

TROOP 87

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hey fellow Scouters:

I can hardly believe it is September! Where did the summer go? As fall approaches, we all have been busy here in Troop 87. We have had a couple of great fundraisers and we are planning for leadership elections and Court of Honor this Tuesday. We are also looking forward to another exciting Fall Camporee at the end of the month. Make sure you apply for leadership positions and plan to attend Fall Camporee. Camping is at the heart of our Troop.

On a personal note, I have reached a major milestone in my Scouting career. I have been involved in Scouting for over 12 years as of this month. I got involved, as all of us do, to support Dylan in scouting. I started as a Tiger Den Leader and then progressed into Cubmaster for Pack 197. I then moved into Troop 87 as an Assistant Scoutmaster and then as the Scoutmaster for the last few years. I have had the pleasure of helping many scouts progress through the scouting ranks and obtain the rank of Eagle Scout including my son, Dylan.

Scouting has been a big part of my life and an extremely rewarding endeavor. With that being said, it is time for me to hand over the leadership to continue to move the Troop forward. As of the last meeting in September, Matt Condell will take over as Scoutmaster. Doug Birlingmair will take over as the awards chair and I will return to Assistant Scoutmaster and support and mentor the scouts periodically in the near future.

Bev and I would like to thank all Scouts, parents, committee members, and close friends who have supported us and have supported both Pack 197 and Troop 87. Scouting is, and will always be, a wonderful organization to help grow young men into upstanding leaders and adults.

So we have a lot of work to do! Please support Matt and the fellow Assistant Scoutmasters to aid in Troop 87.

Thanks....

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Addington
Scoutmaster Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

September 2015:

- 9/12/15 (Sat) First popcorn arrives, sale starts- possible booth sale if enough interest
- 9/15/15 (Tuesday) Court of Honor / Elections [bring a snack to share]
- 9/22/15 (Tuesday) Fall Camporee Prep
- 9/25-9/27 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee
- 9/29/15 (Tuesday) Fall Camporee Cleanup
Patrol Leader Training, part 1

October 2015:

- 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
Aviation MB Prep
- 10/13/15 (Tuesday) **Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend**
Aviation MB Away meeting (tentative, 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:

- 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
Photography Merit Badge, part 1
- 11/10/15 (Tuesday) **Rank Advancement**
Patrol Leader Training, part 2
- 11/15/15 (Sun) Pancake fundraiser at Elk's Lodge
- 11/17/15 (Tuesday) **Photography Merit Badge, part 2**
- 11/24/15 (Tuesday) **No meeting (Thanksgiving)**

December 2015:

- 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
Patrol Leader Training, part 3
Christmas Party and Court of Honor
No meeting (Holiday Break)
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12/8/15 or 12/15/15
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/recycle Christmas trees

Fundraising Chairs

1. Popcorn – Cindy Tunney
2. Jax – Cindy Tunney
3. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington
4. Fort Collins Nursery – <Adult Volunteer Needed>
5. Christmas Trees: Pickup/Recycling <Adult Volunteer Needed>

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.*

Committee Meeting Date: September 8, 2015

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

Approval of August minutes: Sean motioned, Pat approved; committee accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finances

\$2,756.19 in checking (\$162.13 per scout)
\$1,653 in the scout accounts
\$1,100 for the troop

Fundraising

- **King Soopers Cards:**
 - No news. Should get an update from King Soopers soon
- **Horsetooth Swim:**
 - Net profit was approx \$240. The funds will be split: 10% to the troop, 90% to the scouts.
 - Matt has started a Google Doc to track a list of things to bring each year.
 - eg. Two tip jars, a paddle for stirring and a screw gun, spatulas, long lighter, extra propane
- **Ft Collins Nursery:**
 - Net profit was \$240 and we have lots of hot dogs and hamburgers still frozen and available for the next fundraiser.
- **Popcorn Sales:**
 - Cindy Tunney will be coordinating Popcorn Sales this year.
 - Sept 12- first popcorn arrives, sale starts- possible booth sale if enough interest
 - Oct 17- sale ends, orders due
 - Dec 1- final popcorn \$ turn in
- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:**
 - Date: November 15 at 9:00 am at the Elk's Lodge
 - Dawn will setup a planning meeting to discuss tickets, flyer, etc
- **Christmas Tree Pickup (Doug B)**
 - Proposal: Distribute door hangars announcing the time of tree pickup. Residents can leave money in the envelope and tree at the end of the driveway. Troop will pick up the trees and drop them at the city recycling stations.

New Business:

- August Roundtable: Sean attended. There was lots of discussion about recruiting new scouts, summer camps, and future crews for Jamboree and Philmont. Sean will send roundtable notes about additional summer camp options.
- Discussion of the number of patrols in Troop 87:
 - Proposal: With the smaller troop size, we could consider going to two patrols instead of our current three patrols.
 - But Scott suggests that a good patrol size is 6 scouts per patrol.

- What does a Patrol leader do if he doesn't attend the campouts? He needs to attend PLC to help plan activities for the troop, and he needs to lead a patrol during campouts and away meetings.
- We agreed to set the expectation that patrol leaders will each plan at least one away meeting during their tenure.

Old Business:

- Lawn mowing: The troop didn't mow very much this year due to weather
- 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 and coins. Dawn will follow up with Counsel.
- 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:
 - Scott Addington will be stepping down as Scout Master at the end of Sept. Matt Condell will be our new Scout Master.
 - Doug will become Awards Chair on 9/16/15, taking this position from Matt.
- 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 three 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.
 - PLT sessions will be held during troop meetings on Sep 29, Nov 10, and Dec 1
 - Volunteers are: ScottA, ChuckY, DougB, Dawn, Pat, Mark Acker
- 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.
- 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. Mr. Noon sent Matt some ideas