

TROOP TRAILS

Scouting at its Finest

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A Scout is Friendly. A Scout is to other Scouts. He seeks to those with ideas and customs



a friend to all. He is a brother understand others. He respects that are different from his own.

Patrol News



Flaming Cantalopes/ SPL's
written by: Royce & Tanner

We have been re-elected to the position of SPL (the fact that it was by default isn't important). The leadership organization with two Senior Patrol Leaders instead of one SPL and one Assistant SPL has been working extremely well for the past six months, so we are going to continue it. Even though we have had a half a year to change anything that we think is not working in the troop, we are still experimenting with new ideas. Some of these ideas include the use of game time at the beginning of the meeting, instead of at the end, to get the energy out of the scouts before merit badges, and having uniform inspections in each patrol instead of as the entire troop. We are also thinking of using the bead system again. With a new group of scouts recently joining our troop, we are excited to be running the troop for another term.



Eagles
written by: Matt

We are working on the Reading and Emergency Preparedness merit badges. The games we play during the meetings are getting better. Dunstan's play is "The Music Man". Ty earned the Family Life merit badge. Jacob almost has Life, and Matt earned Citizenship in the Nation.



Scorpions
written by: JD

Recently we got new patrols so not much has happened. The most recent trips were; Moab and the weekend trip to Peaceful Valley. We have started a new attendance policy run by each patrol leader. Now we are beginning the planning for Scout Show. The more help the better. The following are our most recent advancements: JD- family life; Jacob- Bird study; Sam-2nd class; Eric-2nd class; Evan- Life; and Royce- life.





Vikings

written by: Tom

The Vikings are doing nicely. We've had no rank advancements but many merit badge earnings. We've had problems with attendance.



Road Runner Patrol:

written by: the Patrol

We just joined this troop and we like it a lot. Us new scouts seem to be happy, too. The camp trip to P. V. was really fun and we're glad we did a lot of activities. We are the Road Runner patrol. The members of our patrol are Erik, Josh, Alan, Alan, and Ian.

Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop,

I would like to say a couple of things about our troop.

Like I have said before and its worth saying again, I am very proud of all of you on your scout spirit and living the Scout Law and Oath.

We have entered a new scouting year with great enthusiasm. I am looking forward to our very busy and fun year with the outings and activities that you scouts have chosen.

I would also like to welcome our new members, Erik, Josh, Josh, Alan and their families.

There is one item I feel that I need to talk to you about, that is the wearing of the Scout Uniform.

BE "IN UNIFORM"

Scouts, what would you think of a policeman in full uniform except for trousers which were of bright plaid material? How about a hospital intern wearing a sport coat over his white uniform while on duty? Or what would you think of a train conductor wearing a fireman's cap or, even more absurd, an airline pilot wearing the silks of a jockey as he boarded the plane?

They'd all be "out of uniform," wouldn't they? With some of the outfits mentioned, you wouldn't be sure what they really were.

Scouts, we have a uniform, too. We have a full uniform - not just a neckerchief or just a shirt,

but like the people I just mentioned, we have a full uniform. When we don't wear the full uniform, we are just as "out of uniform" as the policeman with the plaid pants.

The Flag Code says that when we are "in uniform" we salute the flag with the Scout salute, but when "out of uniform" we salute by holding our right hand over our heart. How do you think a Scout should salute the flag if he's wearing blue jeans or chinos or some other non-official dress along with part of the uniform? He's not "in uniform," is he?

If anyone has anything that they need talk to me about, please talk to me during the meetings or call or e-mail me.

Scott E. Johnson, Scoutmaster

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Committee News



"Meet the Committee"

written by: Mr. Randy Leger

Randy Leger is our Committee Chairman and has been with Troop 448 for 2+ years. He is an Eagle Scout (Troop 86, Charlemont, MA). Randy went into the Navy after high school, where he learned to be an electrician. Moving to Southern California after his naval career, he graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his family have lived in Southern California, Phoenix, and now have been in Denver for 5 years. He currently works at Qwest Communications as their Corporate Fire Protection Engineer. His wife Lisa is a school teacher with Denver Public Schools, Alan is a Star Scout with Troop 448, and Kaydean is active in her Girls Scout Troop. Randy is currently training for the marathon run to be held in conjunction with Jesus Run 2002 on June 9th. He is also in the process of becoming a Boy Scout Climbing Instructor for Troop 448. He enjoys the camaraderie among both the adults and boys, and truly believes we are "Scouting at its Finest". As Committee Chairman, he is constantly open to suggestions on how to improve your Scout's experience within the Troop.

Next Month's Guest:

Scott Johnson, Scoutmaster



Calendar

Dates to Remember

April

- 13-14th Bowling Overnight
16th Scout Show Planning; 6pm
23rd No Scout Meeting
27th Scout Show, 10am 5pm

May

- 2nd Roundtable
5th Committee Meeting
7th PLC; please bring news articles
11th JLT- Junior Leader Training
12th Mother's Day
14th New Merit Badges:
Citizenship in the Community
and Radio
28th Plan Elitch Gardens

Last Month

As you all know, the troop had two outings last month. Some scouts went to Moab, and some went to Peaceful Valley. Both groups had a tremendous time.

This Month

The troop had a bowling night on the 13-14th. The big activity this month is the Scout Show. The boys will plan for it on the 16th, and execute it on the 27th. All scouts will be expected to spend time working the Show itself. Please see JD or Ty to sign up.

Announcements

Parents, please come in and join the circle up for announcements at the end of each meeting.

We had the annual FOS presentation at the court of honor. We reached 2/3 of our goal. We will receive a summer camp discount when we reach 100% of our goal. Please see Mr. Leger for pledge cards.

The Troop needs your support!

Advancements

The Troop is currently catching up on rank advancements and merit badges. See Mr. Jones or Mr. Leger with any questions.

Congratulations



To: The following scouts for being OA candidates: Ian, Jacob, Chris and Mr. Garth Boyd.



To: Isaac and Steve for earning their Eagle Scout rank.



To: The Troop for making our Quality Unit Award.

Scout Art

“Special Interest”

A Poem by Royce and Tanner

Spider Man for President of the Universe.
The poster said
I glared
And stared and

Feared that the end was near.
“The end of what?” I asked myself
“That’s not important now” I replied

Intergalactic treaties
May be nice
But we don’t want souped-up silly string
Everywhere

(scout art will be reproduced providing it is appropriate)

