

TROOP 87

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

I'd like to start off this month by thanking Scott Addington for all the hard work he's done over the last few years as Scoutmaster, not to mention the award-winning Dutch oven meals on campouts. He's been a mentor and role model for all our scouts. He's not going far as he will be continuing to help out our troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster. I appreciate having him around as a mentor as I take over the Scoutmaster position.

I'd like to congratulate all the scouts who earned merit badges and rank advancements at (and since!) our Court of Honor. A special congratulations to Chris Knebel who earned the first Eagle Palm since I've been with the troop! I'd also like to congratulate the troop's new leaders elected this past month, including our SPL - Mark Acker, ASPL - Holden Milewski, and Patrol Leaders - Josh Birlingmair, Max Condell, and Evan Tunney. I am looking forward to working with them so they can successfully implement their program for the troop.

We have a busy and exciting couple of months ahead. A trip to Greeley to work on Aviation Merit badge, our annual Dutch oven cookoff which we've invited Webelos to attend, a Halloween movie, a service project for the Elks Lodge, our 2nd annual pancake breakfast, and an early December camping trip are all coming up.

One parting thought this month. While the scouts set and run the program for the troop, support from adults is required to help make that program successful. While leaders and committee members are always welcome, there are many other ways to help out:

- Attend monthly committee meetings
- Volunteer to go on camping trips or other outings
- Volunteer to help organize a fundraiser
- Become a merit badge counselor and share your skills and hobbies with the scouts
- Attend an occasional meeting to ensure we have enough adults around for a board of review

As always, I'm looking forward to what our scouts have planned. It looks to be an exciting fall.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

October 2015:

- 10/13/15 (Tuesday) ~~Committee Meeting— all parents encouraged to attend~~
Aviation MB Away meeting – meet at Tavelli Elementary School Parking lot on North Lemay (corner of Lemay and Country Club road) at 5:15pm. We will be leaving in a carpool at 5:30pm sharp. We will be driving about 30-40 minutes to Greeley. We plan on being back in Fort Collins about 8:30-9. There is no scouting activity at the church that evening.
- 10/17/15 (Sat) Popcorn sale ends, orders due
- 10/17/15 (Sat) ~~Elk's Lodge Cleanup~~ (delayed until Nov)
- 10/20/15 (Tuesday) Dutch Oven Cookoff
- 10/24/15 (Sat) Haunted Cornmaze (7pm)
- 10/27/15 (Tuesday) Movie Night (early start at 6:30pm)

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
Leadership 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
~~Prep for campout~~
Leadership Training, part 3
- 12/4 – 12/6 (Fri-Sun) Campout (location is tbd)
- 128/8/15 (Tuesday) Cleanup after campout
- 12/15/15 (Tuesday) Christmas Party and Court of Honor

12/22/15 (Tuesday) No meeting (Holiday Break)

12/29/15 (Tuesday) No meeting (Holiday Break)

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



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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: October meeting has been delayed due to conflicts.