

# 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: Thrifty. A Scout works to save for the future. He protects and fully uses time and property.



pay his way and to help others. He conserves natural resources. He care-

## Patrol News



### SPL

written by: Matt

School is back in session. I'm happy to be going to the Sand Dunes. Remember: Popcorn sales is here! Sell, Sell, Sell!!!



### Dragon Patrol:

written by: Entire Patrol

We can't wait to go to the Sand Dunes. Peaceful Valley was great because the staff made work fun. JD is working on his Eagle project, donations would be greatly appreciated. Please see JD.



### Scorpions

written by: Tom

We have been having some attendance problems lately in the Scorpion Patrol. At most we've had an average of 2 people a week. We are settling nicely in school and are coming up on our first grading period.



### Eagles

written by: All

We are looking forward to the Camporee, we have a great Troop Flag! We are 1/3 of the way into the school trimester. School is great!





## Scoutmaster Minute

Dear Troop

It is time to elect new leaders – Senior Patrol Leader and the rest of the scout leadership in the troop. It is truly a very special thing to be a leader – not a yucky chore.

I received this example of leadership and teamwork, this fits scouts and our troop.

### Lessons of the Geese

In the fall when you see Geese heading south for the winter flying along in the “V” formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Quite similar are people who are part of a team and share a common direction. Get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another and lift each other up along the way.

Whenever a Goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock.

If we have as much sense as a Goose, we will stay in formation and share information with those who are headed in the same way that we are going.

When the lead Goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wings and another Goose takes Over.

It pays to share leadership and take turns doing hard jobs.

The Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, Helping them to keep pace in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue. It is important that our honking be encouraging. Otherwise it's just –well- honking!

Finally, when a Goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two Geese fall out of the formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group. When one of us is down, it's up to the others to stand by us in our time of trouble.

If we have the sense of a Goose, we will stand by each other when things get rough. We will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go.

The next time you see a formation of Geese, remember their message that: “it is indeed a Reward, a Challenge and a Privilege to be contributing member of a TEAM”.

Scott E. Johnson, Scoutmaster 303-989-5572

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## Committee News

To BSA Troop 448 Parents

I have been asked to address the issue of participation in Troop activities. My apologies to those of you to whom these thoughts do not apply.

What is happening to our Troop?

As troop 448's Chartered Organization Representative, it is my duty to see that Troop 448 perpetuates itself into infinity and beyond. With participation of both the scouts and their parents waning, that perpetuation appears to be in jeopardy. I am referring last month's parent/scout annual planning meeting (only 25% of the troop and their parents showed up). I am referring to last summer's main event, (cancelled due to lack of participation). I am referring to this weekend's Sand Dunes trip with only four Scouts attending. I'm referring to the struggle to recruit Scouts and parents to participate in Scouting activities and outings such as the Scout Show, camping trips and other recreational and service events. Scout Masters cannot do it by themselves.

I ask, “What is happening to our troop?”

I ask, If your Scout is not interested in participating, than why is he and you a part of this troop?

I ask, Is it fair to the Scouts who have signed up for an event or activity to have it cancelled for lack of participation.

Yes, we all lead hectic lives. Yes, we all have different priorities.

I ask, where is Scouting on you're and your son's priority list? If Scouting is at the bottom of that list then I revert back to my previous question, “why are you here?”

I ask, How can we fix this? Answer: We can't without you because you have the answers. That is what the parents meeting was for, but where were you? We need your input. The answer is simple, Make Scouting a priority.

Algebra lesson:

Lack of interest + no parental involvement = NO TROOP!

Again, My apologies to those of you to whom these thoughts do not apply.

Russ Mann  
Chartered Rep





## Committee News

written by: Randy Leger

It's been a while since I wrote to everyone....just been having too much fun with various activities.

I got to spend a few days at PV this summer with your sons; got to watch them have fun, learn new skills, and be friends. It always brings back fond memories of my Scouting experience, and I hope everyone has a chance to join their sons next year, even for a day.

I got to witness the power of aluminum cans.....for our recycling day fundraiser. Don't forget we have popcorn and Bronco booth fundraisers....we really want to get our trailer this year prior to Moab!!

I ran the Jefferson Foundation/Second Wind race last Sunday (even finished...don't ask the time). I was quite proud of those Scouts who showed their support of our Charter Organization, Green Mountain Presbyterian Church by manning the water table. My dog thanks you for the water as well.

Lastly, as we get into our busy season with the troop, I want to remind everyone to take a moment to talk to your son about his scouting goals for this year. Help maintain his focus on what he wants to achieve this year and beyond. Behind every successful scout is a supportive parent.

At your service,  
Randy



## Fundraising

\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\*

### REMINDER

Please continue to bring newspapers, scrap paper, notebook paper, computer paper, etc. to our recycling bin. This bin is the white one which is located right next to the two green bins. The bin will be emptied every Tuesday. Checks will be issued every 45 days. The bin hold 1 1/2 tons. We are paid \$50 for each ton! This is a very easy fundraiser! All proceeds will go to the trailer fund. Thank you so very much for all your efforts so far. We almost had a whole bin last Tuesday!

### REMINDER

Please remember to continue to bring in empty ink cartridges. This is also a very easy fundraiser also! Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

Thank you!  
Karen Benigar  
Fundraising Coordinator

## Council News

### Training Opportunities:

Boy Scout Leader Training

9/13 8am-11:15 am

9/27 10:30 am-12 pm

10/4 10:30 am- 12 pm

See Scott Johnson for more information

### Council Fun Stuff:

OKPIK - Cold Weather Camping - must be 1st class scout and at least 13 yrs old

Assorted dates beginning 1/9

Registrations due soon- see Scott Johnson for more information.

Boy Scout Night with the D.U. Pioneers Hockey Team  
Friday, 11/21 Magness Arena  
See flier for ordering information

### Popcorn Sales

The Troop needs a chairperson for the annual popcorn sale. This is a fairly easy way to support your Troop! If interested, please contact Scott Johnson at 303-989-5572





## Program

written by: Mary Ann Pettit

The Scouts are trying to finishup the Environmental Science badge during the month of September.

Scouts please make sure to finish your homework each week so that you can get signed off for each requirement.

FYI - The September PLC has been changed to September 23rd at 6:00 pm.



## 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.

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

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## Calendar



### Dates to Remember

#### September

2nd	Troop Meeting
4th	Roundtable/OA
7th	Committee Meeting
9th	Troop Meeting,
12 -14th	Sand Dunes
16th	Troop Meeting
19-21st	Fall Camporee
23th	Troop Meeting, PLC
28th	Troop COH
30th	Troop Meeting

#### October

2nd	Roundtable/OA
5th	Committee Meeting
7th	Troop Meeting, PLC
12th	Bowling
14th	Troop Meeting,
18th	Pow Wow/ Den Chief Conference
21st	Troop Meeting
28th	Troop Meeting



## ASM

Uniform Coordinator

written by: Susan Michelle

If you need an item of clothing from our Class B uniform list please give me a call and I will bring you that item the next Scout meeting.

Thank you, Susan 720-962-0622

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

