

TROOP 87

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

I'd like to start by thanking Bob Grimmer for stepping up and taking over as troop treasurer. I also wish to thank the outgoing treasurer, Kim Yung, for her many years of service! I'd also like to thank both Carolyn Coleman for taking over the King Soopers cards and Sean Dougherty for getting us started on such an effective fundraiser.

In a similar vein, I'd like to remind all the parents that we also need someone to take over minutes and putting out this newsletter from Pat. He assures us that it's only about an hour a month beyond attending the committee meeting. We also will need a new committee chair.

While I'm sending out thanks, I'd like to thank all the parents that helped organize and attended summer camp. And a final thank you to the scouts and adults that helped make the fundraising sign for the church.

We have a lot going on over the next month or two. Some highlights include several Eagle projects, making pancakes at the Horsetooth Open Swim, camping up at Mt Jelm at University of Wyoming's WIRO telescope to work on Astronomy merit badge, a Labor Day fundraiser at Fort Collins Nursery, Fall Camporee and our fall elections and Court of Honor. Check out the schedule for a full list of events.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

August 2016:

- 8/9/16 (Tuesday) Personal Fitness
- 8/13/16 (Saturday) Chance's Eagle Project (part 1), 9am-3pm
- 8/14/16 (Sunday) Horsetooth Swim Fundraiser, shifts 6:30am-9am and 9am-noon
- 8/16/16 (Tuesday) Rank Advancement
Prep for Astronomy campout
- 8/19-8/21 (Fri-Sun) Astronomy MB campout (sign-up early, please)
- 8/23/16 (Tuesday) Astronomy Merit Badge
Cleanup after campout
- <td> Tavelli Pack Startup / Open House
- 8/27/16 (Saturday) Chance's Eagle Project (part 2)
- 8/30/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 1

September 2016:

- 9/4 or 9/5 (Sun, Mon) Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser
- 9/6/16 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6-7pm
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting at Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
Positions Talk (prep for elections)
Prep for Camporee
- 9/9-9/11 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee
- 9/13/16 (Tue) Cleanup after Camporee
- 9/20/16 (Tue) Elections & Court of Honor
- 9/27/16 (Tue) Personal Fitness

October 2016:

- 10/4/16 (Tuesday) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6-7pm
All Patrol Leaders should attend
- Troop 87 Scout Meeting at Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
Rock Climbing (away meeting)
- 10/11/18 (Tuesday) Game Night
High Adventure Camp Discussion
- 10/18/16 (Tuesday) Patrol Leader Training, Part 2

10/25/16 (Tuesday) Corn Maze (tentative)

November 2016:

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Cabin Camping at BDSR

11/6/16 (Sunday)

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Elks Lodge

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 Ceremony (Memorial Day) 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: Aug 2, 2016

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Kim Yung, Cindy Tunney, Bob Grimmer, Chuck Yung, Pat Knebel, Robert Acker, Doug Birlingmair, Matt Condell, Jay Wolfe, Carolyn Coleman, Gina Stewart

Approve minutes from previous meeting (June) – Robert motioned, Cindy seconded, troop approved

Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

Balances:

Entire account: \$3,575.87

Troop account: ?

Scout accounts: \$1,162 (\$155.47 per scout)

- Elks recently gave the troop a check for \$500. They will ask us for help in the fall.
- Need to balance the gas receipts for summer camp.
- Final payment for summer camp was due May 1. The troop assumed we qualified for JoE discount based on FOS and camp cards, and paid the full amount minus the discount. Council hit us with a \$400 late fee for not paying the full amount without the discount. Later, they credited us for the discount, but refused to credit the late fee. This is still not resolved. We are assuming that council will do the right thing and remove the late fee.
- Summer camp issues: The camp staff lost our merit badge sign-ups. Communication, in general, was not good. But the food was good!

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: Sean will be transferring this fundraiser to Carolyn by first of September
- Horsetooth Swim is Aug 14: Sean is coordinating. Shifts are 6:30am-9am and 9am-noon. Need to make sure the parking passes are coordinated before arriving at the reservoir. Be careful where you park, because they are aggressive about handing out parking tickets.
- Fort Collins Nursery: Labor Day weekend – need to pick a day to work. Bob has volunteered for him and Gretchen to help on either Sunday or Monday.
- Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, Nov 6 at Elks Lodge: Need parent to coordinate starting in September. This is our third year for this fundraiser. The troop will print and sell tickets, hang flyers at local businesses, put announcements in school newsletters. Adults can solicit co-workers (especially former scouts). Kim will take care of the tickets. Matt has the previous flyers. Eagle candidates that still need the communication merit badge could help with this.
- All parents are encouraged to identify new fundraising opportunities for the coming year.

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

- Lawn Mowing: The Dorschs have been mowing/trimming and weeding
- The troop has made a new sign for the church's fundraiser for refinishing the outside of the church building.
- For Journey of Excellence, we need to log and report service hours for things such as lawn mowing and sign making.

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: if you haven't written your section, please do so and email to Dawn by August 21
 - Chuck: Camping – summer camp; physicals; weekend camping basics. Chuck will send an updated file to Dawn.
 - Kim: Treasurer Notes; Financial Policies passed in previous years; FOS basics. Kim will resend files to Dawn.
 - 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. Doug will send something to Dawn.
 - 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.

New Business:

- Troop Patches: Dawn will ask Mark Wilson for the jpeg of the design and the name of the vendor. Dawn will send the artwork to Doug and Matt. Mark Acker is the current quartermaster.
- Lawn Mowing: Dorschs will finish year
- Eagle Project Review Update:
 - Holden's Eagle project is done. One merit badge remaining.
 - Chance's Eagle project has been signed off, and the project is underway. One MB remaining. Project dates are Aug 13 and Aug 27.
 - Mark's Eagle project has been signed off. Mark is fundraising for the project. A few MB's remaining. Mark turns eighteen on Sept 25.
 - Donovan's Eagle project is partially signed off. Three MB's remaining.
 - Andrew is just starting his Eagle Project.
- Adult Leadership Transitions:
 - Filled:**
 - King Soopers Card: Sean to Caroline during the month of August
 - Treasurer: Kim Yung to Bob Grimmer
 - Open:**
 - Newsletter/WebMaster: Pat Knebel to ???; Position open as of 9/1/16
 - Committee Chair: Dawn Dorsch to ???; Position open as of 11/1/16
 - Popcorn Chair: Carolyn will help Cindy

Updates/Information:

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