

TROOP 87

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

February brings us to our first camping trip of the year - Klondike! We are going to a new location this year: Camp Tahosa, north of Ward, CO. Long range forecast has this looking like a very warm Klondike, which has its own challenges with staying dry as snow will likely be melting. Scouts should be prepared for both the cold weather and have extra changes of clothes and footwear so they can stay dry. A special thanks to Mr. Yung for covering this year's cold weather camping talk.

Looking ahead, we will be serving as color guard for a ceremony at the Elks on March 1. We will welcome our new scouts from Pack 87 on April 1. And we have camping trips planned for April, May, and June before we head to summer camp at Camp Laramie Peak!

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

February 2016:

- 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
Blue cards are due for Court of Honor

March 2016:

- 3/1/16 (Tuesday) No PLC Meeting in March due to scheduling conflicts
- Elks Color Guard: 4-6 scouts and 2 leaders;
Meet at Elks Lodge at 6pm for 6:45pm ceremony.
- Regular meeting at the church at 7pm: Positions Talk (prep for elections)
- 3/8/16 (Tuesday) Merit Badge Speed Completion at 6:30pm at the Church
MB Counselors will assist Star/Life Scouts with completing open merit badges.
- Regular meeting at the church at 7pm: Elections / Court of Honor
- 3/12/16 (Sat) Free Scout Day at Dinosaur Center in Colorado Springs (9am-6pm)
All scouts and their leaders, IN UNIFORM, will be admitted free.
- 3/15/16 (Tuesday) No meeting (Spring Break)
- 3/22/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, part I
- 3/29/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, part II

April 2016:

- 4/1/16 (Fri) Webelos Bridging at 6 PM
- 4/5/16 (Tuesday) Prep for Camp Yung
- 4/8-4/10 (Fri-Sun) Camp Yung
- 4/12/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Camp Yung
- 4/16/16 (Sat) Forestry at BDSR
- 4/19/16 (Tuesday) Away meeting at EPIC Center, 6:30pm
- 4/26/16 (Tuesday) Prep for Spring Camporee
- 4/29-5/1 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee

May 2016:

- 5/5/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Spring Camporee
- 5/30/16 (wkend) Elk's Memorial Day
5/30/16 (wkend) Memorial Day Ceremony

June 2016:

6/7/16 (Tuesday) Prep for Campout
6/10-6/12 (Fri-Sun) Campout
6/14/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Campout

July 2016:

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

August 2016:

8/30/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 1
<td> Blue Lake
<td> Horsetooth Swim Fundraiser
<td> Tavelli Pack Startup / Open House

September 2016:

<td> Fall Camporee
9/6/16 (Tuesday) Positions Talk (prep for elections)
9/13/16 (Tue) Elections/Court of Honor

October 2016:

10/11/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 2
<td> Corn Maze

November 2016:

<td> Cabin Camping at BDSR
11/8/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 3
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: February 9, 2016

Committee Members Present: Dawn, Matt, Sean, Kim, Chuck, Doug, Carolyn

Approval of January minutes: Sean motioned, Carolyn approved; committee accepted unanimously.

Treasurer Report: 2354.87 in Account.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

- **King Soopers Cards:** \$3700 additional spent YTD; Once over \$5000, will receive an additional check.
- **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

FOS: Goal of \$1848 was achieved with an additional \$300 raised. All completed cards due to council by 3/1/16.

Pack 87 Bridging: Scheduled for Friday, April 1. Doug B and Scott D will be Adult leaders as Chuck and Matt are out of town. Kim will make neckerchiefs with the remaining patches. A sign-up sheet for Scouts will be circulated in March.

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
- **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
 - **Received -- 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
 - **Received -- 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.
- **February Roundtable:** Dawn will attend.

New Business:

- Additional Dates added to the Calendar: Patrol Leader Training, Spring Camporee, Camp Yung, Elks Color guard on 3/1
- Merit Badge Speed Completion: Scheduled for 3/8 at 6:30 pm at the Church for all Star and Life Scouts or Sophomore/Junior. We will have all troop Merit Badge Counselors available to assist Star and Life Scouts with completing any open merit badges. All Star and Life Scouts should bring their merit badge books and/or packets, blue cards and their Scout books. Additional information will be emailed separately.
- NO PLC in March: Due to the Elk's Color Guard on March 1 and Merit Badge Speed Completion on March 8, there will be no PLC in March.
- Summer Camp @ CLP: Deposit of \$50 was due in January; First Payment \$100 due in February; Final payment \$100 due 4/26/16. If Deposits or First Payment have not been made, please see Kim Yung, Treasurer. Mrs. Yung will be sending emails to all Scouts if a balance is due.
- Klondike: Leaders – Matt and Carolyn; Scouts – Jeffrey, Jack M, Bronson, Eliyahu; decision on trailer being taken or hauling gear in 2 vehicles will be decided at this Tuesday's meeting.
- Scouts Aging Out:
 - Chris: Dawn will email about interest in being an Adult Leader
 - Cody: Kim will email about interest in being an Adult Leader and return of balance of funds
- Volunteer Opportunity – Cub Scout Day Camp: The Council would love to 10-15 Boy Scouts to help with Day Camp – in particular the bb guns/archery/slingshot stations. If you are interested, please contact Kim Stevens at 970-556-4920. Day Camp is scheduled for June 7 – 10, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm at 9401 N County Road 19 in Fort Collins.
- Camp Cards: The camp cards sell for \$5.00 donation with \$2.50 going to the unit and Scout to be used for any summer activity – your CLP summer camp fees. Cards can be sold from March 1 – Mary 6. The coupons are:
 - Old Chicago: \$5 off purchase of \$20 or more
 - Jax: free \$10 gift card with \$50 purchase
 - Safeway: \$5 off purchase of \$50 or more
 - Big 5: \$10 off purchase of \$50 or more
 - PLUS Deals from Culvers, Elitch's, Mr. Rooter, USA Parking, Sonic, Sportclips, Domino's Jiffy lube, Sierra Trading, Perkins.