



# TROOP 113 NEWSLETTER

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## January Activities

Jan 2-4	Tahosa and Okpik
Jan 12	Cold Weather cooking
Jan 23 - 25	Klondike
Jan 26	Ski and Snowboard info

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## Weekly Dues Info

At the Committee meeting that was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> thing is to be involved in a Scout Master Conference. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Scoutmaster Corner

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season. I challenged the Scouts at the first meeting of the New Year to come up with a Scouting-related New Year's Resolution. I would like to challenge everyone else reading this newsletter to also make a resolution to become more involved in Scouting this year. Come to a Troop Committee meeting; the bylaws may not be as boring as the Scouts who attended Tahosa cabins have lead you to believe. If it's been a while since you joined us on an outing (or if you've never been on an outing), there are some great ones coming up. Volunteer to coordinate an outing. Conduct a merit badge class. There are many things you can do to become more involved, and with Scouting, it only takes an hour a week of your time ☺.

For everyone going on a Philmont Trek, there are about 178 days before we hit the trail. Everyone should have started some type of exercise/cardio program. If you haven't, start today.

## Opportunity to help

The Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) Foundation is looking for typically developing children from 4–18 years of age to help in sensory studies. Each session will last from 45 Minutes to 1 ½ hours. These sessions will evaluate the children's reaction to sensations.

If you are able to help with this the foundation will give the participating child a \$10 gift card to Target.

The foundation will make every effort to schedule at your convenience.

Please let Tracy S. know that you are interested or you can call the foundation at 303-865-7628 to schedule time to help out the foundation.

## Scout Master Corner cont

If you have, keep it up. If you haven't read Coop Wright's Philmont Guide, you should. It contains excellent information. There are also several websites that have trek and program summaries. Start looking at treks and program activities now so that we can be ready to make a decision as soon as the 2009 treks are available. The 2009 treks should be ready March 15. The sooner we know what we want to do, the sooner we can get the trek selection cards returned. And the sooner the selection cards are returned, the more likely we are to get the treks we want. You should also be thinking about backpacks and gear; if your feet aren't growing (adults), consider boots. Everyone will need the Philmont medical form completed.

## Scout Sunday at SHUMC

February 8<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Scout Sunday at SHUMC. This is a time that Troop 113 can give back to the church that allows us to meet in their building every week. Patrols will be identified to be at each service that day. There will a service at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45.

The Patrols will help with ushering and bulletin handout as well as anything else that the church may need us to do.

The uniform will be class A's so we can present a good example of what Scouting is.

There will be sign-up sheets in the to volunteer for the time that will be best for you.

## Committee Chair Corner

Happy New Year! In order to help scout families weather the current economic conditions, the Troop Committee is starting 3 fundraisers this springs. Like past years we will be selling scout show cards, then we will be selling first aid kits. If you are not interested in selling anything or you don't have time to volunteer we have the fundraiser for you. We are joining a fundraising network called eScrip. eScrip partners with businesses that contribute a percentage of your grocery, debit/credit card purchases to your scout ISA account. To learn more about eScrip, please visit their website at <http://scrip.com>. More information will be provided in the coming months.

## Monthly Merit Badge Info

The next Eagle required merit badge will be the Communications Merit Badge. It will start on 26 January. More information on the date and time to follow...

The next merit badge that will be given is the Law Merit Badge.

Upcoming Merit Badge opportunities:

February	Winter Sports
March	Personal Management
April	Coin Collecting
May	Geology
June	Hiking. The hiking merit badge will have 2 meetings before June to do some of the requirements.

## Looking Ahead

- February
  - Ski Cooper
- March
  - Bent's Fort
- April
  - Sand Dunes
- May
  - Glenwood Canyon

## Committee Meeting Dates

September 7	March 1
October 5	April 5
November 2	May 3
December 7	June 7
January 11	July 12
February 1	August 2

## 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



This is the Tahosa Cabins outing!

## Troop 113 Classified Section

If anyone has anything that they want to add to the list please email me with the info.

## 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.

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

[http://www.eaglescout.org/history/first\\_eagle.html](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](http://blogs.discovery.com/mike_rowe_answers/2008/11/mike-offers-a-p.html)

### BSA 2010 Centennial Jamboree

Please join the Denver Area Council Contingent to the [2010 Centennial National Jamboree](#) at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. National Jamborees occur only once every four years. This event is one of the most significant in a Scouts career, joining 350 Scouts from Denver and 45,000 Scouts from the United States and foreign countries. This will be the last Jamboree held at Fort A. P. Hill. Our contingent will include 7 Troops, each comprised of 36 Boy Scouts and 4 Adult Scouter's. Scouts must be 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010.

The Contingent will tour east coast historic locations for 6–8 days and then join the Jamboree for 10 days. In the past, the pre-Jamboree tour has included tours of Gettysburg National Military Park, Colonial Williamsburg, the Smithsonian, the Capital, and a beach party. Troops are forming now and will begin operations in early 2009. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the Centennial Jamboree. The estimated cost of this event is \$2,500 per Scout. Extensive fund raising activity is planned in order to assist all Scouts to cover the costs, and scholarship support will be available on an individual situation basis.

Anyone who is interested should register their interest now with the Denver Area Council. From the DAC home page, clicking on the Activities/Training logo at the top will bring up the Activities/Training page. Move the mouse over "Activities" at the left side of the page to bring up a sub-menu that lists the 2010 Jamboree. Click on "2010 Jamboree" to bring up the 2010 Jamboree information page. There is a link on this page to complete an interest form for DAC. There is no cost or obligation to sign up with DAC at this step.

There will be a presentation at the December 1 Court of Honor to recruit Scouts (and Scouters) for the DAC contingent and to answer any questions you may have. (Scouts from previous Jamborees will be there with some of their Jamboree memorabilia).