

# TROOP 87

## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Our second annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will be November 15 9am-noon at the Elks Lodge. We are trying to turn this event into a major fundraiser to support both the troop and each scout's activities. It is a great opportunity for us as the Elks donate all the food so ticket sales are all profit for us. However, to make this successful, the scouts need to sell their tickets. All scouts should also volunteer to work either the early or later shift at the breakfast.

Following the pancake breakfast, we will be doing some service hours for the Elks. We will be raking leaves so please come prepared with a rake and gloves for after the pancakes.

Also this month, we will be continuing our youth leadership training with an emphasis on leadership tools such as communication and planning. These will be useful skills as our PLC starts in on its yearly planning exercise.

As the weather starts to get colder we will be thinking summer camp! This month the scouts will choose which camp they wish to attend this summer and then we'll start to organize camp signups. We are planning to attend an in-council camp this year. See the pancake breakfast above as a great opportunity to defray the cost of camp.

Finally, with Thanksgiving in a few weeks, I'd like to take this opportunity to share a few scouting-related thoughts. I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with all the wonderful young men in our troop. I'm also thankful for all the adults who volunteer for the committee, who are assistant scoutmasters and otherwise help out the troop. Without them we couldn't provide a quality scouting program. I'd also like to thank Jeff Dickson, my camping merit badge instructor so many years ago, whose philosophy was one of my greatest takeaways from scouts: Whether you are in the middle of Boundary Waters surrounded by nothing but trees and lakes or in the middle of Times Square, always take a minute to stop and appreciate the beauty around you.

I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Scouting,  
Matt Condell  
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## November 2015:

- 11/10/15 (Tuesday) Rank Advancement  
Leadership Training, part 2
- 11/15/15 (Sun) Pancake fundraiser at Elk's Lodge, followed by leaf cleanup service project
- 11/17/15 (Tuesday) **Cooking Merit Badge, part 1**
- 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 at BDSR  
**Cooking Merit Badge, part 2**
- 128/8/15 (Tuesday) Cleanup after campout  
**Discussion of possible 2016 activities**
- 12/15/15 (Tuesday) Christmas Party; **6:30pm at Elk's Lodge**  
Court of Honor  
Friends of Scouting kick-off
- 12/22/15 (Tuesday) No meeting (Holiday Break)
- 12/29/15 (Tuesday) No meeting (Holiday Break)

## January 2016:

- 1/5/16 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza (**early start 5:30pm**)  
**All Patrol Leaders should attend**
- Life to Eagle presentation (Mr. Noon)**
- 1/9/16 (Sat)** Merit Badge University, part 1
- 1/12/16 (Tuesday) **Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend**  
**MBU Homework**
- 1/16/16 (Sat)** Merit Badge University, part 2
- 1/19/16 (Tuesday) **Cold Weather Prep**
- 1/26/16 (Tuesday) **Webelos activity with Pack 87**

## **February 2016:**

- 2/2/16 (Tue) Klondike prep
- 2/5-2/7 (Fri-Sun) Klondike (winter camping)

## **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: 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: Nov 3, 2015**

**Committee Members Present:** Dawn Dorsch, Matt Condell, Sean Dougherty, Kim Yung, Cindy Tunney, Tom Noon

**Approval of September minutes:** Sean motioned, Cindy approved; committee accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer Report: Checking Account: \$4028.25;**

## **Fundraising:**

- **King Soopers Cards:** Expecting next check soon
- **Popcorn:** Goal was \$1730. Sold \$1200 by 10 boys. Booth Sales were fair. Cindy, popcorn chair, did not order full cases for small quantities. She will trade with other troops for the extra. Will have a few extra items to be sold. Money is due beginning of December.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** November 15 at 9:00 am at the Elk's Lodge
  - **Ticket Sales:** Each Scout was asked to sell 10 tickets @ \$5.00 each
  - **Volunteers:** We have 2 shifts – 8:30 – 10:30 with set up and 10:30 – 12:30 will clean up
  - **Posters:** Max updated the poster. These were distributed at the meeting.

**2016 Re-Charter:** Dawn has re-charter packet. She will send emails to each Scout family and leader to confirm participation for 2016. Due on 12/3/15

**FOS:** Kim has 2016 packet and will attend the November 12 Roundtable to review the goal with Council

**Journey to Excellence:** Dawn will be completing this re-charter requirement by 11/30/15.

**Great Expectation:** Dawn will be completing this re-charter requirement by 11/30/15.

## **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.
- **FOS Patches:** Mr. Noon tracked down the Troop recognition awards.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Troop Activity Book:** Mark Acker is designing a template; Adult/Leader help would be great to capture activities done in the past plus ideas for new activities

## **New Business:**

- **October Roundtable Highlights:** Dawn attended for the Troop
- **Merit Badge University (MBU):** Registration: Opens 11/1/15; Scheduled: January 9 & 16
- **Patrol Leader Training:** Completion of Part 1 and Part 2 is scheduled for November 10; Part 3 on December 1.
- **Volunteer Opportunities –**
  - Veteran's Day Ceremony on 11/7 at 9:30 am – Update
  - Elk's Lodge Leaf Raking on 11/15 following the pancake breakfast
- **Eagle Project Review –** Chance Yung presented the outline of his Eagle Project – Little Free Libraries in the Mountain Communities