

# 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: Friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He offers his friendships, and respects them even if different from his own.



He is a brother to people of all races, nationalities, and customs are

## Patrol News



**SPL's**  
written by: Adam

PLC went well. We hope to have a fun year. Moab was great, with beautiful weather.



**Flaming Arrow Patrol:**  
written by: Levi

Erik joined the patrol. Troop swimming is on the 25th of April. There is a lot of fun in April and May doing fitness. Levi got his scout badge.



**Cobra Patrol:**  
written by: Jacob

Moab was fun. We rocked, climbed, and went on a bike ride. Summer camp is coming up and we'll get merit badges. In boy scouts we're doing cycling, fishing, and personal fitness. The new scouts are having fun.



**Scorpions**  
written by:  
Patrol Leader: Alex,  
Assistant patrol leader: Jacob Pettit

We, the second year scouts, are making good progress on 8th Class. Tanner is planning his eagle project, a concert including local bands. Jacob went to Moab and did some rock climbing.



**Rocking Chair Patrol**  
written by: Karen Benigar

Hi everyone!  
I just wanted to thank everyone who voted for me for "Outstanding Scouter of the Year" award! I went to the banquet, along with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Leger! It was a wonderful event! It was amazing to see such dedication from Scoutmasters at every level (along with parent volunteers, ASM's, etc.). Scouting is such a great program, and it's wonderful to see so many people at the troop level and district level helping to make Scouting the great program that it is!  
Thank you again for all your votes! It was an event that I shall not soon forget!



## Scoutmaster Minute



Dear Troop

I hope everyone is doing fine. I will keep this short this month. I want to congratulate Karen Benigar and Randy Leger for receiving the Outstanding Scout Award for 2003. They both did a great job this past year. I am also honored for your supporting me for this award as well.

Our troop's Motto is "Scouting at its Finest" with all of your help that is just not words, it is true. So thank you all, keep up the great work. Even I know that sometimes it is hard. Again this time of year in the troop is a time of change, change can be hard, and it can also be fun. So keep this in mind - Change is a constant in the world and fear is its companion, if you overcome the fear, then you can enjoy the fruits of change.

Scott E. Johnson, Scoutmaster  
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## Programs

Welcome again to all our new scouts!  
During the month of April the scouts will be planning for the Scout Show which will take place on Saturday, April 24th. Please join us for this fun day. Our merit badges will start again on April 27th. Medicine and Communications will have a make up day on the 27th. We will be starting Personal Fitness, Fishing and Cycling on May 4th.



## Committee



written by: Kim Huffman

### Dear Troop 448

Reminder to all of Troop 448, that summer camp is coming and a great experience for the boys. If you have not signed up it is not too late. The scout meeting or my email will work. This year we are going to the Longs Council, which is in the mountains near Red Feather Lake.

The cost of summer camp is \$190 for the week, and all the fun the boys can handle, from sailing to mountain climbing, and too many other activities to mention here.

Plans are for the first week of August, if enough campers need the date moved up a week, it could be possible. At the PV scout ranch, there is also another way to get to camp this summer, the "Super Troop". This troop is composed of one to three scouts from many troops to make up a "Super Troop". The troop has openings for each week of camp. Limited is 20 scouters per super troop. There are some weeks limited to 10 scouters.

Information about any of the camps please contact me, Kim Huffman.

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## 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		



## Committee

Submitted By:  
Cindi Stuckey, Activities Coordinator

### Swimming Activity at Apex Center

Enjoy a great afternoon at the Apex Center Water Park with your family for an entire afternoon! On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at the Apex Center in Arvada and enjoy its three swimming pools (including a fun wading pool for the younger ones), two huge water slides, a whirl pool, a "ropes" course, and hot tubs. Permission slips will be distributed at Scout meetings until the April 20th due date. See you there!

### 2004 Scout Show – "On Track With Scouting"

Our troop and Cub Scout Pack 844 will man a booth together at the April 24 Scout Show at the National Western Complex Hall of Education. Our theme is "Trekking with 448 and 844" and we will again utilize our obstacle course, with candy prizes at the completion. Please sign up for a shift working at the booth (both adults and Scouts are needed). The sign-up sheet will be available at the end of each Scout meeting, or you can contact Cindi Stuckey at 303-987-2757 to volunteer.



## Fundraising

Our 2nd aluminum can recycling day was a huge success! The flaming Arrow patrol won the contest by bringing a total of 74 pounds! the Rocking chair Patrol came in second with 54 pounds, Cobra Patrol was 3rd with 38 pounds, and Scorpions came in 4th with 27 pounds. The Grand Total equals 193 pounds. We made a total of \$92.64 which will be split between the troop and scout accounts. We will have our next aluminum can recycling day in the middle of the summer.

Just a reminder, don't forget to bring ink jet/ laserjet cartridges, and newspapers/scrap white paper to our recycling bin.



## Scout Show Tickets

Good afternoon all,

In case you didn't get the word, we now have scout show tickets for the you to sell. If you boys are interested in selling, please contact me at the following places:

303-697-0950 Home  
303-697-2140 Fax  
303-906-4392 Cell  
BraunEnv@aol.com

Remember that these tickets are to be sold for \$2.00 each. They include coupon stickers for Beau Jo's pizza, Diary Queen, Stix Flags Elitchs, Grease Monkey, Bennett's Barbeque, and Heritage Cleaners. Out of the \$2.00, the district keeps \$1.00, the Troop gets \$.50 and each boy gets \$.50 to for your scout accounts. I will be at the next meeting (March 28, Court of Honor) with tickets and to collect money from those of you that have already checked some out, however, if you want some now, I will be available to make arrangements to meet you and get you some tickets.

If you have any questions, give me a call.

Joanna Braun



## Announcements

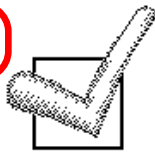
*Parents:*

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:  
Codi Johnson @  
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## Calendar



### Dates to Remember

#### April

- 13<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting, PLC  
17-18<sup>th</sup> Shooting Sports Peaceful Valley  
and New Scout Outing  
20<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> Scout Show  
25<sup>th</sup> Troop Swimming  
27<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting

#### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> Roundtable/ OA  
11<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting, PLC  
14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Glenwood Springs  
18<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> Helicopter Rides  
25<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting

Check our website for the most current information.



**Moab 2004**  
written by: Randy Leger

And so the legend grows, about an adventure undertaken by the most odd combination of folks. A legend and story worthy of retelling many a time over. A story that can only get better the next time Moab gets revisited by a certain troop!!

The sickness usually gets to the leaders in January. "Moab"! they cried, "is only a few months away!". We need permission slips due yesterday, physicals (also due yesterday), and oh yes...better have some planning meetings. A shakedown would also be nice. As luck would have it, we all came together on a fateful Saturday, proceeded to show the troop how NOT to load a trailer (nice wheelie, Mr. Leger), and tucked away in our home for our last good night sleep in our

warm beds.

"Arise, arise, the day is breaking"! Sunday proved to set the tone of Moab, as it was cold and windy. And this was just in the parking lot of Green Mountain Presbyterian Church. A few worried looks on the faces of the first-timers, however, that look soon passed (Thank you Mr Mann for opening up the church to use the restrooms). So, the brave adventurers set off.....to the Texaco station to fill up with gas....and then back off to....scenic Dillon overlook. We took a stretch break and headed on to Fruita....at 30mph up Vail Pass (we will need to do a better job at shakedown to reduce weight...some folks will simply have to bike ride with only one tire)...then arrived at Fruita, Subway style.

Ahhh, the excitement is growing. Our weary adventurers (I don't care if we've only been traveling for 4 hours) have arrived to eat at Subway, the last commercial food they will have until Ice Cream Day (see below). As we are waiting in line, one of the young 'uns starts singing the Quiznos commercial with the spongmonkeys (dead rats with ugly teeth), which kind of sets the tone for the remainder of the trip....lots of fun and loud noises. After Subway, gassing up, we are off....only 2-3 hours from our destination.

We exit off I-70 near the beloved town of Cisco. You have to see it to truly understand the belovedness of it's character. I was elected Mayor last year as we were passing through, because I promised to bring in a McDonalds...alas, i digress..??

Stopping in Castle Valley is probably one of the most scenic areas in the Moab area. Good view of Fisher Tower and other monuments. Simply awesome (an expression you will hear often when talking to us adventurers).

Finally got to the camp, unpacked, and set off into town with Mr. Johnson to show him the Not-So-Secret public water spigot, where we will be making daily camel runs for water. As we came back, the camp was starting to come together. Many thanks to Mr. Packer for setting up the windbreaker tarp, that way, our stoves could stay lit. It is a wonderful campsite, Big Bend Group C, as there are many rocks to go exploring within close site of the camp. Juniper Jacob and Slick Rock Shawn also noticed a group of college age climbers bouldering at the base of our



camp and pointed them out to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Exact text of this conversation has been deleted from this text due to extreme hilarity.

As we settled into our Sunday night cooking routine, all was well until we heard the shout “Guys, the girls are ready”? Which brought a startled expression from Mrs. Johnson, followed by mass laughter from the Rocking Chair Patrol. Freudian slip??? What was meant to be said was “Guys, the grill is ready”. Somehow, this got mixed up with the reference to the PetsMart Biker Chicks (a.k.a. Mariah the Fierce Spider Killer and Crazy Kaydean), identifiable by the PetsMart logo kerchiefs worn most the waking hours of this trip.

Setting out for our Monday bike ride to Klondike Bluffs went well. Arrived at the take-off point, inflated everyone’s tires while trying not to deflate enthusiasm (that comes with the first Sand Trap). The Johnson’s saw us off after we had our bike safety check and warning about sand traps.

The first sand trap is simply a warning of a bigger threat of what is around the corner. As you could have guessed, it is like riding in beach sand, except you approach it at speeds obtained on a hard pack 4x4 road. It is like Velcro on your tires, unless you keep the wheels moving. After the two traps, things get back to hard packed roads for awhile, then we get to the slickrock. A few miles over the slickrock, which all the riders got the hang of quickly, back to the 4x4 road, and we’re at the entrance to Arches National Park, Klondike Bluffs. We had a good time looking at the small pools of water and the small aquatic life, then moved on to sightseeing and the ride back. Mr. Leger forgot he was advanced in age and proceeded to account for both minor injuries from spills and thrills.

Tuesday was our first day on the rocks...rock climbing that is. As the Instructor, it is always the most nerve racking, taking a new group out. We managed to arrive, claim, and set up; our routes. The route climbed was “Granny and her Green Suede Shoes”. a 5.6 crack slab climb. Everyone who tried got up and down safely. Some even made it to the top. All in all, for the first time climbers, it is nerve racking on them. Great support from my merit badge climbers, all of whom went (Cactus Crack Jacob, Khaki, Adam, JD, Alan, and Rockin’ Alan).

Wednesday is the traditionally free

time day for our campers. This is the day you can sleep in....and they did....until 0630??? Go figure. We did go to the fabulous Sand Dune where we dug tunnels and slide down/tumbled the hill on sleds (where Rockin’ Alan got his nickname).

Afterwards, we proceeded to the World’s Famous lazy Lizard Hostel for warm showers. It is interesting to observe the Scouts expression on their face after removing several days of accumulation, however, its priceless when they get to the Moab Diner for ice cream.

Thursday was another day on the rocks, and I’m proud to say that everyone made it up to the top and down again...some even did it twice. As our trip was winding down, there was the feeling that sleeping in one’s own bed at home would be nice... and that’s the adults talking.

Friday was pack up and head home, and this went smoothly. As we tumbled out of our vehicles at Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, I saw lots of smiles, weary faces and nonstop talk about what a great time Moab was. Mr. Packer’s cooking, overloaded day packs, duct tape to repair tents, rock climbing, biking, ....well, I could go on, but it wouldn’t be the same unless I saw you there with us at Moab NEXT year to share in the reminiscing.

