



TROOP 113 NEWSLETTER

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December Activities

December 14	Troop Christmas Party
December 21	No Troop meeting
December 28	No Troop meeting
December 21	Cherry Creek Winter break starts
December 25	Christmas
January 4	Cherry Creek Winter break stops

Troop Christmas Party

Be sure to bring your gift for the party tonight. Make it Scout appropriate and have a good time! Please dress casual for tonight's meeting.

What to Bring:

The Troop will provide pizza

Cobras - Cookies

Vikings - Drinks

Frogs - Drinks

Sharks - Mints & Other Holiday Goodies

Rams - Plastic Ware & Cups

There will be a prize for the "best" tie.

If your scout would like to participate in the "Yankee" gift exchange (a friendly game where you get to take some ones opened gift or pick one that's still wrapped) bring a wrapped, unmarked gift in the \$10 - \$15 range.

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Congrats New Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader	Rudy
Assistant SPL	Adam
Assistant SPL	Rajiv
Assistant SPL	Colin

Rams Patrol Leader	Jed
Rams Asst. Patrol Leader	Ashton
Cobras Patrol Leader	Brian
Cobras Asst. Patrol Leader	Thomas
Vikings Patrol Leader	Nathan
Vikings Asst. Patrol Leader	Andrew
Frogs Patrol Leader	Andrew
Frogs Asst. Patrol Leader	Troy
Sharks Patrol Leader	Chris
Sharks Asst. Patrol Leader	Mick

See that last page to see the expectations for the new leadership.

Weekly Dues Info

At the Committee meeting that was held on the 7th of December, we discussed the weekly dues that each Scout should be paying. As each Scout knows, they need to pay \$1.00 per week that they earn for doing a good turn. This money goes to the Troop to help offset expenses that we incur throughout the year. Right now there are a lot of Scouts that are behind in these dues.

To help encourage the Scouts to pay these dues, we have instated a plan. Each Scout must do 2 final things to be advanced to the next rank. The 1st thing is to be involved in a Scout Master Conference. The 2nd thing is to be involved in a Board of Review.

If a Scout is not current in their dues, they will be made aware of this and then will not be able to schedule or participate in a Board of Review. Once they become current, they can then do the Board of Review.

Congrats on your rank

Congratulations to all the Scouts that were recognized for rank advancement at that COH! You all worked very hard and made a difference in your Scout career.

Keep up the good work.

Information to know

The next Committee meeting will on Monday night 21 December. We are changing this to Monday due to not having a regular Scout meeting that night.

Committee Meeting Info

21 December, Monday night at the church.

Leadership Position Info

If you are interested in running for a leadership position this month, these are the BSA requirements for each of them.

SPL.....14-Years-Old; Life;
Big Horn Trained

ASPL.....14-Years-Old; Star;
Big Horn Trained

Patrol Leader.....13-Years-Old; First
Class

A Patrol Leader.....12-Years-Old; Second
Class

Monthly Merit Badge Info

The merit badge that is going on right now is the Fingerprinting merit badge. They are almost done with the requirements for the badge. Show up on the 14th to start if you have not started yet. It is a very fast and easy merit badge to earn.

Looking Ahead

January

- Okpic
- Klondike

February

- Ski Cooper

March

- La Junta

April

- Kiowa Creek

Committee Meeting Dates

Bulletin Board

Newsletter Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Dean S. no later than third week of the month! Please email your articles to Dean S.

Newsletter on the Web

The latest issue of the newsletter is always available online on our Troop website. Visit our website at: <http://www.troop113bsa.org>

Advancement Contacts

Board of Reviews or Advancements - Mary K.

Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator - Tracy S.

You can email anyone in the leadership team by using their last name in the Troop email address.

For example:
<lastname>@troop113bsa.org

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Monthly Troop Picture



Jared E. at Bear Lake Utah. He is enjoying the wonderful antique that Skylar E. found in Lara mie WY.
Bear Lake Utah 2009

Monthly Scout Website Information

This will be the spot that will hold a monthly random Scout related website or information that is useful. If anyone has something good to submit, please let me know and I will add it to this section.

This is the official web site for Scouting in the US.

<http://www.scouting.org/>

This is a good site to get information about songs for all Scouts

<http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/>

This website shows different Scout patches from around the world. Enjoy!

<http://www.scoutpatches.com/>

This is an article that has a lot of recipes for backpacking food that you can make at home, dehydrate, and take with you.

<http://www.backpackingchef.com/index.html>

This is an article about how to make an easy to use but functional Patrol Box for any size outing.

http://www.troop184.org.uk/patrol_box.htm

This is a good article for making a stave (walking stick) from some Scouts in Ireland.

<http://www.scouts.ie/scouts/programme-ideas/the-scout-stave/>

This is a site that has scanned a copy of a 1965 Boy Scout Handbook.

<http://chawedrosin.wordpress.com/2009/02/05/1965-boy-scout-handbook/>

This site has many songs that are for Scouts. Some in the MP3 format and others are the words to the song. Enjoy!

<http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/>

N.Y. Boy Scout earns all 121 merit badges

http://www.usatoday.com/news/offbeat/2008-12-29-merit-badges_N.htm?csp=34

The BSA's first Eagle Scout, Arthur Rose Eldred.

http://www.eaglescout.org/history/first_eagle.html

Dirty Jobs, Mike Rowe's letter to a Scout about working towards Eagle.

http://blogs.discovery.com/mike_rowe_answers/2008/11/mike-offers-a-p.html

eScrip Fundraiser Information



It's Easy! It's Free! It' Powerful!

Troop 113 has partnered with eScrip to help fundraiser for our scouts! eScrip partners with merchants (such as Safeway, Best Buy, Staples) to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop – at no cost to you! eScrip estimates the average family can earn around \$200 per year.

Registration is easy and quick! To sign-up select the link below and enter Troop 113 as our Group Name. Feel free to pass along to family and friends. There is no limit to the number of participants.

Registration Link

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>

Before registering, feel free to view the website and the available merchants.

Search online merchants

<http://shopping.escrip.com/cgi/shop.plx?pid=5400&sid=900556983>

Search restaurants

http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/index.jsp?zipcode=80015&exportedId=900556983&loginstate=true&_requestid=29186

If you have any questions about this program, please ask it of any of the adult leadership at the Monday night meetings.

Troop 113 Leadership Positions for Fall 2009

During the last JLT session, position duties and expectations for the PLC were clarified. Here are the important expectations for fall 2009 that you need to know:

SPL: Responsible for calling ASPLs and PL to remind them of the PLC meetings. Reminds PLs of their weekly assignment for each meeting.

ASPL: PLC leaders, excepting PLs, report to one of the 3 ASPLs, ASPL 1 is responsible for the Scribe, Historian and Newsletter Editor; forwards newsletter material to the publisher. ASPL 2 is responsible for the QM and Librarian and will update the Troop QM with needs and wants. ASPL 3 is responsible for the Instructors, Guides, Chaplain's Aid and OA Rep. Each ASPL is responsible for reminding their group of PLC meetings. ASPLs will coordinate the activities of their groups with the SPL.

PL: Ensures patrol flag, and yell are current and everyone in patrol knows the yell.

Scribe: Take minutes at the PLC and write up for the SPL and SM. Provide upcoming event dates to the Newsletter editor. Collects dues.

Historian: Maintain/create a photo album for each event. Write up a summary of each event to include with the photos. Provide event photos to the Newsletter editor. Ensure we have a current poster board for Webelos meet and greet in November.

Newsletter Editor: Is considered a Scribe position for leadership positions. Provides dates of future events, event summaries and photos for the monthly newsletter to ASPL 1. Fills in for Scribe as needed.

QMs: QM 1 is responsible for troop equipment and informing ASPL 2 of equipment issues. QM 2 is responsible for the food inventory and should maintain a list of current stock. Both QMs will help coordinate shed maintenance, and shed, equipment and trailer clean up as needed.

Librarian: Maintain MB library and sign out sheet. Provide a list of new MB books needed to ASPL 2. Coordinates donations of "used" MB books.

OA Rep: Attends at least 50% of OA meetings. Attends OA events when possible. Provides OA event dates to ASPL 3.

Troop Guides/Instructors: Help with rank advancement through First Class. Assists with visiting Webelos during Troop meetings and campouts.

To earn credit for your leadership position, you are expected to attend at least 50% of Troop activities in addition to the above expectations.

