

Boy Scout Troop 82



Newsletter January, 2011

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Scoutmaster's Musings. Happy New Year Scout Families! I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. I can't believe I have been the Scoutmaster for three months already. I am learning many new things about scouting and look forward to learning more. Thanks to everyone who has shared his wisdom and support.

The ball is up and rolling for our Yellowstone trip this summer. The dates for this trip are July 9th-17th. We will have details at the January Court of Honor and can start setting up payment plans. Remember scouts have the opportunity to pay for a large portion or all of his way to Yellowstone and/or Summer Camp. Our current fundraiser is our annual Chili Supper. Scouts are required to sell 20 tickets (\$5 each) in order to receive credit for selling and working the supper. Shelby has tried to get each scout his tickets. If you haven't received tickets or would like more details about this fundraiser contact Shelby at kjsad.co@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Court of Honor. R. Robbins

Philmont - 2010. Fourteen Scouts and five adult leaders made the trip south to Philmont in July. After an uneventful drive we were greeted at the Philmont Welcome Center. We checked in, had a medical recheck, and were assigned Rangers to guide us for our first few days. Dinner at the dining hall and the Opening Campfire completed our first day. On day 2 we had a shakedown with the Rangers before lunch, then caught the bus and hit the trail. The Rangers worked with the Scouts over the next 2 days before turning us loose on the morning of day 3. In the next 10 days we hiked nearly 80 miles, climbed the Tooth of Time and Baldy Mountain, and participated in a variety of program activities. The programs included a challenge course, shotgun reloading and shooting, black powder shooting, burro racing, burro packing, gold panning, and spar pole climbing.

The highlight for most was climbing Baldy Mountain on day 10. After an early start from Miranda we hiked through Baldy Town, and then on up the mountain. Everyone made it to the top by 11am. We enjoyed lunch on the top, then descended the steep north side of the mountain and looped back around to our starting point.

Some of the other memories Scouts will recall are the great food including Lara Bars, Sunbutter, pilot biscuits, and squeeze cheese. And who could forget the Fryars' epic battle in the final round of "Pterodactyl"? Then there was the opportunity to watch Will get dirtier day by day.

Following our arrival at Ponil we checked our burro, enjoyed root beer, had our last trail lunch, and spent some down time before getting rained on waiting for the bus back to Base Camp. At Base we returned equipment, shopped for souvenirs, and showered before heading to town for a dinner of pizza. The closing campfire and awarding of the Philmont arrowhead patch completed our day. The next morning after breakfast we hit the road for home. E. Young

Summer Camp - 2011. This past July 16 scouts and 6 leaders attended Summer Camp at Camp Laramie Peak (CLP) near Wheatland, Wyoming. CLP was celebrating its 90th year of operation, was recently remodeled and introduced "Extreme Scouting" activities including ziplines and mountain boarding (skateboarding down mountain roads and trails). Several scouts and leaders took overnight horseback and mountain biking trips. The experienced scouts all commented that this was the best summer camp they had ever attended. Many merit badges were earned and the boys had a ton of fun. The troop earned the camp "Spirit Stick" for a day as they came up with an original song that was awesome. Jonathan won the Camp Marksman award for having the top rifle shooting score for the week. By the end of their 4 day adventure the most common comment was that the scouts did not want the week to end. M. Rairdon

PLC Retreat. On October 22-24 the new Senior Patrol and Patrol Leaders attended our annual PLC Retreat at Kurt Gowdy State Park. Several Assistant Scoutmasters and myself were in attendance. We had some fun, spent some time outside, and had many productive conversations. The boys shared their ideas and vision for the troop for the upcoming year. It is still a work in progress and implementation is constant and continual. My vision is to allow to have the boys be the driving force with the SM/ASMs guidance. If your son is in a leadership position, please remind him to be a role model and encourage him to remember that his patrol's Scoutmaster is there as a resource and advisor. R. Robbins

Air Force Academy Outing. The troop made the annual trip to the Air Force Academy on October 8-10. Twenty-two boys, 5 leaders and 10 family members made the journey. We camped on the Academy grounds this year (yes, near the B-52). Even though we arrived late the boys did a good job getting set up in the dark. Saturday morning we caravanned over to the stadium for the AF-CSU game. The weather was much prettier than the game. Back to camp and after several votes the boys decided they wanted to go bowling after dinner! Sunday morning, after the standard breakfast of oatmeal, we broke camp and toured the Visitor Center. We arrived back in Ft Collins about 1:00. Special thanks to Mr. Trout for arranging tickets to the game and to Mr. Wolf for all the food and cooking (for the adults anyway!) M. Brady

Mini-Rams. Ten boys and five leaders joined with Troops 81 and 97 for Mini-RAMS on October 16.. (RAMS = Rifle, Arrows, Muskets, Shotguns). In total we had 52 shooters. R. Sievers

Eighty years for Troop 82! The troop celebrated its 80th year of continuous registration on Saturday, June 19, 2010. The celebration was held at the church. After several contestants started their entries in the 'Dutch Oven Dessert Cookoff' in the church parking lot, we retired to Shepardson Hall for the summer Court of Honor.

Following awards, we enjoyed a Bar-B-Que dinner in Shepardson. The menu was beef brisket on a bun and Sig's (Palm) Special Baked Beans, accompanied by a green salad, relishes, and lemonade. For dessert there were two specially decorated cakes, plus assorted products of the dutch oven competition. All the dutch oven cooks were winners.

Sixty eight current and former scouts, leaders, and family members participated in a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Swift Ponds Overnight: We had a great time at Swift Ponds this fall. We had several boys and their families coming and going all day, and 7-10 of us stayed the night. The boys did some fishing (many fish were caught/released) and we did a lot of canoeing. As usual, several canoes "accidentally" tipped over, resulting in the usual wet mayhem. Two teams created home made composite boats for the boat race, but we never held the race as we never had both boats ready at the same time. We had a great time watching Chris Alleman & Joseph Brady's boat float out and immediately tip over. An hour or so later, with a stability float bar attached, it successfully launched and navigated out on the water. "Team Peterson's" boat (made of schedule 40 plastic pipe, chicken wire and duct tape) initially launched but took on water quickly. Again, a few hours later it was successfully launched and stayed afloat long enough to claim that it floated with a person in it. Near sundown a game of "Capture the Flag" (In Canoes!) was begun. The boys had a great time with this, ending when it became too dark to see well enough to play. M. Alleman

2011 Chili supper. This year the Chili supper will be Saturday, Feb. 12th from 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets are available for sale now. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children under 10 are free. This is the ONLY Troop 82 required fundraiser for the year. Proceeds will benefit the troop and each scout.

All boys must sell at least 20 tickets and work the chili

supper or prep day for the chili supper in order to be given credit for hours worked during the supper. Please contact Shelby for information or questions: kjsad.co@netzero.com or 970-692-3679 after 12pm and before 8:30pm, thank you. S. Debilis

Order of the Arrow. We have an OA chapter meeting the 3rd Wed of each month. OA members need to pay your dues. -- \$15.00 a year. You can go to the Council web site to send it to Scottsbluff ,Neb. online. The next OA event will be Winter Festival – Check the OA web site. R. Sievers

January Court of Honor. The next Court of Honor will be held at the church on January 24, 2011. If you think you should be advancing, please contact Mr. Wolf as soon as possible. There is a very tight timeline between our first meeting of the year and the COH. We need to make sure we complete Scoutmaster conferences and boards of review in a timely manner. Remember, the merit badges you earn at Merit Badge University will not be awarded at the January COH. If you have questions, please email Mr. Wolf at wolfcop14@msn.com. C. Wolf

2011 Long Term - July 9-17. At a meeting in early December, 2011, planning began for this year's Long Term expedition to Yellowstone National Park.

The budget is very tentative at this point, depending upon better price negotiations that Ms. Peterson and Sig can work out. The main thing is that we now have a "start" based on Scout and adult input and we know there will be changes from this first round as well as and even up to when the actual event takes place.

We will gladly alter this to the best advantage for all, so feel free to bring forth other input as you feel is needed. Remember that the hiking opportunities are endless and geared to various experience and stamina levels and these are very low cost activities, especially if some of the other options seem a little pricey.

We did put a full day of hiking into the first day at Grand Teton National Park as we thought this was a great shake, out especially after a full day of riding in a car the day before just to get there!

Another side note for consideration -- On this trip, we will cross or be near several "Historic Trails" (Pony Express Trail, Oregon, California Trail, Mormon Trail, Lewis and Clark Expedition, etc. etc.) just like we have on many of the other recent Long Term events. (In Fort Collins there is the "Overland Trail" that comes into Overland Trail Road on the west side of the city.) So, I'll just throw out an idea -- Would the Troop like to start work on an Historical Trails Award? ... the requirements are spelled out in the back portion of the Boy Scout Requirements Book. Any questions or comments can be directed to the Troop Leadership Team, Ms. Kris Peterson or Sig Palm.

For current estimates of budget and itinerary, see the e-mail that Sig sent to troop members on 1/2/2011. S. Palm

Monthly themes.

January..... Winter Sports.....Dredhawk
February..... Model Making.....Dragon
March..... Pioneering..... Lightning Bolts
April..... Acting..... Black Dragon
May..... Zoology/Mammal Studies... Black Dragon
June..... Scout Skills..... Dredhawk

Please read before Monday, January 24, 2011!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 82:

Again this year we have the opportunity to support a vital Scouting Program in the Fort Collins area, through "Friends of Scouting". Plan to attend the Troop 82 Court of Honor at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 24, to get details and to lend your support.. The following facts indicate the importance of FOS to the local scouting program and to Troop 82.

Some Facts:

1. **Approximately 15,000 scouts are registered in the Long's Peak Council.**
2. **Average annual cost to the Council to provide scouting – about \$190 per scout.**
3. **Long's Peak Council spends less than 10 % of its budget on fund raising.**
4. **Long's Peak Council relies on Friends of Scouting for 30 % of the budget.**

Other major income sources are camp fees and Popcorn sales. United Ways provide only about 2% of income – none in the Fort Collins area.

Benefits to Troop 82 and to you from your FOS support:

If the troop raises at least **\$2232** we will get free advancement patches and merit badges until April, 2011. **\$1872** will earn us a discount for each scout attending Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. In 2010 Troop 82 'friends' contributed **\$2420** to FOS.

Each family giving \$250 or more will be eligible to receive a "Leadership" plaque; \$150 - \$249, a "Century Plus Member" plaque; and \$100 - \$149, a Limited Edition Council strip.

If you have given at these levels in previous years, you will receive a Tab to add to your existing plaque.

Please be prepared to be a contributing **Friend of Scouting** at the meeting on January 24. If your employer will match your charitable contributions, contact one of the troop's FOS chairs. If you own a business, you might be able to make a "gift-in-kind".

You will be given a contribution/pledge form at the January Court of Honor. The form allows you to choose a cash, check, charge card, or time payment option. Contributions of any amount are welcome. If you are not able to contribute, return the pledge form anyway, and we won't bother you with follow-up contacts.

For more information, contact: Terry Rudd or Gordon Kruse
Tr 82 FOS Chair Tr 82 Treasurer
970-227-6701 970-226-1243

We look forward to your support!

Congratulations!

Jeffrey Reynolds completed requirements for his Eagle rank and passed his Board of Review in July. Jeff's Eagle Project was construction of an outdoor area at Ridgeview Classical School.

Matthew Young completed requirements for his Eagle rank and passed his Board of Review in October. Matthew's project was the construction of "Feather Boxes" for Rocky Mtn. Raptor Program.

Upcoming Events for Troop 82 - 2010:

Merit Badge Univ.	Jan 8 & 15
Michigan Lakes	Jan 14-16.
Court of Honor	Jan. 24.
Scout Sunday	Febr.5
Chili Supper	Febr12 (prep work on Friday, 11 Febr)
Summer Camp -BDSR	June 12-18
Long Term - Yellowstone NP	July 9-17

Medical Forms A scout will encounter two types of forms to handle medical emergencies in Troop 82 - the troop Consent Form and a Physical Form for destination camps. The Troop 82 Medical Consent Form contains basic medical information about the scout, is signed by the parent, and is updated each year. It is used in the event that the scout is injured and needs professional attention. The form gives the adult leader the permission to approve any medical attention. The Physical Form is signed by a physician, contains more detailed information about the scout, and is used for a specific organized camp (ie Ben Delatour, Medicine Mountain, Seabase, etc). Given the sensitivity to personal information security, parents are asked retain the original and hand a copy to the leader for these camps which, typically, the camp keeps. If not, Asst. SM's will give them back to the scouts at the end of the trip. Regardless, the troop DOES NOT retain a copy of medical records.