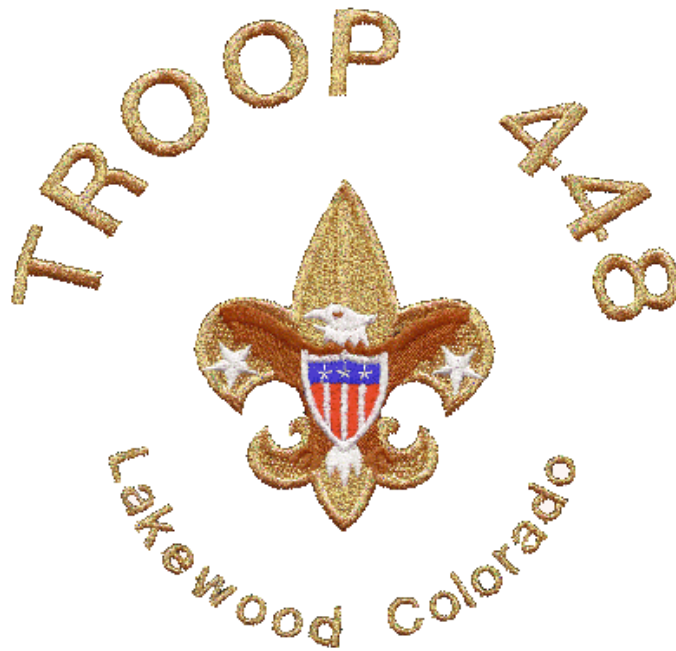


TROOP 448



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Information

2009

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Introduction:

I would like to welcome you to Troop 448 of the Timberline District in the Denver Area Council. The Troop meets at the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. The church is also our chartered organization. We are located at the corner of Alameda and Mississippi. Our Troop has been serving the Green Mountain Area for over forty five years and counting.



Troop Goals:

Our troop has the following goals:

- To Have Fun
- Learn the Scouting Skills
- Create New Friendships
- Develop better ethics
- Develop Teamwork
- Become more Responsible
- Be a good Citizen
- To follow the Scout Law, Oath and Promise
- Develop leadership skills
- To be Scout Run
- To Provide a Safe Haven
- Learn Life Skills



Our Leadership:

Our leadership is made up of scouts (boy scouts) and scouters (adults). Troop 448 is a boy-run troop, with the adult leaders acting as advisors and resources for the boys. The troop currently is made up of approximately 15 boys and 15 adults, with the boys grouped into two patrols. Our Scoutmaster is Scott Johnson and the Committee Chairman is David Packer.



Cost:

The cost for joining Boy Scouts is divided into several fees.

- **National Dues:** - Required:

For new boys the cost is \$10.00 per year from March through February. Boys that are coming from other scouting organizations before February will pay a \$1.00 transfer fee the first year.

- **Troop Fees** - Required:

\$15.00 joining fee, collected once upon joining the troop.

Dues \$3.00 per month - \$36.00 per year. This fee goes to the troop to help with supplies and other expenses.

There are fund raisers during the year to help pay these fees and other scouting expenses not covered by these fees.

- **Boy's Life Magazine** - Optional:

The subscription fee for Boy's Life is \$12.00 for one year. This magazine comes to the boy and has great ideas for games, crafts, outings and lots of neat stories about other scouts around the world. I would recommend that if you already receive this magazine, then one copy per household is fine. If you pay all of the dues at once at recharter time than you can receive Boys Life Free.

- **Fundraisers:**

The troop has three fundraisers throughout the year. The biggest is BSA Popcorn sales, which is becoming as famous as Girl Scout Cookies. The troop also sells tickets to the annual Scout Show put on by the Denver Area Council. In addition to these BSA-sponsored events, the troop schedules at least one additional fundraiser to give the boys another opportunity to earn money for their scout accounts. In the past, we have sponsored a carnival and collected paper, cans and old Ink cartages. The money earned from fundraisers is typically split between the troop treasury and the boys' scout accounts. Each boy in the troop has a scout account for saving money for scout-related expenses. This money can be used to pay dues, summer camp fees, outing fees or to buy gear needed for scouting.



Meetings:

All of the meetings are run by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. They have help with this from the Patrol Leaders. The adult leaders - like the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and other members of the committee - help out when the boys need it. We have three kinds of meetings that boys attend and one meeting per month for adults.

- **Weekly Troop Meetings**

These meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church. The meeting is divided into three main parts:

Scout Skills:

This is when all of the scouts work on merit badges, rank advancement or organize an outing for that month.

Patrol Meetings:

This is when the scouts meet in their own patrols to exchange information, discuss rank advancement, plan their next meeting responsibilities and other outings.

Inter -Patrol Activities:

The purpose of scouting is to learn scout- and life-skills and to have fun doing it. This activity is used to teach these skills, often using a game geared to a scouting theme. The patrols rotate responsibility for this activity which is geared to have the patrols show each other their scout spirit.

Patrol Leader Council

This meeting is held the first or second Tuesday of the month before the troop meeting.

This is a planning meeting by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leaders for planing the next month's meetings, activities and outings. There are adult leaders present to offer advice and guidance.

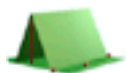
Court of Honor

This meeting is held every third month on a Sunday night at the church. This is a special meeting. This is for the boys to receive awards, do patrol songs and/or skits and other special events. When a boy earns a rank or a merit badge they usually receive it at the weekly troop meetings. However, they receive their advancement card

at the Court of Honor. Parents and families are highly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Troop Committee Meeting

The troop committee conducts the business of the troop, sets policy and helps the Scoutmaster and Scouts with the outdoor, advancement program and the other planned activities. It is made up of the committee chairman, charter organization representative, secretary, treasurer, members in charge of the outdoor program, troop program, and activities, and parents and other adults concerned with the operation of the troop. All families are encouraged to have at least one representative on the troop committee. The committee currently meets at the church at 7:00 pm on the first or second Sunday of each month.



Activities:

The troop has many activities throughout the year. The troop plans an outing for every month, some times more than once a month, except in December. December's outing is a lock-in (sleep-over at the church) after the Court of Honor. The following are a list of such outings:

2009 Monthly Outings

<p>January Snow Caving <i>IMAX</i></p>	<p>February Klondike <i>Snow Sports</i></p>	<p>March Moab</p>
<p>April New Scout Outing Colorado River Trip <i>Scout Show, Archery</i></p>	<p>May Rafting/Water Sports/Fishing</p>	<p>June Sumer Camp <i>Golf</i></p>
<p>July Yellowstone <i>Rock Climbing</i></p>	<p>August Back Packing <i>Caving</i></p>	<p>September <i>Shooting Sports</i> Fall Camporee <i>Second Wind Walk</i></p>
<p>October Cycling Overnight <i>Horse Ride</i></p>	<p>November Colorado Springs (Air Force Academy, Cheyenne Mtn, Olympic Center)</p>	<p>December Lock-In <i>Glass Blowing</i></p>

The troop also attends annual activities, the following is a list:

2009 Annual Activities

Good Turn Week	Scout Show	<i>Second Wind Walk</i>
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Advancement:

The scouts learn basic skills and leadership through advancement. They learn these skills in an environment that fosters team work, and they have fun doing it. The Boy Scouts have seven steps or ranks of advancement. The first four ranks involve learning scout skills; the last three ranks teaches advanced Scouting Skills, leadership and service. The following is a description of these steps in scouting.

The Scouting Trail

	Scout	This rank is the first one on the trail to Eagle. This rank is also called "Boy Scout Joining Requirements". The scout learns the Scout Oath, Law, Outdoor Code, Motto, Sign, handclasp, Pledge of Allegiance and tying the first knot, square knot.
	Tenderfoot	The scout learns basic first aid, personal fitness, more knots, basic camping skills and how to take care of the American Flag.
	Second Class	The scout learns more first aid skills, compass use, and proper care of knives, axes, and saws. They also learn about fires and cooking skills. They learn to identify 10 kinds of wild animals.
	First Class	This rank is the last of the basic scout skills ranks. Scouts learn advanced first aid skills including CPR, identify 10 wild plants, advanced camping skills, and cooking. They also learn orienteering and other ways to find their way. Also, they learn the basic scouting knots. As our founder, Lord Baden-Powell once said, "Only when a boy earns First Class do I consider him a real Boy Scout".
	Star	Star is the first rank of the advanced boy scout skills. For this rank, the scout needs to earn six merit badges, four of which need to be Eagle Required. This rank requires taking part in 6 hours of community service and holding a leadership position in the troop for 4 months. This teaches the scout leadership skills.
	Life	For this rank, scouts need to earn five more merit badges, three of which are Eagle Required. Six more hours of community service and 6 months in a leadership position are also required.
	EAGLE	Eagle is the final step in the scouting trail. The scouts need to earn a total of at least 21 merit badges with 5 more of them Eagle Required. The community service is in the form of a major scout planned service project, this also teaches leadership and planning skills.

Eagle Required Merit Badges

Citizenship in the Community	Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in the World
First Aid	Communications	Family Life
Camping	Lifesaving or Emergency Preparedness	Environmental Science
Personal Management	Personal Fitness	Swimming or Hiking or Cycling

Troop 448 2008 Merit Badges

The following is the Merit Badges that the troop will work on through out the year. We have no set month or schedule on what badges the scouts work on. That is decided on a monthly basis by the Patrol Leader Council.

Back Packing	Rifle Shooting	Graphics	Leather Working	Shot Gun Shooting
Fly Fishing	Fingerprinting	Fire Safety	American Labor	Nuclear Science
Engineering	Electricity	Sports	Forestry	Weather
Salesmanship	Water Skiing	Dentistry	Plant Science	Pulp & Paper
Medicine				



Parent Involvement:

Although the troop is run by the scouts, it is parent involvement that really holds the troop together and ensures that your boy has a quality scouting experience. This is done by encouraging the boys to attend the meetings and outings. Parents also needs to help them work on their scouting ranks, helping them to remember their responsibilities and encouraging them to show Scout Spirit. Volunteers are the backbone of scouting. Very few of the adult leaders in scouting are on a payroll. All of the leaders in our troop are volunteers. There are many jobs in the troop to help the boys to become the best young adults they can. You can choose to be a committee member or assistant scoutmaster, coordinate an activity, teach a merit badge or just accompany the group on a monthly outing. **We need everyone's help and if the leadership does not ask what you can do for the troop, then please volunteer.** Please be aware that this is NOT a parent/boy organization. We always encourage parents to volunteer their time, but the Scouts are encouraged to participate in any troop activity even if their parents are unable to help out.



Uniform and Other Equipment:

Uniforms:

The scouts are required to wear one of two uniforms, class A or class B, to all troop functions. The minimum class A uniform is the tan uniform shirt with red epaulettes and neckerchief. Scout pants or shorts, belt, socks and hat can be added over time to give the full class A uniform. The class A uniform is to be worn at all troop meetings and to and from outings. The class B uniform consists of a troop T-shirt or other scout-related shirt (e.g. Bighorn shirt, shirt from summer camp or Philmont, etc.) It is to be worn to service projects, on outings, and other informal or dirty scouting related activities.

Equipment:

The necessary camping gear can be gathered gradually. The items that need to be acquired first are: a sleeping bag rated to 0 degrees, sleeping pad, a ground cloth (plastic), and a duffle bag or pack. The Boy Scout Handbook has suggestions for additional gear and specific equipment needed for outings like the 10 essentials. This gear can be rented, found in thrift and surplus stores, or acquired from older scouts who want to upgrade or need larger sizes.



Rules and Policies:

Boy Scouts have 12 rules known as the twelve scout laws which are: A Scout is:

Trustworthy	Loyal	Helpful	Friendly
Courteous	Kind	Obedient	Cheerful
Thrifty	Brave	Clean	Reverent

The 3 policy statements can be found in the Scout Oath:

<p><i>On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong; mentally awake, and morally straight.</i></p>



Discipline:

There are not really any punishments in this troop, however, there are consequences for actions. Our goal is to provide a "Safe Haven" environment for the troop. A "Safe Haven" is a place where scouts can try out new ideas, roles and experiences without fear of reprisal from fellow scouts or scouters. All of the scouts are encouraged to live using the Scout Law and Oath as their rules. From time to time there is a scout that needs to be reminded to live by the scout spirit through a conference with the scoutmaster and/or assistant scoutmaster. If the scout still needs guidance in his scout spirit, then the parent(s)/guardian will be asked to assist with the scout's behavior.



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