

TROOP 87

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

A big thanks to all the scouts who have helped Evan and Cole with their Eagle projects!

Our annual pancake breakfast is coming up on November 18. This is a great fundraiser for the scouts and for the troop. There is no cost to us as the Elk's Lodge provides the food for free. The scouts just need to sell tickets. It's a great opportunity to pay for scout activities.

As the weather starts to get colder there are a number of things coming up that everyone needs to be aware of:

First, Tuesday December 12 will be our annual holiday party! This will be at the Elk's Lodge. This year the troop will be providing a main dish and Scouts and their families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also have our annual gift exchange. If your scout would like to participate, please bring a gift in the \$10-\$15 dollar range.

In December, we also need to finalize the list of scouts and adults who will be going on our high adventure trip to Sea Base in the summer of 2019. These need to be firm commitments and will require a deposit of \$100. That money needs to either be available in their scout accounts or paid by March 1. Note that only scouts who will be 14 or older or finished 8th grade in 2019 will be able to participate.

Believe it or not, it is also time to start thinking summer camp for 2018! This year we will be going to an in-council camp. Over the next month I will have the scouts choose which camp they would prefer to attend.

Looking a bit further out, Merit Badge University is coming up January 6 & 13. MBU is a district-organized event that offers a wide range of merit badges the scouts can earn, including some Eagle required badges. It's a fun event and the district brings in experts to teach the merit badges. Details and signups will be coming once they are available, but I wanted to get it on everyone's calendar.

Finally, with Thanksgiving in a few weeks, it seems remiss to not end with a scouting-related reflection. I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with all the wonderful young men in our troop. It's a joy to watch you grow and develop into young leaders. I'm also thankful for all our adult volunteers. Without them we couldn't provide a quality scouting program. A big thanks to all of you.

I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

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
- 11/18/17 (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

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
- 12/12/17 (Tuesday): Holiday Party at the Elks Lodge – bring a dish to share
- 12/19/17 (Tuesday): Ice Skating @ EPIC
- 12/26/17 (Tuesday): No Meeting – Winter Break

January 2018:

- 01/02/18 (Tuesday): No Meeting
- 01/06/18 (Saturday): Merit Badge University
- 01/07/18 (Sunday): Tree pick-up Fundraiser (tentative)
- 01/09/18 (Tuesday): MBU Homework Day
- 01/13/18 (Saturday): Merit Badge University
- 01/16/18 (Tuesday): Rock Climbing
- 01/23/18 (Tuesday): Rank Advancements/Cold Weather Talk
- 01/30/18 (Tuesday): Klondike Prep

February 2018:

- 02/2-4 (Fri-Sun): Klondike Camping

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



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COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2017

In attendance: Carolyn, Mr. Grimmer, Ariella Wells, Cindy Tunney, Mr. Birlingmair, Ryann Hodge

Holiday Party Damage deposit (Elks Lodge): \$200 deposit to cover any potential damages. Refunded after party, as long as there are no damages incurred.

Pancake breakfast: November 18, Saturday 8 am to noon. Scouts just need to sign up and use north door for entry.

Advertising: libraries, Fort Collins Museum, Mr. Birlingmair work and Nelsons Automotive, various committee members to go around town and put up flyers. Please post it on facebook.

Number count: Due 11/15. Elks Lodge will to their members. Pancakes, coffees, sausage, juice, napkins and paper plates provided.

Christmas tree pick-up fundraiser: January 7th, 2018 Sunday afternoon, potentially. Scouts will deliver door hangers shortly after Christmas. Scout will put their names on the envelopes and check their neighborhood for trees. Need to schedule a meeting time to plan. Mr. Grimmer and Mr. Birlingmair have square card readers to process credit card donations.

High Adventure - Sea Base update: Lottery January 15 through February 15. \$800 deposit due. Need a count of our scouts that plan on going to this by Holiday Party. Deposit is around \$100 per Scout, due 3/1/18.

Popcorn sales: all that is left is small caramels. Money is due to council first week of December. Cindy taking money out of the money and then she will give money back to troop to deposit. She will write a report of who gets what.

Round Table: Mr. Birlingmair needs to file volunteering that we do. All new adult leaders/merit badge counselors must take YPT. Training is good for two years, new more detailed training coming soon.

Registration on the trailer: Mr. Grimmer renewed registration, good for one year.

Cindy motioned to approve October committee meeting notes. Mr. Grimmer seconded. All voted to approve the October minutes.

Summer Camp 2018: going to in-council camp next year. Once a camp is chosen, revisit potential weeks for best Scout availability.

Holiday Party: Scouts will have a gift exchange, "robbery style," please bring a gift worth \$10-15 to participate. Troop will provide main dish (Mr. Grimmer) and all are asked to bring a side or dessert. Mr. Grimmer will ask Elks Lodge for water/coffee, also have soda and lemonade upstairs.

Balances

Checking account \$4254.94

Scout accounts: \$2898.07

Troop account: \$1356.87

If Scouts choose not to continue, their funds will be rolled into the Troop account. Anticipate deposits for popcorn, pancake breakfast and King Soopers funds. Will likely have a deposit early next year for Xmas trees. Anticipate disbursement for the main dish for the Holiday party.

Open positions:

Mr. Birlingmair will update Merit Badge Counselors and Adult Volunteers, and advertise openings. We will need a new popcorn chair for next year.

Mr. Birlingmair motioned to adjourn. Mr. Grimmer seconded. Everyone approved.

Next Meeting date: December 5th, 2017