



TROOP 113 NEWSLETTER

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February Activities

Feb 8	PLC Meeting Committee Meeting
Feb 13 - 15	Ski Cooper
Feb 23	Court of Honor
Feb 23	Philmont payment due

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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.

Scoutmaster Corner

This is just a reminder that Troop elections will be held Monday night. If you are need of a position for rank advancement, come prepared Monday night to explain to your fellow Scouts why you would be best suited for the position you are choosing to run for.

Remember that there are training, age and rank requirements to hold some positions within the Troop (SPL, ASPL, and PL). Please refer to the last newsletter or ask me about those requirements.

The Court of Honor is 2/23/09. The last date for Board of Reviews, Scoutmaster conferences and turning in blue cards for merit badges is Monday, February 16, 2009.

Yes we are meeting on President's Day. Also, we are asking that your dues be current when you request a Board of Review.

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 Sunday at SHUMC

Thank you to all of the Scouts that helped with the Scout Sunday on the 8th of February. Below is a list of the Scouts that participated.

Troy S., Jason E., Tristan O., Nathan A., Rudy A., Jedd A., Zach U., Hunter S., Andrew O., Adam K., Rajiv C., Brain H., Sean B., Nathan M., Mick N., John W., Garret B., and Tyler M.

Thanks for the help and the support for SHUMC! I know that they really appreciate it.

Scout Master Corner cont

We will kick off the signups for summer camp at Bear Lake and start taking requests for merit badges. We have already requested on overnight canoe outpost for the Troop, and we have reserved some slots in the Aviation Merit Badge class. (There is an extra cost and an age requirement for this MB.)

Committee Chair Corner

I hope everyone is settling into the New Year. I wanted to let you know of a few changes the Troop Committee made regarding the scout's weekly dues. As you know, each scout owes \$1 a week in dues. Also, the weekly dues are owed regardless if the scout attends a Monday night meetings or an outing. As you can imagine several scouts are behind on their dues. To encourage scouts to pay their dues the Troop Committee has made a few changes.

First, at every Court of Honor every scout current on their dues is placed into a drawing for a gift card (HINT the next Court of Honor is February 23). Second, the patrol with the least amount owed receives a dessert at a future Monday night meeting. Lastly, before a scout can have a Board of Review to complete a rank advancement, the scout will be required to bring their dues current.

With a Court of Honor coming up this month, have your scout check with Mr. Marrs if they are behind on their dues. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

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 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

March

- Bent's Fort

April

- Sand Dunes

May

- Glenwood Canyon

June

- Moffat Tunnel backpacking

July

- Philmont
- Summer camp at Bear Lake

August

- Sea Base
- Snow Mountain Ranch

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



Some Scouts a Klondike.

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.

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's 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).