

# TROOP 87

## JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Happy New Year! 2015 was an amazing year for the troop. Almost every scout advanced at least one rank, including our newest Eagle Scouts: Chris, Josh, and Dylan! I'm excited about continuing that momentum for the upcoming year. I'm also looking forward to increasing the number and kinds of outdoor activities and away meetings, welcoming a large group of Webelos bridging over in April, and participating in the Eagle projects we're expecting over the next 12 months.

**New Rank Requirements:** This new year brings with it updated rank requirements for the scouts. The scout badge is moving from being a "joining badge" to a full-fledged rank. With that change, some requirements have been moved around within the Tenderfoot-First Class ranks. Additional fitness and service hour requirements have been added to these ranks as well as a number of other new requirements. A full listing of the requirements may be found at: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012\\_BS\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements.pdf)

I handed out inserts with the requirements for the scouts to add to their handbooks. Scouts should secure these inserts into their handbooks so they don't lose any signoff in them.

2016 will be a transition year for current scouts:

- Current scouts working on Tenderfoot - First Class may continue to use the old requirements until reaching First class or Jan 1, 2017, whichever comes first.
- Current scouts who are working on Star, Life, or Eagle may continue to use the current requirements until they complete the current rank they are working on or Jan 1, 2017, whichever comes first.
- New scouts must use the new requirements.

**Summer Camp:** The scouts have chosen to attend Camp Laramie Peak in Wheatland, WY the week of July 10-14. Cost will be: \$295. \$50 deposit is due at registration. 1/2 balance (\$150) will be due at the January 26th meeting and remainder will be due at the April 26th meeting. We will hopefully be getting a \$45 discount off the total, but won't have that information until April.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Condell  
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## January 2016:

- 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) **MBU Homework**
- 1/26/16 (Tuesday) Scout Stations, 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**
- Rank Advancement Changes**
- 2/9/16 (Tuesday) **Cold Weather Prep**
- 2/16/16 (Tuesday) **Klondike Prep**
- 2/19-2/21 (Fri-Sun)** Klondike (winter camping **at Longmont at Camp Tahosa**)
- 2/23/16 (Tuesday) **Klondike Cleanup**

## March 2016:

- <td>  
3/8/16(Tue) Free Scout Day at Dinosaur Center in Colorado Springs  
Elections / Court of Honor

## April 2016:

- <td>  
4/1/16 (Fri) Spring Camporee  
Webelos Bridging at 6 PM  
4/16/16 (Sat) Forestry at BDSR

## May 2016:

- 5/30/16 (wkend) Elk's Memorial Day  
5/30/16 (wkend) Memorial Day Ceremony

## June 2016:

## July 2016:

- 7/10-7/14 Camp Laramie Peak in Wheatland, WY

## August 2016:

- <td> Blue Lake  
<td> Horsetooth Swim Fundraiser  
<td> Tavelli Pack Startup / Open House

## September 2016:

- <td> Fall Camporee  
9/13/16 (Tue) Elections/Court of Honor

## October 2016:

- <td> Corn Maze

**November 2016:**

<td> Cabin Camping at BDSR  
11/13 (Sunday) Veterans Day Ceremony

**December 2016:**

12/6/16 (Tue) Christmas Party/ Court of Honor

**Brainstorm for Possible Away Meetings (from Jan'16 PLC meeting)**

Rock climbing  
Scuba diving  
Swimming  
Bowling  
Archery  
Bike Riding  
Frisbee golf  
CLP Games Night  
Rifle Range

**Annual Troop Events**

May - Elks Memorial Day Events: Veterans Plaza, Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Aug - Open Water Swim Fundraiser  
Nov – Pancake Fundraiser  
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:** January 19, 2016

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

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

**Treasurer Report:** Kim to provide

## Committee Reports:

### Fundraising:

- **King Soopers Cards:** July – December spent \$13800 - \$690 to participating Scout accounts
- **Camp Cards:** Cindy will chair this fundraiser. She will send an email to parents to determine # wanted. She will attend the kickoff and pick up cards for sale.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Dawn will email Joyce at Elks to determine the date and confirm holiday party date

**2016 Re-Charter/ Journey to Excellence/ Great Expectations:** Submitted in December

**FOS:** Goal of \$1848 was achieved with an additional \$300 raised

## 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.
- **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:

- **January Roundtable Highlights:** Matt attended for the Troop and shared important dates for 2016.
  - **Jan 22:** New handbooks and requirements are available
  - **Jan 25:** Transition to new email format and updated website
  - **Feb 20:** Camp Card Kick off
  - **Feb 26:** Recognition Dinner
  - **March 5:** Scout night at CSU Men's basketball game (vs. Air force)
  - **May 26:** Scout Showcase at Dick's Sporting Goods, Centerra
- **Patrol Leader Training:** Need to ask Matt and schedule for 2016
- **2016 Budget:** Will be Discussed at February Committee Meeting
- **Policy/Handbook:** Leaders/Parents volunteered to write a section of the handbook. (if you weren't there, you were volunteered ☺). We decided the format would be simple – section headings and paragraphs following. Once sections are written, the document will be distributed for proofing. It will be updated for font, spacing, etc.
  - **Chuck:** Camping – summer camp; physicals; weekend camping basics
  - **Kim:** Treasurer Notes; Financial Policies passed in previous years; FOS basics
  - **Cindy:** Fundraising Events
  - **Matt:** general info about the troop; Scout led Troop explanations; PLC – schedule and purpose; PLT – purpose

- Doug: Advancement – basic requirements; process; Ct of Honor – purpose and schedule; MB Counselor – how to sign up, etc; Elections – basics and processes
- Pat: Calendar, website, monthly newsletter
- Dawn: Committee Meeting info; recharter, JTE, Great Expectations,
- Other Topics: If you think of other sections that need to be included, please contact Dawn.

**Policy Deadlines: Draft – March 8; Final Version - March 25; Due for distribution – April 5**

- Merit Badge Counselor List: Dawn will update and email to Mr. Noon to forward to the council
- Roster: Dawn will email the updated roster to the troop