

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: Reverent toward God. He respects the beliefs of



He is faithful in his religious duties.

Patrol News



SPL's

written by:

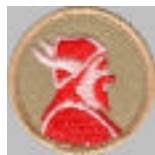
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Eagles

written by: Matt

The Merit Badges are personal management and Snow Sports.



Vikings

written by: Shane

We have been doing alot, like, Snow Sports. Its fun.



Scorpions

written by:

Over the Chistmas Break some of us went to Winter Park. We went skiing and spent the night in a cabin. It was fun. The food was good. We plan to go back.



Road Runner Patrol:

written by: Josh

Everyone in our patrol is on their way to First class.



Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop,

We are into a new year; this means that we are wondering what this year will be like. Some of you will be moving to a new school in the fall, this is a very exciting event. Some of you will be graduating from High School. Some of you will be getting your Eagle, this is very cool. Some of you will be having other events and adventures. What ever you do, remember the Scout Law and what it stands for, especially when your path gets hard. Also, remember you are not alone, you have your family, friends and of course your scouting family to give help and have a good time with.

So may this year be a great one for all of you.

Scott E. Johnson, Scoutmaster
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ASM

Uniform Coordinator

written by: Susan Michelle

Greetings,
Winter is upon us, and your cold weather clothes are here to help keep you warm!
Please give me a call 720-969-0622

Sweatshirts	S,M,L	\$22.00	XL,XXL	\$25.00
T-shirts	S,M,L,XL	\$12.50	XXL	\$13.50
448 Caps		\$16.50		
Replacement scarves				
	regular	\$8.50		
	Embroidery	\$17.50		



Announcements

Parents:

For Safety's sake:

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



Committee

written by: Randy Leger

I have copied the Troop email list to provide an advance copy to those who did not hear me at tonight's Committee Meeting: With the new year now underway, I feel this is an appropriate time to discuss some things which need improvement and/or clarification:

a. Scout Behavior: At the recent lock-in, I was subjected to disrespectful behavior by one of our Scouts. I did not take any official action at that time. I am asking all parents and Scouts review the Troop Policy on appropriate behavior during our activities. Inappropriate behavior and disrespectful attitudes is detrimental to the well-being of our Troop, and I intend on ensuring we operate under the proper provisions of the Boy Scouts of America. From here on, our policy will be strictly enforced.

b. During the lock-in, one of our Scouts left the building with his parent to collect an item at his house and bring it to the Church. Per the lock-in activity guidelines, this is not permitted. We set rules for reasons of safety and planning. Please abide by them. Again, activity guidelines will be strictly enforced going forward.

c. Permission Slips: This was also a problem at lock-in and other activities. Permission slips are mandatory for our activities so we can ensure our Troop is covered by liability and other insurance policies from BSA. A missing permission slip can expose Troop 448 to lawsuits and will not protect Troop 448 by BSA's insurance, therefore, effective immediately, all permission slips will be turned in by the due date if the Scout wants to attend the activity. It is the responsibility of the Scout to ensure his permission slip has been accepted and recorded by the activity coordinator. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!! NO PERMISSION SLIP MEANS YOU WILL NOT ATTEND THE STATED ACTIVITY!!**

d. Committee Positions: I am very pleased with the overall attitude of our team of Committee Members, Asst. Scoutmasters, and of course, our Scoutmaster. What I am not pleased with is that I seem to be doing the work of many positions when I attend Troop Meetings, when these responsibilities should be conducted by the appropriate position leader. Please ensure you are fulfilling your duties in your position. If you wish to serve in another position, please advise Scott Johnson and myself, and we will advise you where we need the most help.

e. February's Committee Agenda will include the election of Committee Chair. My position is an elected position, and I believe the



Committee deserves the right to serve under someone whom they have confidence in. I stated at the January meeting that if nominated and elected, I would serve again. If not, I will still continue to serve at the pleasure of the new Chair. I will not be at that meeting due to business travel, and Ms. Olga Wells will be presiding as Committee Chair Pro-Temp in my absence. At your service, Randy



ASM

written by: Mrs. Boles

Happy New Year! I look forward to another year of working with the "Scouts". I have enjoyed the jokes and conversations while working on Merit Badges and attending the PLC. I would like to encourage everyone, (Scouts, leaders, and parents) to keep up the hard work. If there is a question that "anyone" needs help with, please feel free to ask, and we'll look for an answer. Happy 2003! Mrs. Boles

Program

written by: Mary Ann Pettit

The Scouts are finishing up the requirements for Personl Management or Snow Sports during January. In February we will start Graphic Arts and Emergency Preparedness and in March we hope to start Citizenship in the World and Atomic Energy.

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 @
303-989-5572 or codi.johnson@rmnc.com



ASM

written by: Garth Boyd

We are currently working on three exciting events.

OKPIK Winter Camping

Ian, Ty, and Alan are attending the OKPIK Winter Camping training program at the Tahosa High Adventure Base. OKPIK, a two night, two day adventure in loving outdoors in extreme weather conditions, is for scouts who are at least 13 years of age and 1st class.

Klondike Yukon Adventure

Six Scouts have registered to attend the Timberline District's annual winter camporee, Klondike. Klondike is a winter skills training and competition and is being held at Camp Hale, the famous training site for the US Army's 10th Mountain Division. Activities will include god sled races, compass & fire bulding competitions, snowshoeing & signalling training. If you would like to come with us, please contact garth Boyd.

Moab

We are planning our annual spring break trip to Canyonlands National Park and Moab, Ut. We will leave on Sunday, March 16 and return on Friday, march 21 or Saturday, March 22. Activities are still being planned but typically include mountain biking and canoeing. We also look forward to a trip into Moab for showers and ice cream- did I mention the sunshine and warm weather? If you want to escape from A) cold weather, B) boredom, or C) day care during spring break, plan to join us; it is more fun for scouts, parents and siblings than you can imagine. Ask anyone who's been there, this is not to be missed!



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Equipment Coordinator Report

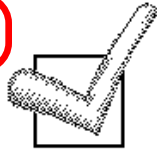
written by: Gregg Scott

We have finally completed an inventory of most of the troop property. It seems we are generally in pretty good shape. We have ordered new lantern globes to replace broken ones. We now have three 20-lb and two 10-lb certified propane tanks with the new required valves.

Michael and Eric are the new Troop 448 Quartermasters. Thanks to these two scouts for volunteering to help in this position. They will be organizing an inventory of the Patrol Boxes and nonperishable foods.



Calendar



Dates to Remember

February

- 2nd Winter Fun
- 4th Troop meeting
- 6th Roundtable/OA
- 9th Committee meeting
- 11th Troop meeting & PLC
- 15-16th Snow Caving
- 18th Troop meeting
- 21-23rd Klondike derby
- 25th Troop meeting

March

- 4th Troop meeting
- 6th Roundtable/OA
- 8th Chataqua
- 9th Committee meeting
- 11th Troop meeting & PLC
- 15-21st Moab
- 25th Troop meeting
- 30th Court of Honor

Check our website for the most current information.



Fundraising

FUNDRAISING SURVEY

Dear Scouts:

In order for me to plan successful fundraising activities, so that the troop may take their trip to Alaska/Canada in two years, I need your help to determine which type of fundraising you would find fun and profitable.

I feel that the pancake breakfast went well, and we had over half the troop participate. I would like to do it again in either January or February. If we did it in February we could have a Valentines theme.

In addition to the pancake breakfast, I have been thinking about either/or a garage sale in the spring or summer, or a silent auction in either the winter or spring. Both of these fundraisers would require both

donations, and volunteer time. Other than those ideas, I don't have many others. This is where you could help me. Below are some blank lines, please fill these in with ideas you have for any fundraisers which you feel that you and the other Scouts would enjoy, and that you feel would make a profit.

Please return the completed forms to either Mr. Johnson, or myself at next Tuesday's troop meeting. Thank you so much for your help!

Karen Benigar
Fundraising Coordinator
Phone: 303-980-9390
E-Mail: Wbeni35227@aol.com

Fundraising Ideas

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