

TROOP 87

AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER



SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

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Well, Scouts, we are reaching the end of summer and last month many of you enjoyed some awesome scout camps at both Northern Tier and Ben Delatour. I have seen a lot of great pictures and have heard some amazing stories. This is what makes the scouting experience. In August we are have some great fundraisers, like the Horsetooth swim where we cook pancakes for the swimmers and the Fort Collins Nursery fundraiser in September. Going back to school is just around the corner, so enjoy the last days of summer and get ready for an exciting fall in Troop 87. Remember to always do a good turn daily...So make sure to attend the meetings; we have a great line up of activities ahead. Happy Scouting....

Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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
Pioneering
- 8/11/15 (Tuesday) **Communications MB, Part I**
8/18/15 (Tuesday) **End of Summer Party (5:30 - shelters by city park pool)**
8/23/15 (Sunday) Horsetooth Res. Open Water Swim Pancake Fundraiser (South bay beach, 7am)
8/25/15 (Tuesday) **Communications MB, Part II**

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
Rock Climbing (location TBD)
- 9/5-9/7 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day Fundraising at FC Nursery
9/8/15 (Tuesday) **Indian Lore MB**
9/12/15 (Sat) **First popcorn arrives, sale starts- possible booth sale if enough interest**
9/15/15 (Tuesday) **Court of Honor/Elections**
9/22/15 (Tuesday) **Fall Camporee Prep**
9/25-9/27 (Fri-Sun) **Fall Camporee**
9/29/15 (Tuesday) **Fall Camporee Cleanup**

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
Aviation MB Prep
- 10/13/15 (Tuesday) **Aviation MB Away meeting (location TBD)**
10/17/15 (Sat) **Popcorn sale ends, orders due**
10/20/15 (Tuesday) **Dutch Oven Cookoff**
10/27/15 (Tuesday) **Haunted Cornmaze**

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
Final popcorn \$ turn in

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: Dawn Dorsch

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.*

Committee Meeting Date: August 4, 2015

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Matt Condell, Sean Dougherty, Robert Acker, Cindy Tunney, Doug Birlingmair, Scott Addington

Approval of May minutes: Sean motioned, Matt approved; committee accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Reports:

- **King Soopers Cards:** Latest check received for \$566.00.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **Horsetooth Swim: August 23 at 7:00 am at the Beach at Horsetooth**
The Scouts will cook pancakes (all supplies and food provided to us at \$0 cost) for the swimmers as they finish their race. We earn money from the tips. We need 3-4 Leaders and 6-8 Scouts. The hours worked by the Scouts can be counted towards their service hours. Scott Addington will be coordinating this fundraiser.
- **Popcorn Sales: Starting MM, DD – MM,DD.** Cindy Tunney will be coordinating Popcorn Sales this year.
- **Ft Collins Nursery: Labor Day Weekend with the date and times to be provided soon.**
The Scouts will help Customers load purchases into their cars PLUS we will be cooking hamburgers and selling food. We will work 2 shifts with 3-4 Scouts per shifts/2 adults per shifts. Bev Addington will be coordinating this fundraiser.
- **Pancake Breakfast: November 15 at 9:00 am at the Elk's Lodge** --- more details to come in September. A Parent Volunteer is needed to coordinate this fundraiser.

We need an adult or two to shadow Scott (Horsetooth Swim) and Bev (Ft. Collins Nursery) at these fundraisers. The Troop does these fundraisers yearly. These will be the last fundraisers that Scott and Bev will be coordinating. Their son, Dylan, has earned his Eagle Scout, aged out of the troop and starting at University of Wyoming in a few weeks. They are being so kind in helping the troop. If you are interested and can help the troop with these fundraisers, let me know. Thanks!

Re-charter: Corrected membership cards were received after the Aug. 4 meeting. The new membership cards will be distributed at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Business Cards: Dawn will ask Mark Acker as part of his Communications MB to update the cards per the committee member inputs at the May meeting.
- Trailer Repair: The most urgent updates have been made. Additional enhancements are being considered.
- NYLT 2015: Scott Addington and Robert Acker will track down the name of the Donor with the Aspen Elk's Lodge so Mark can send a thank you note.

New Business:

- FOS Patches: The Troop has not yet received their patches. Dawn will follow up with Counsel. Budget: Review in June – Dawn to discuss format with Kim prior to that meeting where we will discuss and vote

- Additional Court of Honor: We will be adding an additional Court of Honor at the Holiday Party. This will help with our Journey to Excellence reporting for this year.
- Transition of Leadership: In the next few months, Scott Addington will be stepping down as Scout Master. At our September committee meeting, we will discuss the transition of leadership for this very important position plus other key positions within the Troop. Please plan to attend this meeting as it is your opportunity to participate in this important transition.
- Parent Involvement: The Committee discussed ways to involve the parents of the Scouts in troop activities including fundraising, camping, day trips, etc. Dawn will create a list of Roles within the Troop Leadership for the September Committee Meeting.
- Patrol Leader Training: Matt has done some research into the options for offering this training to the Scouts. The program we will be using has 3 (60-90 minute) modules. It is a framework that can be built to fit our troop's culture and values. Matt will purchase or print the materials and present the Training at the September committee Meeting. We are hoping to offer this training in the fall. If you are interested in being a part of the training, please let Matt or Dawn know. By offering yearly patrol leader training, we will complete another Journey to Excellence requirement.
- Troop Activity Book: Matt visited with a couple of the Senior Scouts about what changes/improvements to make within the Troop. The consensus is to create an Activity Book. This book would be full of camping locations, hiking locations, away meeting locations, volunteer/service hour opportunities, meeting activities to fill time if extra time during the meeting is available. Cindy suggested that a template document be designed which could be used for each activity. Anyone would be able to suggest an activity to be included in the book. Robert will ask Mark to develop the template.