

TROOP 87

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Thank you to all who helped out over the last month. The Pancake Breakfast and leaf raking were both successful events and we had lots of fun cabin camping this past weekend. We're looking forward to having an annual cabin camping event.

This Tuesday, December 8 will be our annual holiday party - 6:30-8:30 at the Elk's Lodge. Please bring either an appetizer or sweet to share. Each scout should bring a gift of no more than \$10 for the gift exchange. We will kick-off the Council's Friends of Scouting event so please please bring your checkbook if you normally donate by check. Making our annual goal both helps the council raise money to support our scouting program and helps the troop with free rank and merit badges.

Merit Badge University is coming up January 9 & 16. This is a great way for our scouts to earn a few merit badges, including some Eagle required badges. I believe most of the scouts who are interested have signed up, but if they haven't please talk to Mr. Birlingmair.

We will be attending an in-council summer camp this year. We will talk about this at the holiday party and the scouts will choose which camp they would like to attend. We'll need to sign up for summer camp soon.

Starting January 1 new rank requirements will take effect. Current scouts will be grandfathered into a transition year through 2016.

I'll discuss the details of the transition and the new requirements in next month's newsletter.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season and the scouts have a relaxing school break.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in **RED**)

December 2015:

12/1/15 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6:00-6:45pm
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

12/8/15 (Tuesday) Christmas Party; 6:30pm at Elk's Lodge
Court of Honor
Friends of Scouting kick-off

12/15/15 (Tuesday) Cleanup after campout
Discussion of possible 2016 activities

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

Troop 87 Scout Meeting
Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Life to Eagle presentation (Mr. Noon)

1/9/16 (Sat) Merit Badge University, part 1 (Front Range Community College)

1/12/16 (Tuesday) Committee Meeting – **all parents encouraged to attend**
MBU Homework

1/16/16 (Sat) Merit Badge University, part 2 (Front Range Community College)

1/19/16 (Tuesday) Cold Weather Prep

1/26/16 (Tuesday) Webelos activity with Pack 87

February 2016:

2/2/16 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6:00-6:45pm
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting at Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – **all parents encouraged to attend**
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: Dec 1, 2015

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Matt Condell, Pat Knebel, Kim Yung, Cindy Tunney

Approval of previous month's minutes: Committee approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: \$3,747.33; **Scout accounts:** \$220.43

Fundraising:

- **Popcorn:** Goal was \$1730. Sold \$1480. Some popcorn is left and will be available for purchase by troop members at the holiday party.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** \$570 total profit

2016 Re-Charter: Dawn has re-charter packet. Recharter is complete – 17 Scouts renewing. Re-charter due on 12/3/15

FOS: Kim has the packet and will host the presentation at the Holiday Party on 12/8/15.

Journey to Excellence: Dawn will be completing our JTE for 2015 by 12/3/15. We achieved Gold Level for the first time ever for the troop !!

Great Expectation (Council JTE): Dawn will be completing for 2015 by 12/3/15. All requirements were met.

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:** Given to Kim to distribute at the Holiday Party on 12/8/15
- **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:** No update this month

New Business:

- **Merit Badge University (MBU):** Registration forms have been distributed and need to be returned to Mr Birlingmair by Dec 8. MBU is January 9 & 16
- **Patrol Leader Training:** Part 3 on December 1. Part 1 completed in October; Part 2 completed in November.
- **Thank you/Recognition gift for outgoing Scoutmaster:** proposal to spend \$50 was approved by the Committee (Kim motioned, Cindy seconded).. Dawn has a card for the Scouts to sign.

Updates/Information:

- For Troop T-shirts see the Quartermaster; Troop Numeral "87" patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn.