

TROOP TRAILS

Scouting at its Finest

<http://www.troop448.org>

Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, corner of Mississippi and Alameda; Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm

A Scout is Kind. A Scout being gentle. He treats others doesn't harm or kill anything



understands there is strength in as he wants to be treated. He without reason.

Patrol News



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

Ah, it is good to be back. This is Royce here, for the first time in three weeks. Things haven't changed much, not even the merit badges. Come to think of it, they shouldn't have. I hope to see you all at the Court of Honor.



Road Runner Patrol:
written by: Erik

We hope that the Court of Honor will turn out good. We have met alot of people in this troop.



Vikings
written by: Tom

Over the past month our patrol has been doing fine. We have had many attendance problems, hopefully it gets better.



Eagles
written by: Matt

The Court of honor is on the 23rd. The merit badges we are working on are radio and citizenship in the community. The Eagles are doing great and please come to the COH.



Scorpions
written by: JD

The Scorpion patrol has only a couple of advancements: Evan and Royce got Life. Up-coming outings are: Colorado Springs, Black Hills, and Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. Our patrol has mostly been at the meetings for the last couple of weeks.



Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop,

This is my response to the parents meeting:

First of all, I thought it went very well, everyone had great ideas and most of all, everyone is concerned about the troop and the scouts, that is another reason why I love this troop- you all care!

About the outings/activities:

We have 13 weekend trips and 6 family activities planned for this year; this does not seem to me that there are too many things to do for the boys.

Why I say this:

First of all “outing” is in Scouting; I know that sounds corny, but that is a large part of scouting. We have the responsibility to the scouts to give them as many opportunities to discover and experience things that they can. Remember that the troop has a wide range of scouts; they cover both ends of the economic, social, and domestic scale. Some scouts’ lives are very busy, however, some are not. **Again, no one says that everyone has to or needs to go on all of the outings and activities.**

One of the great ideas that I heard from the meeting is to have the scouts fill out the survey sheet. When we get this information back, I think we will find out that the two biggest reasons of low attendance are - they cannot attend because of other things they want or need to do, or the expense of the event. If we cut back on the number of events, this would not fix either problem. In fact, it would hurt the scouting experience for the boys. Again, we need to offer more options for the scouts than fewer. This way we will give them a greater chance to attend and experience what scouting is all about – leadership, outdoors, friendship, and of course, learning the scouting skills.

About the older scouts and outings:

I heard from the older scouts that they are board going to the same places and the outings are not geared for their age group. Well, I think that for

the normal 13 outings that are planned for the “entire troop”, you are right. However, as part of your leadership and scout duties, you need to be “a leader” for the younger scouts on these normal outings. Also, remember that the younger scouts are still excited about these outings because they have not been there like you older scouts.

We have setup an older scout program for those scouts that want to be more challenged. We have an adult leader that is heading up this program; I believe that he is doing a great job. The scouts planned some activities that they wanted to do. However, I heard that the activities suffered the same fate as the rest of the outings: low participation rate. I do not think this is due to lack of effort from the adult leaders. I would like to see the Older Boy program more run by the scouts. Therefore, I would like this to have a true patrol structure and hold meetings outside the normal times to plan your own activities. If you need help from us adults, **we will** be there for you. After all, this is your program.

We also talked about doing fundraisers for a trailer and climbing gear.

I would like to propose that we do fund raisers to cut the expenses of the yearly events for all scouts. This would increase the attendance and fulfill the scouting experience. When we do fund raisers, we have to have the scouts choose what fund raisers they want to do, after all remember this is a “boy run troop”. If the scouts choose what they want to do, they will have an invested interest in their troop.

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Committee News



written by: Mr. Randy Leger

As we are now in our Summer months, Troop 448 is embarking on several exciting events which I hope is serving the needs of our Scouts well.



In our recent Parent's meeting, I was encouraged by the comments, suggestions, and questions posed by you parents in an effort to keep this Troop strong. It is this type of teamwork which will keep Troop 448 as "Scouting At Its Finest". Our Planning Meeting Barbecue has been changed to August 18th at 1:00 pm. This is open to the Scouts, of course, but also to the Rocking Chair Patrol (all the parents) so we can plan and fellowship.

I realize that with Summer here, I may not see a lot of participation from the Scouts due to family vacation, sports, and other events. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy these events safely, but more importantly, come back in the Fall rejuvenated and ready to take on the new "season". Please keep in touch, whether through Scott Johnson, myself, or another Scout. Let us know you are alive and well, and we will keep everyone in our prayers for good health and a "safe return".

Have a Great Summer!!

"Meet the Committee"

David Packer , Treasurer

Born and raised in Missoula, MT. Moved to California in search of a job. AT&T hired me (that was good I guess.) Met and married Gene (current wife) (18yrs) (that was good I guess.). Had four children. Jeremy(17), Jason(15), Shane(13) and Mariah(11) (that was good I guess.) In 1990 AT&T said move to Colorado or look for a new job. Gee, let me think. Once moved to Lakewood started getting involved with kids' activities. Cub scouts was the first. Helped out with school activities. Later on sports, baseball, which I am still active in with Shane, (here we come state.) In Cub Scouts I was a Tiger coordinator, den leader for Wolf and Bear dens. Webelos den leader and then moved up to Cub Master. Was Cub Master for Pack 499 for 6 years. Later on, while doing Cub Scouts, was helping out in Boy Scouts as a Committee member, Committee Chairman and Treasurer. I really do enjoy and believe in the scouting ideals and what Boy Scout does for the boys or I would not be in the position I am today.

Outdoors and Activities



written by: Tim Randle and Gregg Scott

First of all, thanks to all the parents who showed up on June 4 to share your ideas for making our outings more successful. We had participation from 14 families, which is great. We got a lot of good ideas which we will be looking at over the next several weeks, and we will respond back with how we plan to address each. We have a busy summer scheduled, and encourage all the scouts to take advantage of these opportunities for fun and advancement. June 15 is a trip to Elitches. We have reserved a group campsite at Pickle Gulch for June 29. We will be working on advancements, so we highly encourage anyone who needs some of these to participate in this overnight outing. Our trip to the Black Hills is still on for July 21-27. See Mr. Boyd or Mr. Packer for more information about this trip. We have 13 boys signed up to go to Peaceful Valley Scout Camp August 5-12. Rounding out the rest of August, we are planning a day of rock climbing on August 17, our annual planning meeting will be on August 18, and our camping trip to Chatfield State Park is scheduled for the weekend of August 23.

Assistant Scoutmaster



written by: K. R. Huffman

There will be a swim check on Sunday July 14th for all scouts. Time and location to be announced.

Review your First Aid for Mr. Huffman's next question during your scout meeting.



Calendar

Dates to Remember

June

15th Elitch's
16th Father's Day
23rd Court of Honor
29rd Pickle Gulch

July

14th Swim Check
21st - 27th Black Hills

August

5th - 12th Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch
17th Rock Climbing
18th Annual Planning Meeting
23rd Chatfield State Park

Advancements

Nothing submitted

Announcements

Parents:

For Safety's sake:
PLEASE REMEMBER to come into the building
when picking up your scout after the meeting.
Thank you.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or
additions to make to this publication, please contact:

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Community News

S.H.A.R.E. Colorado:

A WIN- WIN SITUATION!!

Parents get good food cheaper than in the stores, and
scouts can get community service hours. Please con-
tact Scott or Codi Johnson for more information.

Scout's Art

written by: Royce and Tanner

“His Grandma is Mean”

You are my dog
I see through the fog
You have brown eyes
A spy telling lies
The grass was green
His Grandma is mean
Boats sinking in pudding
The duck was hooding
His head with a hood
I'm misunderstood.

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