

Boy Scout Troop 82



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Scoutmaster's Musings Spring has finally arrived for Troop 82 as has the end of the school year. Our troop has been very busy, with a variety of activities that have kept our scouting families active and working hard together. I find this most amazing given the hardships and pressures many of our families are feeling in these tough economic times. The courage and wisdom of our families to stay active in scouting, when they've lost jobs or had scope reduction or reduction of work hours, gives me courage as Scoutmaster to keep working hard to make our troop the best it can be. Of course, none of our success this year could have come without the very fine adult leaders who make our troop go. Nearly all of this year's trips have been planned and lead by people other than me, which I think has improved our trip planning and some of the creativity in how the trips ran. Even today, as I rush off to take part in our Moab long-term trip, I am happy to say, that the fine work of the leaders who did all this trip planning, have set us up for yet another fine kick-off to an excellent summer program. Thank you all, who make this happen!
T. Rudd

Klondike. Approximately a dozen scouts and about half that many adults represented Troop 82 at the 2009 Klondike Derby. This year's derby was notable in a couple of ways. Seldom does one wake up during the night sweating during Klondike, but with temperatures above 20 degrees on the second night and preparations made for sub-zero sleeping, this was indeed the case. So much for frost points! Second helpings for Suicide Stew are also unheard of, but this year found the cooks dishing out not only seconds but some thirds as well. The scouts finished in the middle of the pack during the derby, but turned in an outstanding performance at the auction, netting some of the best prizes of first aid kits and carabineer knives. They will looking to build upon their good performance in snowshoeing and improving in the avalanche rescue event, picking up even more nuggets for next year's auction.
J. Fryar

Chili supper Thank you to all who worked the chili supper on Feb. 21. Under Shelby Dibellis' direction, chili was served from 5 until 7:30 pm that Saturday. Scout ticket sales totaled \$1430. Expenses were minimal. After ticket sales bonuses, net profit was \$1099.

Michigan Lakes The Michigan Lakes trip is always a popular trip. Nineteen scouts and 5 adults were able to stay out customary two nights from Jan. 16-18. Snow fort building and sledding were popular this year. A few scouts tried fishing, but the fish were not biting well. Frost points were in short supply – it was not as cold as in years past. Snow pack was down quite a bit too and the beetle kill in this area is astonishing. It was another successful Tr 82 outing.
C. Wolf

Summer Camp This year's summer camp will be at Camp Dietler at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, near Elizabeth, Colorado from July 19-25. Twenty-one scouts from Tr 82 are registered for this year's camp.

Tip Top Backpack Jerry Schiager has proposed that the TipTop backpack trip be moved to June 26-28.

100 Eagles Past and present scouts/scouters celebrated Tr 82's milestone of 100 Eagle Scouts on Feb. 23. We were privileged to have special guests, Ray Ford and Ted Blevins in attendance. Ray, and Ted's father (also Ted) attended the National Jamboree in 1937! Former scoutmasters, Gordon Kruse, Terry Anderson, Terry Everett, Don Mykles and Jerry Schiager were also there, as were recent Tr 82 Eagles: Matt and David Hodson, Dakotah Merkley, Wes Martin, Evan West, Teddy Bulik, Drew Carlile, Nick Basaraba, Jonathan and Alex Layman, Richard Maxwell, Andrew Scheaffer, and Chris Kelly.

This all started when Ed Peyronnin's article "One Hundred Eagles, One Hundred Inspirations for our Community" was printed in the Feb 10, 2009 Coloradoan. Ed also posted our "Eagle honor role" to the troop 82 web page: (<http://www.troop82-fc.org/>).

Spring Camporee. Five scouts and four adults attended Spring Camporee on May 1-3. It was wet and cold. Michael Rairdon, Allen and Richard Maxwell and John Timby led the Tr 82 contingent. Caleb Bay, Wes Borden, Gregory Timby, Zach Brisbin & Tim Debillis won 1st place in the Nuclear Waste Disposal game (moving a can of water with a bungee and ropes to another can and pouring the water from one can into the other without touching anything but the ropes), 2nd place in Knot Tying, and 3rd place in Kim's Game (shown a group of items for less than a minute; writing down all they could remember). These achievements led to a 2nd place overall finish in troop competitions! Unfortunately, snow, and one sick and one mildly hypothermic scout left the troop little choice but to leave after campfire on Friday. I am sure they all enjoyed their warm beds that night!

M. Rairdon & T. Rudd

Advancement Camp You all now know that our original plan for Advancement Camp at Tiptop Ranch was held up by 40+ inches of heavy wet snow on the original date. What you may not know is that we had chilly, windy, snowy, rainy weather all week-end, when 19 scouts and five adults did attend on April 24-26. Most Scouts kept busy Saturday teaching Scout skills to the new Scouts or participating in the Junior Leadership Training. In the evening, as patrols started to prepare their Dutch oven entries for the coveted Golden Ladle award, a good snow started to fall. For the record, The Rams won the Golden Ladle for their Dutch Oven Pizza, the Lightning Bolts won the Silver Spatula with a cherry cobbler and the Roadrunners finished out the competition with the Bronze Peeler for their 'mystery dish'.
C. Wolf

And from Terry: "I am very proud of our new scouts for getting all the required work done at Advancement Camp, including the 5 mile hike, despite conditions. I am also very proud of all the scouts who worked hard to do the training, under the guidance of Mr. Moore. I would like to also point out that we had the best turn out for Spring leadership training since I have been here. I would also like to thank Mr. Young for helping me with the training work and also for his insights on the content. I would like to express to the whole troop how happy I was with the participation of all the new leaders in the SPL and their willingness to spend a morning working to help forge a plan for the rest of 2009. Finally, thank you to Messrs. Alleman, Young, Brady, Moore and Wolf for their help and commitment under tough conditions."

Congratulations! to Troop 82's new Patrol Leader Council, led by Senior Patrol Leader, Caleb Carvalho and his two Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders, Kyle Moore and Zane Wolf. And to the troop's newest Eagle Scout, Chris Kelly. Chris' Eagle Project was to build nesting boxes for flickers.

Thanks! to Shelby Debellis and all her helpers for a successful Chili Supper.

Upcoming Events for Troop 82 - 2009

May 31 - June 6	Long Term - Moab, UT
June 22	Summer Court of Honor -Spring Creek Park
June 26 - 28	TipTop Backpack
July 19-25	Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch
August 10	Rawah's Backpack

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.