for everybody attending one of the summer camps. Need to see a doctor or go to a clinic such as those at King Soopers
- Veteran's Plaza:
 - Soils planting: soils collected from around the world. Scouts will assist placing the soils in the ground.
 - Takes 2-3 hours. Need to be there by 10:30'ish
 - Sue Harmon is the coordinator
 - We may be able to sell tickets for the Troop 87 Pancake fundraiser
 - Memorial Day Weekend
 - We need 10 scouts + an adult to coordinate
- Journey to Excellence 2015
 - New requirement is to show yearly progress as a troop.
 - #9: Patrol method
 - We need to offer patrol leader training.
 - Tom Noon said they used to have a "canned" training kit (on VHS). The books have been updated but not the video.
 - Mark Acker could do this on a campout after he takes the NYLT training
 - Tom recommends this should be mandatory for everybody in office, and voluntary for anybody planning to run for an office.
 - #10: Leadership and family engagement
 - We could move to three yearly Court of Honor ceremonies (first two are with elections, third one could be at our annual holiday party).
 - We would also need to review yearly troop plans with parents.