

# TROOP TRAILS

*Scout at its Finest*

<http://www.troop448.org>

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

A Scout is brave. A Scout can face dan-  
courage to stand for what he thinks is  
threaten him.



ger although he is afraid. He has the  
right even if others laugh at him or

## Patrol News



### SPL's

written by:

nothing submitted



### Eagles

written by: Matt

In the Eagles, Scott is the new patrol  
Leader.



### Vikings

written by:

nothing submitted



### Scorpions

written by: Royce

The Scorpion Patrol has existed for as long as I  
have been in scouts. Of course, different people  
have been in each patrol, but the Scorpion is an  
immortal animal. Is it because the flag is so easily  
transferable from generation to generation? We  
may never know.



### Road Runner Patrol:

written by: Josh

Most of the Road Runner patrol is on their way to  
2nd class. A few kids in our patrol are going to the  
Fall Camporee. We have a new member in our  
patrol who's name is Mike. JD is the  
Road Runner patrol's new Troop Guide.



## Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop,

I was thinking about the outing this month – Camporee. We had very low interest in this outing, so low that we, as a troop, could not attend. It bothers me that this opportunity was wasted. I do want to commend the few of you that did go to the Camporee with 748. This showed great scout spirit.

I know that this outing was during Marching Band, Football, Hockey, Baseball, and soccer seasons; this did take a lot of you out of this outing. I also know that the theme was Pioneering (knots and lashings). This might have sounded boring and not a lot of fun. I want you think about this:

FUN-what is fun? People say I am having fun or this is no fun. Is fun something you can touch and put in your pocket? Is it a destination like going on a FUN trip? Two people can experience the same activity, one had fun the other did not, so again what is Fun? So I looked it up in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

FUN: **1** : what provides amusement or enjoyment; *specifically* : playful, often boisterous action or speech <full of *fun*> **2** : a mood for finding or making amusement <all in *fun*> **3 a** : **AMUSEMENT, ENJOYMENT**

Based on this, fun is in the mood that we are in, so where do we find fun? We find it inside our minds; it is not a place, thing or activity. Fun is anything you want it to be.

So, even a weird and strange sounding camping trip can be FUN if you want it to be because you can change your mood and attitude about anything.

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## ASM

written by: Richard Wells

We survived the Sand Dunes! The camp site on the Dunes was a challenge to get to, but that's because I'm in the Rocking Chair Patrol. The full moon light against the sand dunes was an awesome sight to behold. The trip was well worth it!



## Committee

written by: Randy Leger

I have recently completed one year as your Troop Committee Chairman, and took some time to reflect the state of the Troop.

I've been extremely pleased with the Committee's efforts in directing all aspects of our Troop's activities. They are to be commended for their passion and attitude when planning and carrying out their tasks. I'm also grateful for those of you whom have taken on new duties (Karen Benigar/Olga Wells - Fundraising, Codi Johnson - Newsletter, Mary Ann Pettit - Merit Badge/Program Coordinator, Gregg Scott - Quartermaster, Jackie Subbert - Popcorn, Denise Newman - Scouting For Food, Cynthia Stuckey - Activities, Gary Stuckey - Merit Badge Counselor). Dennis Jones has done a remarkable job in keeping up all the Advancement Records. David Packer ensures we remain solvent financially. When you folks step up to the plate and help out in this fashion, it simply helps me out immensely and lessens by burden. I can't thank you all enough.

As we start another active year of Scouting, I will continue to encourage communication between all levels of adult membership. If we fail to do this, we leave the Troop in the dark, and wind up second guessing. I also need to remind everyone involved in Committee activities that participating and attending our Committee Meetings is **HIGHLY** important if we want to keep operating successfully. Please continue to participate.

At your Service,  
Randy



written by: Mrs. Boles

A reminder for the Scouts interested. The Aviation Merit Badge starts 10-22. Don't miss out! The first planning meeting for the Air Force outing will be that same evening at 6:00.

Show up and help decide the activities for that weekend! The next PLC is 11-12 at 6:00. These meetings are for all the Scouts, come join us!



## Program

written by: Dennis Jones

I asked the Ranger at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument where we should camp, and she said that for a true dunes experience, we had to camp in the dunes. So Troop 448 packed up and headed for the Dunes. It's not easy climbing those dunes with a backpack. In the evening a full moon rose over the mountains casting a supernatural light on the whole scene. Sleeping in a tent, feeling the night winds blow across the Dunes was an experience. Morning revealed a new, fresh world with all tracks and traces of human habitation gone, just the ripple marks in the sand. When it was my turn for roses, I said I had a true Dune experience!

## Calendar



### Dates to Remember

#### October

- 20<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast
- 29<sup>th</sup> Snow Mtn Ranch Registration- \$50/person
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

#### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Popcorn Pickup
- 7<sup>th</sup> Roundtable
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lasertag @ Laserquest
- 9<sup>th</sup> Scouting for Food
- 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bronco Game Fundraiser
- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Airforce Academy
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bronco Game Fundraiser
- 26<sup>th</sup> No Troop Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

Check our website for the most current information.

## 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.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or additions to make to this publication, please contact:  
Codi Johnson @  
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## Fundraising

written by: Karen Benigar

### **Troop 448's FIRST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!**

Just a reminder about the first annual troop 448 pancake breakfast!! It is scheduled for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>! Unfortunately, due to the fact that the church is having its annual craft fair that weekend; we can't set-Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> as planned. We are, therefore, asking for 10 Scouts to help set-up on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. I know this is early, and if you are in marching band/sports, there are other positions you can do later in the morning, so you don't have to get up quite so early!

The sign-up sheet was passed around at last Tuesday's troop meeting. If you missed the meeting, please give me a call and let me know what position you would like. The sign-up sheet will be passed around during next Tuesday's troop meeting as well. In order to make this a success, we need as close to 100% participation! We still need volunteers for the following positions:  
Set-up – 6:00 a.m. (10/20/02), ticket sales at the door, food preparation 6:30-8:00 a.m., serving 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., cleanup 10:00 a.m. until finished. We need mostly Scout volunteers, and several adult volunteers.

Our first pre-sales was last Sunday, and we sold \$34 in tickets, which is a great start! This Sunday will be even better!

Thank you for volunteering, and if you have any questions regarding this event, please call any one of the fundraising committee members: Karen Benigar: 303-980-9390, Olga Wells: 980-9024, or Russ Mann: 989-7376.



## Announcements

*Parents:*

For Safety's sake:

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to come into the building when picking up your scout after the meeting. Thank you.