

TROOP 87

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Please join me in congratulating Donovan, Cole, Josh, and Max. The four were elected by their fellow scouts and called out at Spring Camporee for membership in the Order of the Arrow - Boy Scouts' Honor Society. They will now have to participate in an Ordeal Weekend to become members of OA.

The Troop attended Spring Camporee this past weekend. It was lovely weather for Klondike, but the Scouts were prepared and had a great time. The scouts who attended Spring Camporee did the Troop proud. Max, Jack B, Jeffrey, and Timmy did an excellent flag lowering ceremony even though the schedule for the ceremony got moved up on them and they had to scramble to prepare. For the activities, the Troop banded together into a single patrol and won first place in the skit competition for their rendition of "Radio Airwaves" and they won second place overall for the competitions.

Summer camp is around the corner. We will have merit badge signups as soon as schedules are available. The council is telling us it will be any day now. The most important item you need to prepare at this point is a signed health form. All scouts and adults who are going must have a completed form on file with the troop. For our new scouts it is similar to the form you may have used for camp as a cub scout, except there is an additional section that must be completed and signed by a doctor. Forms are available at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

For those not going to summer camp, the Troop should have a medical form on file for you as well, however only parts A & B need to be filled out, not the section that requires a doctor's signature.

Looking ahead to the rest of this month, we will be doing archery at Jax, Citizenship in the Nation merit badge, the soils ceremony at Veterans' Plaza for Memorial Day and a pool party at City Park Pool.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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 Outdoor (N. College) for Archery at 6:30pm (\$5/person)
- ~~5/14/16 (Sat) Rock Climbing at Miramont North (canceled)~~
- 5/17/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Nation MB
Brief discussion of upcoming National Jamboree
- 5/24/16 (Tuesday) Citizenship in the Nation MB II
- 5/29/16 (Sunday) Soils (Memorial) Ceremony at Veteran's Plaza – 11am
- 5/31/16 (Tuesday) Pool Party at City Park

June 2016:

- 6/7/16 (Tuesday) Prep for backpacking campout
Drug Safety instruction (for 2nd class scout requirement)
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) Flag ceremony at Elks Lodge, 5:30-8:00pm (away meeting with dinner)
- 6/21/16 (Tuesday) Start of physical fitness MB and fitness rank adv. (6:30 at CLP middle school)
- 6/28/16 (Tuesday) Court of Honor
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
7/12/16 (Tuesday) No meeting
- 7/19/16 (Tuesday) Camp cleanup
Personal fitness MB II
- 7/26/16 (Tuesday) Swimming MB at EPIC Center

August 2016:

- 8/2/16 (Tuesday) Game night
- 8/6-8/7 (Sat-Sun) Astronomy campout
- 8/9/16 (Tuesday) Astronomy Merit Badge
- 8/14/16 (Sunday) Horsetooth Swim Fundraiser
- 8/16/16 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness MB III

8/23/16 (Tuesday) Rank Advancement catch-up
8/30/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 1
<td> Blue Lake
<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 – Soils (Memorial) ceremony at Veterans Plaza
June - Flag Day – flag ceremony at Elk's Lodge
Aug - Open Water Swim fundraiser
Nov – Troop 87 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. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington
3. Fort Collins Nursery – <Adult Volunteer Needed>
4. 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, Cindy Tunney, Pat Knebel, Carolyn Coleman, Sean Dougherty, Doug Birlingmair, Ryann Hodge, Gina Stewart, Bob Grimmer, Matt Condell

Approve minutes from previous meeting (April) – Cindy approved, Carolyn seconded

Treasurer Report

Bank Balances:

Entire account: \$3,339.39 in checking account

Troop account: \$2,530.38

Scout accounts: \$149.19 per scout

Ft Collins Nursery Fundraiser

- Net amount raised was \$171.78 after deducting \$200.92 for expenses. Note that approximately half the purchases went unused and will be saved until the next fundraiser.
- Pat motioned that we split the expenses between this fundraiser and the next fundraiser. Sean seconded.
- Thus, the net amount raised for this event was \$272.24 ($\$171.78 + \$200.92/2$)
- The troop will keep the normal 10% (for events raising less than \$500).
- 34 total hours were contributed by the scouts, thus the scouts earned \$7.21/hour to offset future scout expenses

Order of the Arrow elections (Matt) – Max, Josh, Cole, and Donovan were accepted to the OA. They will still need to attend their Ordeal (service) weekend.

King Soopers cards (Sean) – The troop got a check for \$280. Sean will update the spreadsheet. He will have new cards available next week.

Camp cards (Cindy) –

- Unsold cards were collected at tonight's meeting. The troop sold approximately 60 cards.
- In previous years, hitting the Friends of Scouting was sufficient to get a discount to summer camp.
- We will need to sell more cards if we want to get the discount for in-district camps (\$45 discount, ie \$250 vs. \$295 for camp). Cindy will check whether there is still time to set up a sales booth.
- Question is whether we only needed to "participate" or if we need to sell a certain number of camp cards to get the summer camp discount.

Dawn mailed out a new troop directory and patrol roster

Veteran's Plaza (Sean) – 10 scouts needed for Memorial Day weekend. Doug Birlingmair will be the contact person.

Lawn mowing (Dawn) – the troop has lawn mowers and a weed trimmer. In the past, we have had adults sign-up in advance or just mow during the regular meetings. We are looking for a volunteer coordinator to help make sure we have people available to mow when needed.

Summer camp information

- Dawn will ask Kim to send an update to folks about summer camp payments that are still due. We also need specifics on the discount for summer camp (dollar amount, last date to get discount based on camp card sales).
- The troop gets two adults free, this amount will be split among all adults attending. Two adults may split the week, if desired. There is also a family camp area near the scout camp.
- 3 adults are currently signed up to attend summer camp.
- Do we need to order troop T-shirts? (Mark is quartermaster)
- Summer camp health forms: A, B, and C are all required for summer camp
- Scholarships for Summer Camp
 - Forms need to be filled out and sent in
 - Kim has the necessary information.

We also need Health Forms A and B for all scouts and adults so they can attend the various campouts throughout the year.

Updates/Information:

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