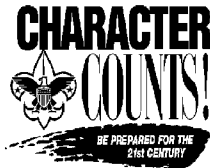


Boy Scout Troop 82



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Scoutmaster's Musings. The summer and fall of 2009 will go down as some of the more impressionable months for me. While our summer event schedule was a lot of fun and we had good participation in every event, it was also hard to see that many from our troop weren't there to share those experiences. These economic times have been tough on many families and many have had to move away for work. Organizing trips has required a higher level of flexibility, challenging our trip leaders significantly, as families weigh priorities and commit to those trips later than we planned. In spite of those challenges, I am very proud to work alongside our troop's leaders and our parents this season, (indeed the whole year). Our trip leaders planned and ran wonderful and rewarding trips (scout feedback, not just my opinion). They were successful this year by being patient but effective, kind but persistent, and most importantly, flexible.

As fall approaches, our nation is said to be trending toward a long, slow, recovery, but any impact of that is many months away. This is especially worrisome since some of our leaders' jobs and/or homes may be impacted. I am grateful for the work that all have contributed to our program's success. I hope many of those that have not been a part of troop activities since early June can rejoin us soon and we can finish out 2009 with great fall program. Thanks in advance! Terry Rudd

Moab Long Term. Troop 82's long term trip was to the greater Moab, Utah area. Led by ASM Eric Young, this trip's plan was well executed. The scouts had a chance to do many of the adventure activities available in the desert southwest, including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, river rafting and of course an afternoon of tourist shopping. Our hike up Mt. Tukuhihivats (Ute for "where the sun lingers") wound up being a tough class 2 scramble up the Northface, due to snow blocking the ridge route. Camping in the La Sals was wonderful, with beautiful aspens and great weather. Our next camp, on the Colorado river, was warm but close to good hiking like Negro Bill Canyon and Corona Arch. One day half our group went horseback riding and half went mountain biking, including slickrock riding. We spend a day in Arches, hiking to park classics like Delicate Arch and Landscape Arch. Even our last evening was an adventure, when winds over 50 MPH tried to send our camp into the Colo. River! We made it home safely. T. Rudd

Summer Camp. Leaving Ft Collins Sun., July 19, we arrived at Camp Dietler in Peaceful Valley Scout Camp, southeast of Denver. A thunderstorm Mon. night resulted in several wet scouts and a loss of sleep for some of the leaders but everyone survived with no permanent scars. Kudos to Matt, Jack, Chris and Joseph for enduring outpost in some very rough weather. There were a few hiccups with merit badge classes and missing or broken camp equipment (the camp's, not ours) including showers w/ no hot water, and a shortage of tables. As usual, the scouts picked up the pieces. Congratulations to Derek Rudd for earning the Baden Powell Award as the top scout from Troop 82. Thanks to Messrs. Boxley, Moore, Alleman and Rudd for spending

the week at camp and to all the parents who braved the drive on I-25 to get the boys to and from camp. M. Brady

Rawah Backpack. On Aug. 7 six scouts, five scout leaders and Nellie the wonder dog entered at West Tunnel along the Laramie River. The first night, we camped in a meadow along a beautiful creek a couple of miles from the Rawah Lakes. The next day, we crossed Grassy Pass (at about 11,250 feet) and descended into the Rawahs. The lakes were not generous at first, but David (the fish whisperer) spoke to the water and it began to give up its bounty. On the trail back from Rainbow Lake, Adrian encountered two Bull Moose with racks the size of Buicks. Nate put his civil engineering skills to work on a raft (the "SSNT") that he piloted round-trip across Camp Lake. Each night, the water in our camel-backs and Nalgene bottles froze as we collected frost points that the BSA wouldn't recognize. The group fished six different lakes. On the last day some had to be dragged away. After a final meal half the group left while Jerry was still in hip waders in the lake and Nate was dismantling his boat. They caught the main group as we walked along the ditch from a failed irrigation project of the early twentieth century. After twenty-six miles, we all walked out at West Tunnel refreshed, recharged and changed for the better. What a great trip! J. Schiager & Ed Peyronnin

Swift Ponds. There has been a lot of variety in troop meetings this summer. To continue that trend, our August 17th evening at Swift Ponds was the second of two visits this year. I think this place is going to become a regular stop for Tr 82 outings. Scouts and scout families fished, visited or canoed around the ponds. The weather stayed nice, mosquitos weren't too bad, we ate all the food and some did well in the fishing department. We didn't have to pull a fish hook out of anyone or rescue any would-be U-boat sailors. Fish ranged from those barely big enough to grab a hook, to some good sized bass. Mr. Schiager may have caught the biggest. Unfortunately, the scoutmaster was skunked. Oh well, had a great time visiting! T. Rudd

Court of Honor. Fall Court of Honor will be Mon., Sep. 28, 2009 in Shepardson Hall at the church. We will present merit badges completed at summer camp. If your scout plans to advance, please have him see me immediately to be sure he has completed all requirements. For a copy of your scout's progress report, contact wolfcop14@msn.com and I will email you a copy. C. Wolf

Popcorn. Shelby will hand out forms so scouts may begin selling on Sat., Sept. 19th. Check with Shelby (kjsad.co@netzero.com) or call 692-3679 (11am to 8pm) for instructions for out-of-state sales, the possibility of earning scholarship or other awards, and the handling of donations. 33% of popcorn sales will go towards the seller's camp money. Scouts should use this as a guide to set a selling goal. Sales end Sat., October 17th. Shelby needs to see popcorn forms every Monday and get copies of all of your final sales forms on Monday October 19th. Popcorn will be picked up on Sat., Nov. 14th and delivered to customers and money turned in by Nov. 28. S. Dibellis

Monthly themes.
September.....Rock climbing
October..... Canoeing/Citizenship
November.....Pet Care/Journalism
December..... Winter Sports/Camping

Congratulations! to Troop 82's newest Eagle Scout, Chris Kelly. For Chris' Eagle Project, he constructed twenty nesting boxes for flickers.
 To Eric Young and all those who helped him build new, much improved, patrol boxes.
 To all the adults, uniformed or not, who contributed time and transportation to make this summer an active and interesting one for Troop 82's scouts.
 Belated congratulations to two Troop 82 adults honored at last Spring's District Recognition Event: Chris Wolf as Committee Member of the Year; Jerry Schiager as Troop 82 Sparkplug.

Upcoming Events for Troop 82 - 2009

Sept. 25-27	Fall Camporee	Nov.	6-8 PLC Retreat
Sept. r 28	Ct of Honor - First Pres. Church	Nov. 14	Service Proj.-Lar. Cty Humane
Oct. 10	Canoeing outing	Dec. 12	All day Snow Shoe/Ski Trip
Oct. 16-18	Air Force Academy		

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.