

TROOP 87

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hey Scouters...

We are closing in on summer vacation soon and again have a lot planned for the month of May. We had great Spring Camporee and we won some awards as part of the dutch oven cookoff for Troop 87. This month we will focus on getting the swimming tests done for summer camps as well as some preparation for canoeing and Boundary Waters High Adventure. Make sure all your payments are in for the summer camps as well as make sure you are preparing for the camps whether you are going to Boundary Waters in Eli Minnesota or up to Ben Delator west of Fort Collins.

This month I wanted to publish some interesting information on a Movie Icon and a man who loved Scouting and what it means to America and our Citizenship in the Nation and Community. I thought it would be good to review one of my Cinematic heros and his involvement with Scouting.....



"The Duke" 1907-1979

May 26th is one of my favorite actors birthday's. Marion Robert Morrison, also know as John Wayne was born this day in 1907. Now it can be debated that John Wayne may not be the best role model, but as an actor he always played the hero. He was an enduring American icon, he epitomized

rugged masculinity and is famous for his demeanor, including his distinctive calm voice, walk, and height. He played Football at USC.

John Wayne as a character and man symbolized American values and ideals. By the middle of his career, Wayne had developed a larger-than-life image, and as his career progressed, he selected roles that would not compromise his off-screen image. In his last film, the Shootist, he refused to allow his character to shoot a man in the back as was originally scripted, saying "I've made over 250 pictures and have never shot a guy in the back.

John Wayne was and will always be a character that we can look up to and he treated others with respect, he understood the value of service, he lived through his characters a sense of duty. In his "real" life he believed in these things also. He raised his family that way and even toward the end of his life, he publicly supported conservative causes and promoted a life of ideals and Values.

Once John Wayne was invited to speak at a fund-raising dinner for a Scout ranch. The ranch was to honor Mr. Wayne by naming the ranch the 'John Wayne Outpost camp'.

At the dinner, John Wayne spoke reciting the Scout Law. He said during his speech that the "twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words". "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it."

Then he broke down the law like this:

"TRUSTWORTHY The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

LOYAL The very word is life itself; for without loyalty we have no love of person or country

HELPFUL Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves; not to mention mankind. Be always full of help — the dying man's last words.

FRIENDLY Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions – and do – but make sure and start with brotherhood.

COURTEOUS Allow each person his human dignity; which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

KIND This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

OBEDIENT Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

CHEERFUL Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

THRIFTY Means a lot more than putting pennies away; and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

BRAVE You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

CLEAN Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts, and don't ever forget it.

REVERENT Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time."

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said, "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

John Wayne is an American icon. I have been a fan for as long as I can remember.

I will close with my favorite quote from John Wayne:

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

Yours in Scouting

Scott Addington, Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

May 2015: Search and Rescue Merit Badge

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

- 5/12/15 (Tuesday) Swim tests at EPIC Center @ 6pm (tentative)
- 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) Eagle Ceremony for Gage, Chris, and Josh (7pm)
At the Barn at Rigden Farm in SE Ft Collins (SE corner of Custer and Rigden)
- 6/9/15 (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 2
~~Hike at Reservoir Ridge on Overland~~
- 6/14/15 (Thursday) Flag Day ceremonies at Elk's Lodge
- 6/16/15 (Tuesday) Rank Advancements
- 6/23/15 (Tuesday) Finish Tenderfoot requirements (at CLP)
- 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) Camp cleanup and stories from Summer Camps
7/28/15 (Tuesday) Campout

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)
8/23/15 (Sunday) **Horsetooth Res. Open Water Swim Fundraiser**
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
Labor Day Fundraising at FC Nursery
- 9/5-9/7 (Sat-Mon)
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
- 11/10/15 (Tuesday)
11/15/15 (Sun) Pancake fundraiser at Elk's Lodge
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.*

Attendance: Dawn, Robert, Bev, Chuck, Kim, Pat, Cindy, Scott, Matt, Doug

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Bev motioned and Chuck seconded

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

\$4,399.89 in the checking account

\$3,948.40 scout accounts (\$258.82 per scout)

\$415 in the troop account now + \$500 from the Elk's + \$900 for Boundary Waters payments

=> approx. \$1800 in the troop account.

- Upcoming expenses:
 - The committee has previously approved purchase of TroopMaster software. Dawn paid for a three year subscription.
- 4/18/15 FC Nursery fundraiser update
 - The weather wasn't that great. We were also competing with "The Lobster Guy"
 - Brought in \$179.22 (about \$5/hour per scout)
 - The Scouts helped the nursery by cleaning up around the river banks.
- 8/23 for Horsetooth swim pancake fundraiser
 - We have agreed to do this fundraiser
- Labor Day fundraising at FC Nursery
 - We would like to do this fundraiser
- Pancake breakfast confirmed for 11/15/15. We will schedule for 9am-noon with 10am flag ceremony.
 - The Yung's will get tickets from Vista Print for \$9.99 (500 business cards). Kim motioned and Bev seconded. The motion was approved.
- The gun show fundraiser
 - This has been tabled until 2016
- Lawn mowing
 - We will ask parents to mow during the regular meeting times.
 - Dawn will update the email and route it to the troop
- Flag ceremony at the Elks Lodge on May 24th from 11-1.
 - We need volunteers.
 - The Yung's will be there.
- Flag Day Ceremony
 - Elk's Lodge would like scouts for a ceremony for Flag Day June 14
- Elk's work day
 - We will coordinate something after school lets out
- Patrol leader training
 - This will be delayed until after summer camps.
- High adventure camps
 - No updates. We are set. Training is in place. Matt will coordinate getting first aid kits.
- Summer camp at BDSR Camp Jeffries [July 12-18]
 - Robert will attend. We need another adult volunteer to attend.

- Scouts: Mark Acker, Evan Acker, Jack Birlingmair, Bronson Coleman, Jeffrey Condell, Eliyahu Janzen, Jack McConnell, Isaiah Wright
- Matt will coordinate Merit Badge selection
- The Troop trailer will not be needed since the camp provides a dining hall.
- Summer camp at Boundary Waters
 - Leaders (4) – [Doug, Matt], [Sean, Chuck]
 - Scouts (9) – [Evan, Josh, Cole, Max], [Andrew D, Holden M, Chance B, Van D, Blake R]
- Summer Camp Health forms
 - These need to be filled out for everybody [scouts and adults] attending one of the summer camps. Need to see a doctor or go to a clinic such as those at King Soopers
- NYLT 2015
 - Mark Acker should send a thank you note to the Aspen Elks Lodge
- Recharter
 - Dawn will generate a final roster list
 - The membership cards that we received were for last year! Dawn asked council to reprint and resend.
- 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
 - Dawn will ask if someone who needs Communication Merit Badge would like to finish this action item.
- Trailer repair update
 - Done at Camp Yung: Plywood shelves and PVC for flags
- Troop 87 T-shirts
 - Regular Troop 87 Class B Uniform Shirts. Also special Boundary Waters editions
 - Available from our Quartermaster
- Budget discussion (Kim)
 - Our yearly budget estimate is \$1613.96 for the troop to function. Some of the 2015 expenses are listed here. Kim has the entire list.
 - Eight Eagle Scout awards budgeted for 2015. (Pewter award for \$60-\$70 price range, \$119 for silver bladed award)
 - \$100 for thank you gifts
 - \$10 banking expenses
 - \$85 for copies
 - Adult camp registration fees
 - \$125 for propane,
 - \$30 spring camporee
 - \$30 fall camporee
 - \$56.90 county registration
 - \$50 lawnmower expenses
 - \$300 recharter
 - Troopmaster software renewal
 - Example revenues:
 - Elks donation \$500
 - FC Nursery \$50
 - Pancake fundraiser \$100
 - Scout accounts of scouts who drop
 - Christmas tree sales (previous years)
 - Horsetooth Open Swim \$40

- Our current fundraiser policy:
 - Troop takes 10% if under total amount raised is under \$500
 - Troop takes 20% of amounts over \$500
- Kim has suggested that we might need to start charging \$50 per scout at recharter.
 - We could consider scholarships for families in need.
- Scouts can earn back that \$50 in their scout accounts
 - Fundraisers
 - Popcorn sales
 - King Soopers card (parents)
 - Selling pancake fundraiser tickets
- This will be discussed at future committee meetings. Please come and share your suggestions.

Notes from April meeting:

- 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.
- Veteran's Plaza:
 - Memorial Day Weekend, Sun 5/24, 11am-1pm ,Need to be there by 10:30'ish
 - We need 10 scouts + an adult to coordinate
 - Soils planting: soils collected from around the world. Scouts will assist placing the soils in the ground.
 - Sue Harmon is the coordinator
 - We may be able to sell tickets for the Troop 87 Pancake fundraiser