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July Activities

July 18 – 25 **Bear Lake Summer Camp**

July 30 **Seabase start**

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Alternative Summer Camp

I know that there are several scouts who cannot attend summer camp with the troop at Bear Lake because of prior commitments for that week.

Although we'd certainly prefer to have you come with the troop to summer camp, we don't want you to miss the opportunity to attend summer camp because of scheduling conflicts.

As an alternative, the Denver Area Council offers a program called Super Troop (see attached), which allows scouts to attend summer camp at Camp Dobbins without their troop. Super Troop provides 2 staff members for the adult troop leadership, and the troop is composed of scouts from various "home" troops. You can choose from any of the 7 weeks that Dobbins is open for the summer. I would suggest that those interested in this option try to decide on a week together, so that they will have a small group of friends with them at camp.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Robinson

Summer Camp Info

We will be leaving for summer camp on the 18th of July. All Scouts need to be at the church by 9:30AM so that we can leave by 10:00AM. During the cookout on Friday night, all Scouts should bring everything that are taking to camp so that we can load the trailer and the other vehicles that are going. The only thing that you do not need to pack up is the day pack with the items that you need for Saturday night and Sunday before we got to Bear Lake. We are going to stay at a church Saturday night so keep out your sleeping bag and personal hygiene items for that night and the rest of the weekend. Be prepared to work at that Fossil Butte National Monument. We will be digging for fossils. Bring gloves to work with during our stay there. Once we get to Bear Lake, we will unpack the trailer that has the tents and other equipment. Please bring enough money for food for the weekend.

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.

Troop Guide Information

Hello. Many of you already know me. For those who don't, I am Andrew Odenthal the Troop Guide for Troop 113. I am in charge of helping you advance in rank so that you can reach the highest goal in scouting. Classes start every Monday evening at 6:30PM. I will teach something new each week. I hope that you can make the time to come, so that I can help you advance and so you can help me make "Eagle".

2nd Class Rank

June 1 - 8b, 8c

June 22 - 9a, 9c

Scout Rank

June 8 - 12a, 12b

Tenderfoot Rank

June 15 - 3

2nd Class Rank

June 1 - 8b, 8c

June 22 - 9a, 9c

Information to know

Popcorn sales – Popcorn sales begin at the end of August. My. Mobley has volunteered to head up the popcorn sales for 2009. If you would like any pre-ordered popcorn please contact Mr. Mobley. Otherwise the order forms will be handed out in early September. Remember, all popcorn sales proceeds go directly to the scout's ISA.

Sprinkler Blowouts – We are looking for some volunteers to assist in overseeing the sprinkler blowout fundraiser for this year. If you are interested, please let Mr. Stadler know, thanks.

Key Dates

Sand Dunes – Sept 11-13

Camporee – Sept 25-27

Court of Honor – August 23 (Sunday) Starting at 5:00.

Sprinkler Blowout Flyer Distribution – September 25 (Friday)

Summer Camp Info

Summer camp is coming up very fast. Most Scouts that have signed up to go have either paid in full or have committed money from their ISA's to cover the cost. There are a few Scouts that still need to do this. Please see Mr. Marrs as soon as possible to pay for summer camp.

There is still a need for Scouts to sign up for merit badges at summer camp. Please make sure you have the ones that you want and are aware of any extra money the merit badge will cost.

Mr. Mars will have a detailed ISA account report for each Scout on June 15th.

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 next Eagle required merit badge will be the Hiking Merit Badge. It will start on May 18th. More information will follow...

Here are the tentative dates and hikes for the hiking merit badge.

August 1st – Gray's and Tory's 10 mile hike
August 8th – 10 mile hike – location to be determined
August 9th – Colorado Trail 20 mile hike
August 22 – Cherry Creek 20 mile hike

The Next Eagle required merit badge is the Physical Fitness Merit Badge.

This merit badge will start on July 30th at the trails Recreation Center. The meetings will start at 6:00PM each time it meets.

Looking Ahead

- July
 - Sea Base start
- August
 - Sea Base
 - Caving outing or Wellington Lake outing
 - Elitch Troop and Family outing
 - Troop elections
 - COH
- September
 - Sand Dunes outing
 - Camporee
 - SBO Flyer distribution
 - Popcorn sales start

Committee Meeting Dates

August 2

Bulletin Board

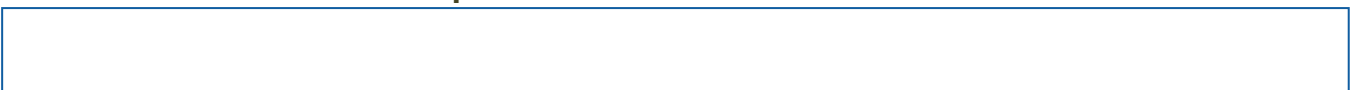
<p>Newsletter Articles Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Dean S. no later than third week of the month! Please email your articles to Dean S.</p> <p>Newsletter on the Web The latest issue of the newsletter is always available online on our Troop website. Visit our website at: http://www.troop113bsa.org</p>	<p>Advancement Contacts Board of Reviews or Advancements – Mary K.</p> <p>Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator – Tracy S.</p> <p>You can email anyone in the leadership team by using their last name in the Troop email address. For example: <lastname>@troop113bsa.org</p>	<p>The <i>Troop 113 Newsletter</i> is a monthly publication of Boy Scouts Troop 113 which is chartered through:</p> <p>Smoky Hill United Methodist Church 19491 E. Smoky Hill Road Centennial, CO 80015 Scoutmaster – Bob B..</p> <p>Committee Chair – Kevin S..</p> <p>Editors – Dean S. and Kevin N.</p>
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Monthly Troop Picture



The eastern entrance to the Moffat Tunnel

Troop 113 Classified Section



Moffet Tunnel backpacking trip.

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 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.

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 1st

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).

