

TROOP 87

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Congratulations to Chance, Mark, and Holden who completed their Eagle Board of Reviews over the last couple of months!

I'd like to thank Carolyn for volunteering to take over as Committee Chair. I'd like to also offer our thanks to Dawn who is stepping down after many years in that position.

Thank you to all who helped out over the last month. The Pancake Breakfast was successful and we also had two community service events - cleanup at the Elks and the soils ceremony at Veterans' Plaze.

A reminder for the scouts who are still working under the old rank requirements. We are almost at the end of the transition year and on January 1, all scouts will be using the new requirements. For those scouts who are not yet First Class and working under the old requirements, I highly encourage you to finish up before the end of the year.

As the weather starts to get colder we will be thinking summer camp! The scouts chose to attend Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch near Mt Rushmore in South Dakota this year. We will be attending the week of July 9-15. Payment of \$270 is due by March 15 to get the early bird discount.

This Tuesday, December 13 will be our annual holiday party - 6:30-8:30 at the Elk's Lodge. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. Each scout should bring a gift of no more than \$15 for the gift exchange. We will have a Court of Honor at the party. We will also kick-off the Council's Friends of Scouting event so please please bring your checkbook if you normally donate by check. Making our annual goal both helps the council raise money to support our scouting program and helps the troop with free rank and merit badges.

Merit Badge University is coming up January 7 & 14. This is a great way for our scouts to earn a few merit badges, including some Eagle required badges. I believe most of the scouts who are interested have signed up, but if they haven't please talk to Mr. Birlingmair at the holiday party.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season and the scouts have a relaxing school break.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

December 2016

- 12/13/16 (Tuesday): Holiday Party at the Elks Lodge
6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Banquet room (use north door)
Scout Gift Exchange: \$15 maximum, Scout themed
Food: Bring a snack or dessert for 8-10 to share
Troop will provide: plates/napkins and hot cider
Agenda: Friends of Scouting Kick-off, 2017 Summer Camp Discussion, Court of Honor, Awards/Recognition
- 12/20/16 (Tuesday): 2017 Planning Session
Movie Night
- 12/27/16 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Holiday Break

January 2017:

- 01/03/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Holiday Break
- 01/07/17 (Saturday): Merit Badge University (MBU)
8 am – 12:20 pm at Front Range Community College
- 01/10/17 (Tuesday): **Merit Badge Work session for MBU homework**
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 5:30 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 01/14/17 (Saturday): Merit Badge University (MBU)
8 am – 12:20 pm at Front Range Community College
- 01/17/17 (Tuesday): Merit Badge Completions; Communications Merit Badge Speech requirement prep; Clean Scout Room
- 01/24/17 (Tuesday): Communications Merit Badge Speeches
- 01/31/17 (Tuesday): Cold Weather Camping Review; Prep for Klondike

February 2017:

- 02/03-05 (Fri-Sun): Klondike Campout
- 02/07/17 (Tuesday): Klondike Campout clean up
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 02/14/17 (Tuesday): Music Merit Badge
- 02/21/17 (Tuesday): Music Merit Badge
- 02/28/17 (Tuesday): Cabin Camping prep

March 2017:

- 03/03-05 (Fri-Sun): Cabin Campout
- 03/07/17 (Tuesday): Cabin Campout clean up
Blue Cards due for Court of Honor; Position Review for Elections
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 03/14/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Spring Break
- 03/21/17 (Tuesday): Elections/Court of Honor
Please bring a snack to share with the troop
- 03/28 (Tues) OR 3/30 (Thurs): Fort Collins Museum of Discovery away meeting

April 2017:

- 04/04/17 (Tuesday): Rank Advancements
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting
- 04/11/17 (Tuesday): Bowling at North College Chippers
- 04/18/17 (Tuesday): Camp Yung Prep
- 04/21 - 23(Fri-Sat): Camp Yung
- 04/25/17 (Tuesday): Camp Yung Clean up

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 – <Adult Volunteer Needed>
3. Fort Collins Nursery – <Adult Volunteer Needed>
4. Christmas Trees: Pickup/Recycling Jenny Murphy - 2017

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



Dawn Dorsch, Committee Chair
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Minutes by: Ariella Wells

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: December 6, 2016

Committee Members Present: Cindy Tunney, Dawn Dorsch, Ariella Wells, Ryann Hodge, Carolyn Coleman

November minutes approved as written. Ariella motions. Carolyn seconds.

Committee Reports:

A. Finance:

Balances:

Entire account: \$4809.36

Troop account: \$2,578.09

Scout accounts: \$2,231.27

Expenses:

Holiday party

Retired Volunteer gifts

B. Fundraiser and service project updates:

- King Soopers – Ariella taking over from Carolyn. No new updates other than that.
- Popcorn – did not make goal. \$200 short of goal. There is more popcorn to sell that troop has.
- 9 bags of caramel corn, 1 kettle corn microwave, 4 white cheddars. Still in red. Officially boys sold \$1370 worth of popcorn, goal was \$1696. Council sets the goal for us. Lowest goal that we ever had. Cindy has collected all the \$ to this point, last thing to do is to make deposit to our account.
- Pancake breakfast: Dawn is still waiting on final numbers from Gretchen. Should hear in January.
- Tree Pick up: Jenny will do in 2017. Will start in October 2017 instead of 1st of December. We are not doing that this year (2016)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recharter – Ryann has it all ready to go and will turn it in on Thursday. Quarterly update of Journey to Excellence for Ryann to give to group.
- Elks Lodge: thank you card here for scouts to sign
- Friends of Scouting (FOS): goal is \$1500. This is actually very low. We have had to raise \$3-\$4,000 before. Bob will do the presentation at the Holiday party next week

NEW BUSINESS:

- Round Table: Cold weather camping update for Matt. Part of Ryann's job to go and take notes this month. Get bonus points if we go to 6 out of 10 round table meetings throughout the year. Round tables are held on Thursdays at Harmony Pres. Church. First Thursday of the month. Good to spread it around. Ask those that have held an office to take turns.
- Summer Camp: Matt will need to send an email to confirm with parents. There are not enough parents here tonight.
 - July 9-15, \$270 a scout needs to be in by full by March 15. Medicine Mountain. South Dakota. Mount Rushmore. Have a great family camp there next to the scout camp.
- MBU: Cost is \$18. Payment and forms are due the 13th at the party.
- HOLIDAY INVITES: Bring food. Bring gifts. Be prepared to be hit up for money.
- Carolyn will take over as committee chair. Adriane or Ryann will do newsletter.