

TROOP 87

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER



SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

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Hello Troop 87,

Welcome to our eight new scouts and their families who bridged over on April 1!

I'd like to extend a big thank you to our outgoing youth leaders who finished their terms in March and offer my congratulations to our new leaders. I look forward to working with all of you.

We have a busy few months ahead of us. We started April by welcoming Pack 87's Webelos to our troop and almost immediately took them to Camp Yung. The older scouts had a great time introducing our new scouts to troop camping and our new scouts were pitching in from the start. It was great to see the scouts new and old working and playing together. It was exciting to have a full complement of three patrols camping. Next year, however, we will order up less wind. Thank you to the Yungs for hosting again this year.

Upcoming we will be having Order of the Arrow (the Boy Scouts' honor society) elections on the 12th, followed by an away meeting at the pool at EPIC.

Then it will be time to prep for Spring Camporee! Additionally, we have our semi-annual fundraiser at the Fort Collins Nursery and an opportunity to earn the Forestry merit badge up at BDSR.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

April 2016:

- 4/8-4/10 (Fri-Sun) Camp Yung (Pioneering MB, Electricity MB)
- 4/12/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Camp Yung
Order of the Arrow elections
- 4/16/16 (Sat) Forestry at BDSR
- 4/19/16 (Tuesday) Away meeting at EPIC Center, 6:30pm (swim tests for summer camp and advancement)
- 4/23/16 (Sat) Fundraiser at FC Nursery (9am-noon and noon-3pm)
- 4/26/16 (Tuesday) Prep for Spring Camporee
- 4/29-5/1 (Fri-Sun) Spring Camporee

May 2016:

- 5/3/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Spring Camporee
Patrol Leader Council meets at 6pm at Laporte Pizza
Committee Meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 5/10/16 (Tuesday) Away Meeting at Jax for Archery (6:30pm)
- 5/14/16 (Sat) Rock Climbing at Miramont North
- 5/17/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Nation MB
- 5/24/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Nation MB II
- 5/30/16 (wkend) Elk's Memorial Day
5/30/16 (wkend) Memorial Day Ceremony
- 5/31/16 (Tuesday) Pool Party at City Park

June 2016:

- 6/7/16 (Tuesday) Prep for backpacking campout
Patrol Leader Council meets at 6pm at Laporte Pizza
Committee Meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 6/10-6/12 (Fri-Sun) Backpacking Campout
- 6/14/16 (Tuesday) Cleanup after Campout
Start of physical fitness MB and fitness rank advancements
- 6/21/16 (Tuesday) Court of Honor + Game Night
- 6/28/16 (Tuesday) Summer Camp Prep
Gear check + training
Camp forms are due (signed by a doctor)

July 2016:

- 7/5/16 (Tuesday) Camp prep

7/10-7/16 (Sun-Sat) Camp Laramie Peak in Wheatland, WY
7/19/16 (Tuesday) **Camp cleanup**
7/26/16 (Tuesday) **Scout skills**

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: Pat Knebel

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 Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Kim and Chuck Yung, Cindy Tunney, Pat Knebel, Doug Birlingmair, Ashley and Aaron Moore, Adrien, Barbara Langston (for Robert Grimmer), Ryann Hodge, Gina and Kent Stewart, Jay Wolfe, Tim Murphy, Carolyn Coleman, Sean Dougherty

Approve minutes from previous meeting (February) – Carolyn motioned and Kim seconded

Welcome New Parents:

- Introduction of new scout parents
- Handout of packets for new scouts
- Brief explanation of scout ranks
- Youth Protection Training for adult leaders should be done on-line before adults attend campouts. This training is available on-line.
- Scouts should bring their scout books to every meeting and campout in order to get requirements signed off by older scouts (first class scouts and above).
- Merit Badges: 13 required + 8 electives in order to achieve Star, Life, and Eagle ranks

Treasurer Report

Bank Balances:

Entire account: \$3,339.39

Troop account: \$1,819.17

Scout accounts: \$1,520.22

Fundraising: For fundraisers, the troop keeps 10-20% of the funds raised, and scouts divide 80% of the proceeds into their scout accounts (100% for popcorn and camp cards). Fundraising should cover most of their scouting expenses, except for summer camp. Sean also distributes Kings Soopers cards that rebate 5% of your purchases into your son's scout accounts. You can also get these cards for friends and extended family members to help pump money into your scout's account. (see below)

Summer Camp: July 10-16 at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming. Kim (troop treasurer) needs payment for new scouts by May 1 (see below). Based on number of scouts attending, we will get 2 free adults admissions. We normally split this as a discount for all adults attending. Scouts will also need to budget for gas to/from Wyoming as gas receipts are split between all scouts attending. Also need to budget some money for lunch during the trip and for spending at the trading post at camp (ice cream, soda, etc).

- Deposit of \$50 was due in January; First Payment \$100 due in February; Final payment \$100 due 4/26/16.

King Soopers Card: Sean

- Earn money for your scout to use for scouting!
- Since Fall 2013, our troop has charged \$100k on these gift cards for a rebate of \$5k into the scout accounts.
- Sean will sell a card for \$5 (it has \$5 credit already assigned)
- You can add funds to your account at King Soopers, then use the card for shopping at King Soopers and/or gas at K.S. or Loaf and Jug

- Treat the cards as cash since they cannot be refunded if lost or stolen
- Whenever the troop earns \$5k, King Soopers will cut a check to Sean and he will work with Kim to get the funds transferred to the scout accounts

New Business:

- The church is organizing a fundraiser to raise \$30,000 to paint the church. Tammy has asked if the troop would create and donate a “thermometer” sign that can track their progress towards reaching their fundraising goal. Chuck suggested that it might be a good activity for the weekend at Camp Yung. Matt reported that it is not urgent and could be done any time in the next several weeks.

Eagle Project Proposal: Holden

- Wolf Sanctuary is getting a new property that will be open to the public. It is directly across from BDSR. They need several things done that could qualify as Eagle Projects.
- Holden would like to build a sign, approx. 6’x6’ that would face the road.
- Good opportunity to exhibit leadership
- Need to design a stencil, then have the scouts paint it on, and apply a coat lacquer
- Dig post holes and pour concrete
- The Wolf Sanctuary will provide the supplies and materials
- Permits will not be required
- May need to have a survey done to find the center of the road
- Suggest that Holden find an Eagle mentor
- Kent volunteered that he has a large CNC router

Meeting was adjourned.

C. Web Master; Re-Charter; Journey to Excellence; FOS; Eagle Coordinator; New Scout Registration; Lawn Mowing; Elk’s Lodge

- New Scout Registration: Packets distributed April 5; Completed applications will be sent to Council; Roster and Patrol lists updated and distributed via email

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.
- Pancake Breakfast: Dawn will email Joyce at Elks to determine the date and confirm holiday party date
- Troop Activity Book: Update on progress
- Policy/Handbook: **Draft – April 17; Final Version – April 30; Due for distribution – May 3**
 - Chuck: Camping – summer camp; physicals; weekend camping basics
 - Kim: Treasurer Notes; Financial Policies passed in previous years; FOS basics
 - Received - Cindy: Fundraising Events
 - Received - 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.

- Roundtable: March – Did Cindy attend? Who can attend April? Thursday, 4/14 @ 7:00 pm - Harmony Presbyterian Church
- Troop T-shirts: Discussion if new order needs to be placed
- Troop Patches: Discussion if new order needs to be placed

Updates/Information:

- For Troop T-shirts see The Quartermaster; Troop Numeral “87” patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn