

Boy Scout Troop 82



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Former Scoutmaster's Musings: Unfortunately for me, I have had to step down as Scoutmaster. My work schedule of nights and weekends has made it too difficult to give enough of my time to scouting. Fortunately the Troop Committee has selected a great new Scoutmaster to take the lead. Terry Rudd took over on April 20th. I will continue to be involved in the troop because I really believe in the value of scouting and we have a great bunch of people in this organization. Jerry Schiager

New Scoutmaster: On April 23rd, Troop 82 welcomed a new Scoutmaster, Terry Rudd. Terry is excited about the new job and can use all the help he can get!

New Scoutmaster's Musings: So what do you do when your troop recruits 20 new Webelos scouts, increasing the troop size by one third? You have a riot of a lock-in, that's what! We had an excellent turn out at our lock-in on March 23 -- both older scouts as well as most of our new 1st year scouts. The scouts cleaned patrol boxes for the spring/summer camping season and then after dinner, the all-night party began with games, junk-food and soda galore. Parent volunteers needed a whole weekend to recover! Terry Rudd

End of Winter Camp: Alan Maxwell and Terry Rudd hosted an end-of-the winter camp out at Red Feather Lakes. Four scouts signed up for the trip, but due to illness, only two scouts and the two adults went. The weather on the trip turned awful. Wind and snow made setting up the tents difficult. The two scouts earned their frost point patches but they will never forget what it is like to take down a tent in 0 degrees, with 35 MPH wind and blowing snow. Ouch!

Klondike Derby, Febr. 2-4: We started February at the Klondike Derby, where the troop took 1st place in the sled race. In two night's time, our Klondike campers earned a combined 74 frost points! Troop 82 had an excellent turn out, was competitive in all the activities, and was one of the few groups that could start a fire the old-fashioned way.

Chili Supper, Febr 17: Troop 82 had another successful Chili Supper fundraiser. Thanks to Paulette Hodson for coordinating this event and other fundraising opportunities.

Advancement /PLC Planning/Special Cooking Camp-Tip Top Ranch, April 20-22: Congratulations to new scouts who completed many of the outdoor requirements for the first three Scout ranks. Teaching seventeen 1st year scouts basics for their Boy Scout badge and Tenderfoot rank advancement was hard work for a few senior scouts! Special thanks go to organizer Randy Sievers and to Allen Maxwell who put up the big tent! The new PLC laid out activities for the rest of 2007. Winners of our annual cooking competition earned the prestigious Golden Ladle Award.

Overland Trail Hike/Campout, May 19-20: Nine Scouts and eight adults hiked a portion of the historic Overland Trail north of Fort Collins on the Roberts Ranch. Some of the highlights included teepee rings left by Arapaho or Cheyenne Indians, a signature rock with at least one signature dating to the mid 1800's and a hike up the notch between Steamboat Rock and Tug Rock.

Most of the group then camped near the Virginia Dale Stage Station. Thanks to the generosity of Bill Bartran, we were able to camp in a very beautiful secluded spot. The highlight of the evening was the spotting of a mountain lion by several of us upon our arrival. On Sunday we were given a guided tour of the Virginia Dale Stage Station and tales about notorious Jack Slade by local historian Wayne Sundberg. With the hike and campout, eight scouts completed requirements for the Historic Trails Award.

Summer Camp, June 24-30: Camp this year will be at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming. 21 scouts and 7 adults are registered. It will be a great opportunity for new scouts to get a taste of scouting and to pass some advancement requirements. If you're signed up to go to this camp, please contact ASM Jack Moore (Tel:223-1285), who is taking the lead, for final details.

Northern Tier Canoe Trip, July 13-24: We will require the following paperwork by July 1 with the medical forms.

- 1) A "certified copy" birth certificate. If you don't have a "certified" copy it may take a while to get one, so get started now. A passport is also accepted and is highly encouraged.
- 2) A photo ID. School ID cards are acceptable
- 3) Parent permission slips: We need the Northern Tier Parent Permission slip for every scout going and it needs to be signed by "BOTH" parents. Note that even if one parent is on the trip, the other parent needs to sign the form!!!
- 4) A Naturalization Certificate for Naturalized U.S. citizens

Court of Honor and FOS

Contribution and pledges to "Friends of Scouting" at our January Court of Honor totaled \$2385, which exceeded both of 'camp' and 'badge' goals. Thanks to all who helped reach our goals and who support scouting in N. Colorado!

Thompson Poudre District Awards Ceremony: Several of our adult leaders were recognized, including our Committee Chairman Chuck Hart, and Assistant Scoutmasters Jack Moore and Terry Rudd. Assistant SM Randy Sievers was awarded the Bronze Bighorn, which is a huge honor.

Grand Canyon Rescue: A 3-year old girl slipped through a railing at the Grand Canyon last Sept. and fell more than 30 feet, close to a much longer drop. Former Troop 82 scout Ian Bagley made his way to the girl, gave first aid, and made sure she did not fall further, until other rescuers arrived. As a result, Ian has received the Nat'l. Park Service's Search and Rescue Award. He was presented the BSA National 'Honor Medal' at the Fort Collins Leadership Breakfast in March. Recent Troop 82 Scoutmasters Terry Everett and Jerry Schiager assisted in the presentation.

Troop Meeting Themes - Monday meetings are organized around themes that are planned and organized by the PLC:

Month	Theme	Lead Patrol
May	Swimming	Road Runners
June	Canoeing	??
July	First Aid	??
August	Archery	??
September	Rifle	??

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Chuck Hart - Committee Chairman of the Year; Jack Moore - Tr 82 Spark-plug award, and Randy Sievers - a 'Bronze Big Horn'; at the Thompson-Poudre District Recognition Event. Scoutmaster Terry Rudd, recently honored by Cub Scout Pack 192 for six years of dedicated service. Ben Timby and Matthew Hodson for completing their requirements for Eagle Scout. New Senior Patrol Leader David Hodson and Asst's: Alex Layman and Devan Moorman. Those scouts who earned 100 or more frost points while camping this winter. Troop 82 scouts who won the sled race at the Klondike Derby in February. Our deepest gratitude to Jerry Schiager for his very successful 'tour of duty' as Troop 82 Scoutmaster!

Upcoming Events for Troop 82

June 11 Court of Honor

June 24-30 Summer Camp - Lar. Peak

July 11-26 Long Term - N. Tier Canoeing

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.