

TROOP 87

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

With our elections last month, I'd like to welcome our new SPL/ASPL team, Max and Jeffrey. A big thanks to our outgoing leadership team, Josh and Evan for the great job they've done. At training after the election, our PLC members were all there and in addition to the training we had some great discussions on where they would like to see the troop going in the future. I'm excited to help them achieve their vision!

A shout out to our scouts who went to Fall Camporee. They did an excellent job! They placed first in the fire starting/cooking competition - boiling water in less than 45 seconds - and tied for third in lashing. The troop also placed third in the annual relay race! Levn got a mention at the campfire for being one of only a handful of Scouts who got a bulls eye in the caber toss.

We have a decision on where we are going for our 2019 high adventure camp...drum roll please...Sea Base! We will soon need commitments on who is going as we will need to sign up at the beginning of next year. While high adventure camp will be a great experience, the trip is expensive. Scouts should take full advantage of our upcoming fundraising opportunities to help pay for the trip. Stay tuned for more information soon.

I wanted to take a bit of space to talk about participation in scout activities beyond just meetings. This came up both as a concern expressed by PLC at our training session and as a common bud - something the scouts are looking forward to at future camping trips - in our post Camporee roses, buds and thorns session. I promised the scouts I'd bring it up in a Scoutmaster's Minute.

Scouting is much more than weekly troop meetings. It's about camping trips, service projects, hikes, and away activities and the fundraising necessary to support those activities. These activities encompass the true value and fun of scouting, not to mention they are all more fun for the participants when more people are there. In 20 years your memories of scouting aren't likely to be of a great meeting, but of a soils ceremony, canoeing Boundary Waters, a moose and calf walking into the clearing where you are camping, tossing a caber at camporee or waking up on a -20 degree morning at Klondike. Participation in these activities is also crucial for advancement. We all understand that everyone is busy and no one - myself included - is expected to be at every activity, but when it comes time to sign up for a camping trip or Eagle Scout project, consider if you are missing a part of Scouting by not participating.

And speaking of participation, lots of things on the calendar coming up. We have some pre-Halloween activities planned (though no meeting on Halloween for the trick-or-treaters out there) as well as Eagle Projects and fundraisers on tap.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

October 2017:

10/10/17 (Tuesday): Rank Advancement

10/17/17 (Tuesday): **Movie Night – Everyone is encouraged to bring an appropriate (no Rated R) movie. Boys will vote on which one they like the best. Need to identify who will bring DVD player and TV.**

10/24/17 (Tuesday): **Help at Haunted House?**

10/31/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting

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
Personal Management Merit Badge

11/14/17 (Tuesday): **Personal Management Merit Badge**

11/18/2017 (Saturday): **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Elks Lodge**

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

11/28/17 (Tuesday): **D&D Night – Max leading**

<td> **Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Veteran’s Plaza**

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
Knot Tying – need to identify lead

12/12/2017 (Tuesday): **Holiday Party at the Elks Lodge – bring a dish to share**

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

<td> **Tree pick up Fundraiser**

January 2018:

01/06/2018 (Saturday): **Merit Badge University**

01/13/2018 (Saturday): **Merit Badge University**

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



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COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2017

In attendance: Carolyn, Ariella Wells, Tom Noon, Robert Grimmer, Cindy Tunney, Ryann Hodge, Todd Massey

Eliyahu and Wyatt Massey to talk with Haunted houses to see if there are any that they could potentially volunteer at for one night as a group. They should report back by 10/10. If no location can be identified by 10/10, the backup activity is pumpkin carving. Eliyahu responsible for coordinating supplies, etc. Cindy also suggested Nocturnal Nightmares, a neighbor of hers who may be willing to show them some of the electronic side of things.

Mr. Grimmer to talk with Elks Lodge regarding setting up date for pancake breakfast. Possibly 11/19 (**11/18 is the date set for Pancake Breakfast**). He will also talk with regarding setting up holiday party date. PLC preferred 12/19 as date but were ok with 12/12 as well (**12/12 is the date set for the Holiday Party**).

Carolyn to email Mr. Birlingmair to see if he is still interested in helping lead the Xmas tree pick up fundraiser and if so if he has had some chance to do research on it and how that is going.

Sea Base update: Sea Base lottery will likely be from January 15- February 15, 2018, although 2019 materials are not yet available. The initial deposit of \$800 will be due within 30 days of acceptance of dates. Half payments will be due by September 1, 2018; final payments will be due 90 days prior to arrival date. FYI – credit cards are not accepted, only personal checks.

Mr. Grimmer to see if Gretchen has the pancake breakfast ticket layout. If so, he will print them. If not, he will touch base with Kim Y. about getting that.

Popcorn sales are going well, more this year than in recent years. The neighborhood blitz with all the boys that attended selling together went well for this group this year. Money is due to the Council in the first week of December; Cindy Tunney will deposit the funds direct to the Council.

Round Table – Ryann will attend for recharter information, 10/11 at 7:00 at the Harmony Presbyterian Church.

Will need to get more merit badge counselors within the troop, especially for Eagle required badges. Cindy and Kim have boys who will soon be aging out and they both have a lot of badges they are currently responsible for. Ariella may take a couple of the Eagle required ones that Cindy currently has come the beginning of the new year.

All new adult leaders must take Youth Protection Training. This can be done online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Mr. Grimmer will renew the registration on the trailer.

Bank account balances as of 10/3. To the best of Mr. Grimmer's knowledge, there are no outstanding payments to be made.

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| Checking | \$4,844.25 |
| Scouts | \$2,898.07 |
| Troop | \$1,946.18 |

Ryann read through September meeting note highlights. Mr. Grimmer made motion to approve. Cindy Tunney seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to approve.

Next Meeting date: November 7th, 2017