

TROOP 87 JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

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Hello Troop 87,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018!

PLC outlined this year's activities as reflected in the calendar. Check it out! What do we need to make all this happen? You!

Klondike is our next camping trip, coming up 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 up in the mountains and can be quite cold (or not, depending on the year). We shovel out a campsite, crank up the troop's wood stove, and have a great time! Some of our scouts are already itching to go out and build a snow cave to sleep in.

The key to having a great Klondike is living up to the Scout motto and being prepared. We will dedicate a meeting this month to talk about how to keep yourself warm and hydrated in Klondike conditions. 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.

And to shift from cold weather talk to warm weather...summer camp will be here in no time. We'll be returning to Camp Laramie Peak in Wheatland, WY July 8-14 this year. The troop has reserved several slots already so we could get the early bird discount, but it is time for scouts to commit to going. Please talk to Mr. Grimmer if your scout will be going to camp.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in **RED**)

January 2018:

01/16/18 (Tuesday): Cold Weather Camping Talk

01/23/18 (Tuesday): Rock Climbing (6:30pm)

01/30/18 (Tuesday): Klondike Prep

February 2018:

02/2-4/18 (Fri-Sun): Klondike Camping

02/06/18 (Tuesday): Klondike Clean-up

02/13/18 (Tuesday): Electricity Merit Badge (part 1)

02/20/18 (Tuesday): Electricity Merit Badge (part 2)

02/27/18 (Tuesday): Cabin Camping Prep/Electricity Make-up

March 2018:

03/2-3/18 (Fri-Sun): Cabin Camping

03/06/18 (Tuesday): Cabin Camping Clean-up

03/12-16/18 (Mon-Fri): Spring Break

03/20/18 (Tuesday): Elections/Court of Honor

03/27/18 (Tuesday): Game Night

Get this on your calendars now:

Summer Camp at Camp Laramie Peak in Wheatland, WY **July 8-14, 2018**

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



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COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017

In attendance: Carolyn Coleman, Doug Birlingmair, Ariella Wells and Ryann Hodge.

December 2017 committee meeting notes read. Motion to approve by Mr. Birlingmair. Second the motion Ariella Wells. Meeting notes approved.

Christmas tree pick up not going to happen for this year. Mr. Birlingmair going to try to create flyer for next year.

Fundraisers that are scheduled for this year: Spring nursery, pancake fundraiser and popcorn.

Sea Base 2019 high adventure trip (We can't access the actual dates available until January 23rd when the lottery opens):

OPTIONS! Need boys to prioritize these 4:

- Coral Reef Sailing Adventure
- Keys Adventure
- Out Island Adventure
- St. Thomas Sailing Adventure

Hard age of being 13 prior to trip to be able to attend

Wyatt Grimmer would like to spend some of his scout money on a cold weather sleeping bag. Unanimous approval (although not sure approval is even necessary).

Friends of scouting funds due by end of March. We need to be able to hit our goal of funds raised to be able to continue to be able to get all the benefits this program offers. Bob will update with the goal once received.

2018 Summer camp will be at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming. Dates of camp are July 8 to July 14. Mark your calendars!

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report:

Scout "Accounts":	\$2,531.02
<u>Troop Account:</u>	<u>\$1,310.20</u>
Total:	\$3,841.22

- Balances do not reflect the latest King Soopers check which Ariella has ready for deposit
- Troop balance reflects the \$400 deposit the Troop made for summer camp (8 scouts x \$50 each), which has not yet been deducted from Scout accounts
- Troop/Scout balances reflect payment of 2018 dues and allocation of 2017 Popcorn Sales deposits

Next Meeting date: February 6, 2018