

# TROOP 87

## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Summer camp is just a month away! We'll be talking more about camp as the month goes on, including a gear check on June 21. The most important item at this time is to get your health form ready with doctor's signature.

A common question is what to bring to camp. We'll have troop tents and the trailer, Here's the list of suggested scout equipment provided by the camp (slightly modified by me). Note that it is a guide and you can add to or remove items from the list as you see fit. In general, be prepared. Feel free to ask the older scouts or adults if you have any questions.

Camper's equipment List:

- Tote or duffel bag to store gear
- Boy Scout handbook
- pencil, notebook (for working on merit badges)
- Boy Scout Health and Medical form signed by parent/guardian and physician
- canteen or plastic water bottle
- complete scout uniform
- hiking shoes or boots
- pajamas
- raincoat or poncho
- six pairs of socks
- six pairs of underwear
- extra pants (both long and short)
- extra shirts
- tennis shoes
- sleeping bag
- camping pad
- pocket knife and totin' chip
- daypack or bag
- spending money for Trading Post
- sun block
- sunglasses
- flashlight and extra batteries
- hairbrush or comb
- toiletry kit
- handkerchief
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- hat

- towels
- heavy jacket or sweatshirt
- watch

Optional Equipment:

- clothing repair kit
- backpack and ground cloth if you are planning on an overnight camp out
- gloves, long pants, bandana if you are participating in rock climbing, zip line, or biking
- chap stick
- merit badge books (we'll bring some from the troop collection)
- alarm clock
- insect repellent
- camera
- rope for clothesline
- camp chair

Note that you should NOT bring the following items:

- Fireworks
- Sheath Knives
- Guns or Archery Items
- Slingshots or Wrist Rockets
- Candles
- Skateboards
- ATV's or ORV's
- Matches
- Valuables of any kind
- Pets
- Expensive Cameras
- Personal food items that you plan to keep in your tent
- T-shirts, jackets or other clothing items with alcohol or tobacco ads or drug or sexual connotations printed on them
- Open-toed shoes (shower shoes acceptable but NOT IN CAMP)

A quick note on spending money. Some MB's - mostly handicraft and shooting sports - have fees for materials and ammunition. Other than that, the trading post will mostly have snacks and souvenirs.

Yours in Scouting,  
Matt Condell  
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## June 2016:

- 6/14/16 (Tuesday) Flag ceremony at Elks Lodge  
5:30pm for Scouts in flag ceremony (dinner for these scouts only)  
6:30pm for the rest of the Scouts  
Blue cards due for upcoming Court of Honor
- 6/21/16 (Tuesday) Prep for backpacking trip  
Summer Camp Prep; Gear check + training  
Court of Honor
- 6/24-6/26 (Fri-Sun) Backpacking Campout (date change due to weather)
- 6/28/16 (Tuesday) Start of physical fitness MB and fitness rank adv. (6:30 at CLP middle school)  
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 & scout room cleanup  
Personal fitness MB II
- 7/26/16 (Tuesday) Swimming MB at EPIC Center

## August 2016:

- 8/2/16 (Tuesday) Game night  
Patrol Leader Council meets at 6pm at Laporte Pizza  
Committee Meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 8/6-8/7 (Sat-Sun) Astronomy MB 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> 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. King Soopers Cards – Carolyn Coleman
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.*

**Meeting date:** June 7, 2016

**Committee Members Present:** Dawn Dorsch, Kim and Chuck Yung, Pat Knebel, Doug Birlingmair, Aaron and Ashley Moore, Gina Stewart, Carolyn Coleman, Chris Knebel, Sean Dougherty, Tom Noon

**Approve minutes from previous meeting (May)** –Sean approved, Carolyn seconded, troop approved

## Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

### Balances:

Entire account: \$1338.93

Troop account: \$601.57 + 2 deposits pending

Scout accounts: \$737.36 (\$58.21 per scout)

## Troop Business

- King Soopers Card: Sean
  - The troop recently got a \$280 check for Mar/Apr.
  - Lots of recent spending at KS should result in an even larger check next month.
  - Carolyn Coleman will take over this responsibility from Sean.
- Scouts (and parents) need to find 9 missing camp cards that were part of the most recent troop fundraiser, otherwise the troop will have to pay the \$5 fee per card.
- Troop 87 annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: pending final date from Elks Lodge – Nov 6 or Nov 13
- Elks Lodge: The troop expects the Elks to request volunteer service over the summer
- Open Water Swim (sponsored by Team FC) will be Aug 14
  - Troop 87 will be cooking pancakes as fundraiser
  - Scout volunteers needed
  - The event typically begins at 7am
- Laporte Presbyterian Church (our charter organization) is raising funds to paint the church.
  - They have asked our troop to make a “thermometer” to measure the progress of their fund raising events
  - The troop needs an adult volunteer to lead the scouts through the process (initial design, approval from the church, build the sign, etc)
- Lawn Mowing for the church:
  - Need a parent volunteer to coordinate this community service for the season.
  - Will probably need to divide the property into quadrants and have two volunteers mow one quadrant each during the weekly meetings.
  - Scouts can mow if they are 16 or older
- Summer Camp
  - July 10-16 at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming
  - Change in policy for this year: Previously we got two adults for free, but this year each adult is \$125
  - Chuck made a motion that we change the troop bylaws so that the troop covers 50% of the adult fees for summer camps (but not high adventure camp)., Kim seconded, and the troop approved.

- Kim is working on getting the discounts for our Friends of Scouting fundraiser
  - Matt and Doug will attend all week, but may need extra drivers to/from camp.
  - Summer camp merit badges are listed on-line. Doug will bring a sign-up list next week.
  - New scouts have a separate program (aka Trail to First Class) that helps get lots of requirements signed off. New scouts should sign up for at least one merit badge in addition to the first year program.
  - Troop Permission and Health Forms: Need a volunteer to Coordinate
- Holden's Eagle Project – Dawn has signed off as committee chair
- Donovan Eagle Project Review
    - Lending library with the disabled resource center (will be handicapped accessible)
    - Donovan will hold a small book drive to fill the library with how-to books and others that might help with their disabilities
    - Approx 4 feet tall, about 1 foot deep, about 2 feet high (2 bookshelves)
    - Will be made from pressure treated wood, angled roof with shingles
    - Will be placing concrete to extend the sidewalk
    - Will need 5-8 scouts to help with this project
    - This work needs to occur in July (start building the box before Summer Camp)
- Chance Eagle Project Review
    - Will build two lending libraries to be placed at two of the local fire stations (station numbers 2, 3, or 4)
    - Friends of the Library are willing to donate books once the boxes are built
- Mark Eagle Project Review
    - Rocky Mountain Raptor program
    - Mark is adding another phase of the project: building a recycling station in addition to the bird cage and the posts

#### 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.
- Policy/Handbook: **Draft – June 30; Final Version – July 29; Due for distribution – August 2**
  - 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.

#### Updates/Information:

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