

# TROOP 87

## APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

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Hello Troop 87,

First, congratulations to our new Troop leaders! Josh is our new SPL and Evan is his assistant. Cole, Eliyahu, and Max will lead our three patrols.

A lot going on over the next few weeks, so please read over the calendar. We will be welcoming the three Webelos who will be bridging this month. We have a bowling away-meeting planned as well as Camp Yung and Spring Camporee. Additionally, we will be having our semi-annual fundraiser at the Fort Collins Nursery.

To make our activities successful, we need to be able to plan them. Part of the planning is to know in advance how many scouts and parents will be attending. While there's some flexibility in numbers getting a general number early is really important. We usually try to sign up for events 3-4 weeks before they happen. Please sit down with the calendar in the newsletter each month and figure out which activities you will be able to attend and which you cannot. Each scout should know whether or not they will be able to attend when we do signups.

I would like to ensure that all the scouts are receiving copies of this newsletter and other troop communications. Scouts should be guiding their own scouting program and part of that is keeping themselves informed. Parents, please make sure you are sharing these communications with your scouts. I'd also like to encourage all the scouts to add their emails to our email list so they can get the communications directly. If your scout isn't on our email list and isn't receiving these communications, please send me their email address and I'll get them added to the list.

Also along these lines, Mr. Birlingmair asked me to remind all the scouts that they are in charge of their own advancement. Be aware of what you need to do for your next rank, merit badge, or other scouting goal. Write it down! You will find that by working towards an attainable goal with a deadline, you will make steady progress towards longer term goals. I'd add that before a camping trip or rank advancement night is a great time to review those goals and what you need to achieve them. If you know what you need to accomplish, you can make time to do it on those activities. For example, if you need to cook on a camping trip for rank advancement or a merit badge, volunteer for the job when we do our planning!

Yours in Scouting,  
Matt Condell  
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

## Troop 87 Calendar for 2017

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

### April 2017:

04/11/17 (Tuesday): Bowling at North College Chippers – starting at 6:30 pm

04/18/17 (Tuesday): Troop 87 Campout Prep

04/21 - 23(Fri-Sun): Troop 87 Campout (Yung Property)

04/25/17 (Tuesday): Troop 87 Campout Clean up

04/29/17 (Saturday): Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser 10am-4pm

### 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  
Outdoor Game Night/Track Running

05/05-07 (Fri-Sun): Spring Camporee @ Camp Nicol at BDSR

05/09/17 (Tuesday): Swimming Merit Badge at EPIC at 6:30 (Summer Camp Swim Tests)

05/16/17 (Tuesday): Personal Fitness Merit Badge

05/18/17 (Tuesday): Volunteers to help with setup for Veterans Plaza Memorial (adults)

05/23/17 (Tuesday): Rock Wall Climbing at Miramont at 6:30

05/28/17 (Sunday): Veterans Plaza Memorial Day Ceremony

### June 2017:

06/04/17 (Sunday): Bike Trip?

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  
Campout Prep

06/09-11(Fri-Sun): Campout TBD

06/13/17 (Tuesday): Cooking Merit Badge

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

<td> 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

<td> White Water Rafting

**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

<td> Team Fort Collins Horsetooth Swim  
<td> 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

<td> Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser  
<td> Fall Camporee  
<td> Elections/ Court of Honor  
<td> 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

<td> Corn Maze or Halloween Activity  
<td> Troop/Pack Camping Trip  
<td> 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

<td> Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Veteran’s Plaza  
<td> Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
<td> 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

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

# TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



**Carolyn Coleman, Committee Chair**  
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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.*

## **APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES – 04/04/2017**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Coleman, Ariella Wells, Ryann Hodge, Doug Birlingmair, Bob Grimmer, Pat Knebel, Gina Stewart

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of 04/04/2017, these amounts reflect payment of summer camp dues:  
Checking Account Balance: \$3,780.40  
Scouts: \$2,321.99  
Troop: \$1,458.41

**CREDIT CARDS:** 2.7 percent of sale if we swipe card, 3.5 percent of sale if we type in information. To be used at fundraisers such as the nursery fundraiser and the pancake breakfast fundraiser. Possibly the xmas tree pick up if that ever comes up in the future. \$5/month to use it. Card reader would work off someone's phone or a tablet. Doesn't have to be connected to any one phone. Can cancel at any time if it was not working out. Ryann states that troop 87 does not have an EIN, would need EIN for church and then their permission to use it, as well as their tax-exempt status. Motion brought forth, 6/7 people in attendance voted that this would be a good idea to further explore this. Longs Peak may have an option as well. Carolyn will call them and ask what their rates are.

**FORT COLLINS NURSERY:** Bob has been talking with them.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4 pm. Lobster truck will also be there. Set up at 9:00 am so RTG at 9:30. Donuts until noon. Then transitioned to hamburgers and hotdogs. Shooting weekend at Ben Delatour is also that weekend. We will need an adult and senior scout to oversee it.

Bob has summary sheet of what is needed. Gretchen will be there and can at least help set up until 10:00 am and then will have to go. Will need 2 adults to be there at the time the scouts are there. 2 adults and scouts in morning. Then 2 adults and scouts in afternoon. Doug motioned to approve. Ryann 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve fundraiser. Vote of 7/7 to approve fundraiser.

**CAMP CARDS:** Carolyn has nut and camp cards. Will need to be returned next week. Combination of cards and money. Carolyn will have kids sign out cards. Make sure she keeps track of how many each kid checks out. This does go towards journey to excellence whether or not we do these cards. This is also tied into whether we get our camp discount. It is important that we participate. Each card sells for \$5. \$2.50 goes to the boy who sells them into their scout accounts.

**ANDREW DORSCH EAGLE PROJECT PRESENTATION:** He is going to be constructing a raised garden bed in a S shape over at the ELC (environmental learning center). It is a large structure. Its 98 square feet in total. It's all pressure treated pine. Its 3 2x6 laying on top of each other. 18 inches tall a couple of inches in between for wood to do its thing and move. A lot of lumber needed but it won't be that difficult to construct. He says – cut, lay, drill. This would be a great project for younger scouts to help with as it pretty straight forward. You need to be 14 or older to be able to operate power tools. There are a wide variety of jobs that are available to do though that don't involve power tools. Wheel barrows you also have to be over the age of 14 to use as well. Wood will be cut on a circular saw. You have to be over the age of 18 to do that. ELC employee will be there to help out with that. Post hole diggers you need to be over 14. ELC is supplying the saw. Andrew will be one of the first projects to be able to use it. They have a couple of drills as well. Andrew will bring a couple of drills as well.

All the materials will come to around \$430.00. Andrew spoke to ELC over the summer as to how they do their fundraisers. ELC will cover half the cost. Andrew will solicit materials for the other half. He has already contacted Ace Hardware and another location for lumber. He is going to Lowes and Home depot to fill out acquisition form as well to see if they would be willing to donate any of the materials. He could also ask Elks Lodge if they may be willing to donate any materials.

This project will be done before summer. Potential issues – storms and heat. He will plan 2 weekends to get it done. ELC would like it to be done early May. They would like it done before kids are out of school. He believes one solid build day will be enough 4-5 hours of working. 8-12 kids to get it done.

Examples of jobs to be done:

1. Leveling ground
2. Adult cutting board
3. Older kids digging post holes
4. Placing lumber and power drilling
5. Saw on the east side of the metal building. Garden space on south side. Will need kids to haul from the saw to where the garden space is
6. Holding boards in place while they are being drilled in.
7. Possible shovel to dig holes for the post holes for younger kids
8. Staining of the wood. (anyone over 14 could use extended paint roller, under could use paint brushes)

Average project is 125 - 145 hours. Expect Mr. Noon to challenge the number of hours a bit. Ask ELC if they would possibly want mulch along the dirt trails. Be thinking about what else could add prior to meeting. Needs to get Spencer's signature student at CSU, Mr. Condell, and Carolyn Coleman (chairmen committee as well)

Motion to approve Andrews project was brought forth by Ariella, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All 7 in attendance voted to approve Andrews project. Carolyn signed off on his project as far as committee is concerned.

**HIGH ADVENTURE ADULT PLANNER** – need an adult volunteer for this. Matt was a co planner that became a planner for last trip. The planning is all about getting us up there, getting back, getting us registered etc. The actual trip itself is not something that you need to plan.

**STUFF THAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE:**

Make a budget.

Transportation costs

Take charge and do all of the pre-planning.

Start putting away \$ for it. These trips are expensive.

Need to register for camp 18 months in advance.

Need to be 14 to be able to go or finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Will need adults to go. Depending on where we go and how many crews we have. A week-ish trip. Sea Base (Florida) ones are fixed length trip. Northern Tier (Minnesota) you choose number of days that you will be out. (2018 northern tier – around \$670 day/per crew (6-8 people) so roughly \$100 day a kid includes Kevlar canoes no additional fees for this now)

There are places we could cut costs. ie. If adults could take another day off we could cut costs and drive out. Camping which would involve lugging more gear with you.

Sea Base is more expensive. Cheapest option \$7500 per crew (8-12 kids) that is for the entire camp.

Need to fill up the crew size to maximize the value. There are ways to fill up the crew if needed.

Roughly \$1000 per scout for the trip plus the costs of trip.

Will there be parents willing to step up and help out with popcorn. In 40-year history of troop, never chosen to go to Philmont which is in NM. Last payment due week before you go in 2019. First payment due

November to January 2018. Adults are the same cost as scouts. Need 4 adults. Adults are part of the crew.

Charges are per crew.

Ryann H. says that she will put together a budget so trip can be approved.

Max will be only one that will get to do a 2<sup>nd</sup> trip. He went on Northern Tier before.

Matt C. will get Ryann brochures with prices. Kim Y. will get Ryann spreadsheet from last trip.

3 bases in northern tier. Boundary waters adjacent to similar area in Canada. Fees for going up to queneco but that is extra money for each crew. Depends on length of trip as well. Also have traditional fur trader route. Big portage. Pretty nasty rapids. Budgeted to lose a canoe. That one is a lot more expensive than the others. Airfare group rate – 10 or more people don't have to do specific names. Southwest was 10% off listed fares. Will only let you book a year in advance. Kim Y. recommends have a contract to sign for parents and then have a non-refundable deposit.

**Next Meeting date:** May 2, 2017