

TROOP TRAILS

Scouting at its Finest

<http://www.troop448.org>

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

A Scout is Courteous. A Scout of age or position. He knows easier for people to get along  is polite to everyone regardless that good manners make it together.

Patrol News



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

Troop 448 is going smoothly. There is nothing out-of-the-ordinary or extraordinary to report. The school year is almost over, and for many scouts finals are approaching. Even sooner for Royce, who will be gone for the last week of school. He will be attending Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn. as you can see, many interesting things are happening the Flaming Cantalope Patrol.



Road Runner Patrol:
written by: Erik and Alan

On July 9 we will be working on fingerprinting. On the 21st of May we will be playing capture the flag. Everybody is having real fun with this troop and we like it very much.



Eagles
written by: Matt

Its almost the last day of school. Have a happy summer everyone. We are going to be doing these merit badges: 1. fingerprinting; 2. radio; 3. citizenship in the world; 4. climbing



Scorpions
written by: Tyler

Our next merit badges are citizenship in the community and radio. The troop is going to take a trip to Elitches. The whole troop wants to get out of school.



Vikings
written by: Tom

We have nothing to report as we come to the end of the school year. We have however had a problem with attendance in recent weeks. Other than that we are doing fine.



Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop,

This year's Scout show was a great triumph for the troop by receiving the "Best use of theme" Award. This shows your scout spirit and the ability to work as a boy run troop. I would like to say **Great Job** to JD and Ty for chairing this event. I also would like to say thanks to the youths and adults that helped out, especially the members that worked beyond their shifts. Last year's event was the obstacle course and the help was very little from the troop. This year, you scouts decided that you wanted to try something different, so a small group only had two meetings of one hour each to come up with and plan this event, again great job.

Also, I have to say something about the recent Junior Leader Training we had. Six scouts and three other adults signed up. And again, with good scout spirit all of them showed up and had a great time learning what it is to be a leader in scouting. This took courage from some of them for trying new things – A Scout is brave. You boys did this on both events. With these two events you scouts truly are setting the "Example" for the troop.

SETTING THE EXAMPLE

In the patrol leaders council, we often talk about the skills of leadership. Patrol leaders who have taken the junior leader training course know even more about them. Of the 11 skills of leadership, I believe the most important is setting the example. There's an old saying that sums it up well. It goes something like this: "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your example.

It seems to me that when it comes to setting the example, we are all leaders. Even if you're not a patrol leader, the way you conduct yourself will rub off on your patrol mates. If one patrol member goofs off and is sloppy in his habits, there's a temptation to say, "Well, Brian gets away with it, why shouldn't I?"

That may be human nature, but it's not the nature of a good patrol or a good troop. A good patrol and troop have to work like a team, with every member setting a good example of Scout like behavior. Let's keep that in mind always, but especially when we're in summer camp (or on tour). Let's show our pride in our troop and in ourselves as Scouts and young men.

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

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Committee News



written by: Mr. Randy Leger

I can't say enough about what a great job the Scouts did for our Scout Show Booth; you guys definitely went above and beyond what was expected, and I congratulate all who showed up to make this project work. JD and Ty did a great job in thinking up this project, planning it, and executing it. Just goes to show you what great things can happen when you plan correctly.

Thanks to Mary Ann Pettit for stepping up to the plate and taking over as Program Chair. Mary Ann will be coordinating and scheduling the Merit Badge Counselors to come to our meetings and teach the appropriate merit badges to our Scouts. Thanks again for taking some of the load off of me.

"Meet the Committee"

Scott Johnson, Scoutmaster

Scott Johnson is a native of the Green Mountain Area and is living in the same house that he grew up in. He attended Glennon Heights Elementary, Dunstan Middle and Graduated from Green Mountain High in 1977. He was a cub scout out of Glennon Hights and achieved First Class Scout from Troop 448 in the early 70's and considers it a great honor to have been the Scoutmaster for 4+ years. A year out of High School he married Codi and worked at Coco's, and then at StorageTek. He received a job at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center working with Computers in July of 1979. He has worked there ever since and has enjoyed a very wonderful career. Last August he switched careers and is now doing Video Conferencing for the campus.

He has nine children, 5 by birth and 4 by guardianship for the past 13 years. His oldest son is in the Navy serving on the Abraham Lincoln. He has a daughter making a life on her own and another one just finished up her second year at New Mexico State University. Isaac will start attending Colorado State University majoring

in Art and minoring in medicine and will be part of the Army ROTC. Next year Scott will still have four kids attending Green Mountain High and one at Dunstan.

Both Codi and Scott first got involved in scouting in the 80's with Pack 448 out of Green Mountain Elementary. Scott was a Webelos leader for five of their six sons and also held positions of Assistant Cub Master, Cub Master, Committee chair, cub Scouter. He then got involved in the Troop as a Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster and now as the Scoutmaster. He also is a member of the Order of the Arrow and is a Unit Commissioner.

Scott loves working with the youth and strives to make the troop a place where everyone feels like it is their other family.



“Scouting”

written by: Dennis Jones

Last summer Dylan helped his Dad fulfill his boyhood dream of going to Philmont, the ultimate boy scout camp. Dylan's dad used to read about Philmont when he was growing up on the eastern plains of Montana. He had no hope of ever going to Philmont. The problem with Philmont is that the number of leaders cannot exceed the number of scouts. So if you want to go as an adult, you need a scout to take you.

We did a 62 mile, 10 day trek through the wilderness of New Mexico carrying all belongings and food on our backs. We climbed high mountain peaks and spar poles. We suffered through rain and cold and 15 mile days. We mountain biked, enjoyed campfires, did conservation projects, and navigated through the wilderness without trails. We lived without candy, soda pop, and junk food. We went to bed early and got up early to hit the trail before it got hot. We slept on the ground, but slept well because we were tired at the end of the day. Everyday we got stronger and hiked more miles, so that pretty soon that backpack felt like just another part of our bodies. When we were done, we were proud of our accomplishment. I consider it the highlight of my lifetime scouting experience and recommend it for everyone.



Outdoors and Activities

written by: Tim Randle and Gregg Scott

For better continuity in these programs, we have combined them into one Committee activity, with Co-Committee Chairmen. For those of you who are not aware, these are the outings that we have throughout the year. The Outdoor Program typically involves camping, whereas the Activities Program typically involves single day activities. Currently scheduled outdoor activities include a rafting trip on the Arkansas River on May 18, and a camping trip the week of June 28-30. The troop is also planning a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota the week of July 21-27, and a trip to Peaceful Valley Scout Camp the week of August 4. A commitment in the form of a deposit and completion of the permission slips will be required soon for these trips, so if you are planning to go, please ask for the details if you have not already received them. We are concerned about the lack of interest in the outdoor activities over the past couple of years. These trips are essential to the scouts' advancement. Please be looking for a Parents' survey and notice of a Parents' meeting as we explore ways to increase the interest in these activities.

“Scout Show”

written by: JD

During last month we, as a troop, attended the Scout Show. We used the theme of the Scout Show “A taste of Scouting.” We won an award for “Best use of Theme”. We also got a participation ribbon. The theme we use for our booth was “A taste of 448.” We had a “taste testing” booth, where the participants got to taste several different items and guess what they were. We also had a display of a patrol box.

I thank the whole troop for their participation, it was the largest participation we've had.





Assistant Scoutmaster

written by: Barry Ogden

It was overheard at Pack 844's committee meeting, that this pack is thinking of splitting into 2 separate packs. One would be at Red Rocks and one at Rooney Ranch. We will still be recruiting from both schools. We hope that this will be a smooth transformation for them and that they will have more interest from the boys to visit us; and that they will also need our help with Den Chiefs.

Boys: check to see if your old pack may need your help- it never hurts to ask. And Remember: Do Your Best.

Advancements

Nothing submitted

Calendar

Dates to Remember

May

- 14th New Merit Badges:
Citizenship in the Community
and Radio
- 18th White water rafting
- 27th Memorial Day
- 28th Plan Elitch Gardens

June

- 15th Elitch's
- 16th Father's Day
- 23rd Court of Honor
- 28th - 30th Colorado Springs Trip

Announcements

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



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 contact Scott or Codi Johnson for more information.

Peaceful Valley



written by: Kim Huffman

SUMMERTIME SPECIAL

Aug. 4th - 10th PV Bound!

Get ready for fun and sun!!

Parents meeting: June 9th @ 5:00 pm @ church

We will cover all questions for parents.

Scout's Art

written by: Royce and Tanner

"The Green Sun Rises"

On the horizon
the green sun rises
it is Godzilla
wearing one of his disguises.

People screaming in the streets
as Godzilla drinks a berry smoothie
horror on their faces
at such an awful movie.



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