

TROOP 87

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

Congratulations to Donovan who completed his Eagle Board of Review last month!

As you can see in the calendar, PLC has laid out an exciting program for 2017! However, to make the schedule happen, the scouts need parent support! What can you do to help your scout and the troop?

- Volunteer to go on a camping trip - We need two to three adults on every camping trip. While Mr. Birlingmair and I make most camping trips, we can't both make all of them. If we don't have enough adults in place, we cannot have a trip.

- Attend committee meetings - Our committee is all the parents in the troop. This is where we make sure we have all the support in place that is needed and we pass on information to the parents. If you're not there you're missing out.

It may not feel like it outside, but summer camp is right around the corner. We need to know how many people are going, so please sign up ASAP! Merit Badge and Activity signups are open. Once a scout is paid in full, we can sign them up for their preferred choices. Since some of the merit badges and activities have limited space, signing up early helps ensure you get your first choices. Also, March 15 is the deadline for the early-bird discount:

Camp fees:

Early bird prices: \$270/scout, \$100/adult

Full price: \$295/scout, \$125/adult

Full payment by May 1st for standard pricing, after that is a \$25 late fee.

A quick reminder that all the scouts are transitioned to the new rank requirements. I have requirements inserts for anyone who has an old book and needs the new requirements.

Last, but certainly not least, Klondike is the first weekend in February! This is the annual District camping trip in Gould. Earn Klondike gold by participating in fun activities and use the gold to bid on fabulous prizes! It is winter camping and can be quite cold. But it's an opportunity to crank up the troop's wood stove, demonstrate how to Be Prepared, and have a great time! It's a lot of fun when you are prepared.

We will talk extensively about how to keep yourself warm and hydrated in Klondike conditions at a troop meeting before we go. But as a starter, the troop website has a number of resources to get an early start on equipment and all. First is a Guide to Cold Weather Camping:

http://bsatroop87.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/7/5/15751144/guide_to_cold_weather_camping.doc

The second is Mr. Addington's Scoutmaster Minute in the January 2014 newsletter:

http://bsatroop87.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/7/5/15751144/2014-01_troop_87_newsletter.pdf

If you find that you are short some equipment, ask around. For example, I have extra 0 degree sleeping bags and liners and the troop has some equipment as well.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

Troop 87 Calendar for 2017

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January 2017:

- 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
- <td> Friends of Scouting kick off

February 2017:

- 02/03-05 (Fri-Sun): Klondike Campout – departure times and details to be provided
- 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 – location, departure times and details to be provided
- 03/07/17 (Tuesday): Cabin Campout clean up
Blue Cards due for Court of Honor; Position Review for Elections
Position Speeches
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
High Adventure 2019 Camp Planning and Discussion
Please bring a snack to share with the troop
- 03/28 (Tues) OR 3/30 (Thurs): Fort Collins Museum of Discovery away meeting
- <td> Flag Retirement Ceremony

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 – starting at 6:30 pm

04/18/17 (Tuesday): Camp Yung Prep

04/21 - 23(Fri-Sun): Camp Yung

04/25/17 (Tuesday): Camp Yung Clean up

<tbd> Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser

May 2017:

05/02/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

05/27/17 (weekend): Veterans Plaza Memorial Day Ceremony

June 2017:

06/06/17 (Tuesday): Blue Cards Due
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

06/20/17 (Tuesday): Court of Honor
Summer Camp Health Forms Due
Please bring a snack to share with the troop

06/27/17 (Tuesday): Summer Camp Prep
Health forms due

<tbd> Camping Trip

July 2017:

07/04/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Independence Day

07/06/17 (Thursday): Summer Camp Prep and final planning, if needed

07/09-15 (Sun – Sat): Summer Camp at Medicine Mountain in South Dakota

August 2017:

08/01/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

<tbd> Team Fort Collins Horsetooth Swim

<tbd> Popcorn Kick Off

September 2017:

09/05/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

<tbd> Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser

<tbd> Fall Camporee

<tbd> Elections/ Court of Honor

<tbd> Patrol Leader Training

October 2017:

10/03/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

<tbd> Corn Maze or Halloween Activity
<tbd> Troop/Pack Camping Trip
<tbd> Patrol Leader Training

November 2017:

11/7/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

11/21/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Thanksgiving Break

<tbd> Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Plaza
<tbd> Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
<tbd> Patrol Leader Training

December 2017:

12/05/17 (Tuesday): Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meets at 6:00 pm Laporte Pizza
Committee meeting for parents during the normal troop meeting

12/26/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Christmas Break

<tbd> Court of Honor/ Holiday Party at the Elks Lodge
<tbd> Tree pick up Fundraiser
<tbd> Patrol Leader Training

Annual Troop Volunteer Events:

Spring – Flag Retirement Ceremony
May - Memorial Day Event at Veterans Plaza
Nov – Veterans' Day Event at Veterans Plaza
As needed – Projects at and for the Elks Lodge
As needed – projects at and for the Church including lawn mowing and trimming

Annual Troop Fundraising Events:

March – Camp Cards
Apr or May – Fort Collins Nursery – sell Grilled hamburgers/meals and carry items to customer's cars
Aug – Team Fort Collins Open Water Swim at Horsetooth – cook/serve pancakes for tips
Sept - Fort Collins Nursery – sell Grilled hamburgers/meals and carry items to customer's cars
Sept – Popcorn Sales
Nov – Pancake Breakfast at Elks Lodge
Late Dec – Jan – Recycle Christmas Tree pick up

Brainstorm for Possible Away Meetings

Rock climbing
Scuba diving
Swimming
Bowling
Archery
Bike Riding
Frisbee golf
CLP Games Night
Rifle Range

Fundraising Chairs

1. Popcorn – Cindy Tunney
2. King Soopers Cards – Carolyn Coleman
3. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington
4. Ft Collins Nursery – <Adult Volunteer Needed>
5. Christmas Trees: Pickup/Recycling <Adult Volunteer Needed>

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



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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.*

No January Meeting

Next Meeting date: February 7, 2017