



TROOP 113 NEWSLETTER

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November Activities

November 13 - 15	AFA outing and game
November	Popcorn pickup
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 30	COH night

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Merit Badge College Info

These are some Merit Badge opportunities that Scouts can use. Please check the websites for more information. Don't forget the blue cards from MR. Bucklin!

Centennial District Merit Badge College
10/10/2009

http://www.centennialdistrict.com/registration/calendar_detail.asp?ActivityKey=647440

Frontier District Merit Badge College
11/12/2009

http://www.centennialdistrict.com/registration/calendar_detail.asp?ActivityKey=644106

Valley District Merit Badge College
11/14/2009

http://www.centennialdistrict.com/registration/calendar_detail.asp?ActivityKey=583850

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.

Adult Training

The Denver Area Council has an opportunity for adult training.

It will be at Thomas Jefferson High School on the 24th of October starting at 7:30AM to 4:00PM.

You can register for this training by going to: www.denverboyscouts.org.

COH Information

Our COH will be held on the 30th of November at the Church. There will be a lot of merit badges and ranks advancements to recognize. Please come and support our Scouts.

Committee Meeting Info

The next meeting will be on the 6th of December.

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 is the Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Address and schedule below.

We had to change the date for the last meeting of the PF merit badge due to a conflict with a Jamboree meeting. Make note of the new date.

Trails Recreation Center 16799 E. Lake Ave.
Centennial, CO 80016 303-269-8400 □24
September 21 October □□

Looking Ahead

October

SBO all month long

November

AFA game outing

December

WWW 2009

Christmas

January

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Committee Meeting Dates

Nov 1st
Dec 6th

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



Troop 113 during Flags.
Bear Lake Utah 2009

Monthly Scout Website

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 a web page for how to start charcoal for Dutch oven cooking or for a charcoal grill.

<http://www.outdoorcook.com/article1065.php>

This is a good resource for knot tying. It is an A to Z list of the knots and how to tie them

http://www.scoutingresources.org.uk/knots/knots_az.html

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.

I just wanted to let everyone know that Monday November 30 is our next Court of Honor. If you scout needs a scoutmaster conference or board of review, please see Ms. Kuehster this evening to schedule one. In addition, if you have any open merit badges, please get this completed and turned into Ms. Kuehster by no later than Monday November 16. This will allow us plenty of time to get to the scout shop.

The scouts decided a few months ago to go to Camp Alexander (west of Colorado Springs) this year. Camp A is the most popular summer camp in Colorado. In fact the camp was almost fully booked for 2010 back in September when we made our reservation. Summer camp is the best opportunity for scouts to earn merit badges and work on rank requirements. All scouts are strongly encouraged to attend this camp. This year's camp will be held on July 4 through July 10 (it's possible to head down on July 5 if necessary). In the coming days we will email out the registration information. Also, we have budget for 5 adult leaders to attend summer camp free of charge. If you are interested in attending as an adult, please let me know.

Because Camp A is so popular, they require significant commitment from troops attending camp. As a result, we need to have a very good idea of who is planning on attending by mid-January. If we can't commit to a certain number of spaces, we will have to release some campsites or risk paying additional money. Please spend so time looking over your schedule for next year and register as soon as possible.

Of course summer camp usually cost money and Camp A is no different. Based on current estimates we are expected Camp A to cost \$300 per scout. Thanks goodness we have popcorn and sprinkler blowouts to help cover the cost. We just completed our sprinkler blowout fundraiser in which we grossed almost \$16,000. At the December committee meeting we will approve the payout rate, but based on preliminary numbers we should be able to pay out between \$10 and \$11 per hour. Considering we canceled one weekend due to snow and were frozen out of another weekend, this is great news. Also, your popcorn is available for pickup, please see Mr. Mobley.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know, thanks.

Kevin S.

