

TROOP 113 GAZETTE

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AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Fishing Outing The Troop is going back to 11 Mile reservoir this month to do some fishing and to finish up the Fly Fishing merit badge and the Fishing merit badge. This will be August 13 -14. The permission slip and the packing list are on the Troop web site. See page 4 to see why we had to change the outing from caving to fishing.

Troop Elections The Troop elections this time will be on 16 August at the regular Troop meet-

ing. Look on page 3 to see the Troop and BSA requirements for each leadership position. If you want to have a position, please be at this meeting.

Court of Honor The next Court of Honor will be held on 22 August starting at 5:00 PM. This will be a long COH as we have a lot of Scouts that will get advanced in rank and there will be a lot of merit badges from Camp Alexander summer camp. Please show up and be part of the COH to honor



the Scouts that have worked very hard this past quarter.

SCOUTS RETURN FROM JAMBOREE

Our Troop had a few Scouts that went to the National Scout Jamboree last month. They got back into Colorado the first week of August. Make sure you talk to them and

find out how they liked it. They said that it was a lot of fun and that they would like to do it again.

Welcome back Jambo Scouts!!

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Upcoming events

- Troop elections
- August fishing outing
- August Court of Honor
- September Camporee
- AFA Football Game
- Sprinkler Blow Out

Check the Troop calendar for the dates.

WEEKLY DUES INFORMATION

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.

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

The BSA has allowed 4 classic Merit Badges to be offered just in the year 2010. These Merit Badges are Carpentry, Signaling, Pathfinding, and Tracking. We are going to try to offer all 4 of them before 31 December so

New merit badges that will be offered this year!

that all of the Troop can get at least one of them as they will not be offered again. Please see the Troop calendar for the dates for this Merit Badge. Click on the event for the regular Scout meeting

for more information about each meeting.

Starting in September Emergency Preparation will be given. This is an Eagle required Merit Badge so please keep that in mind.

ANNUAL OUTING SCHEDULE

The PLC met and decided on some of the outings for the coming year. They also decided on the summer camp that will be offered to the Troop. The monthly outing are as follows:

- Sept 17-19 – Camporee
- Oct 1-3 – Air Force Football Game (the Falcons are planning the Navy)
- Nov 12-14 – Kiowa Creek (shooting range)
- Dec 3-5 – Webelos Winter Weekend
- Jan 28-30 – Klondike & Tahosa Cabins (cabin for anyone not willing to sleep in a tent)

Feb 11-13 – Ski Cooper (back by popular demand)

MILE HIGH PATROL CHALLENGE 2010

The Denver Area Council and the Centennial District will sponsor the 3rd annual Mile High Patrol Challenge in August.

Go to the website below for all of the information on this fun and rewarding event.

http://centennialdistrict.com/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1773



BSA REQUIREMENTS FOR LEADERSHIP

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

Things to know about leadership requirements in Scouting

Senior Patrol Leader
 SPL.....14-Years-Old;
 Life;
 Big Horn Trained
 Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
 ASPL.....14-Years-Old;
 Star;
 Big Horn Trained

Patrol Leader
 PL.....13-Years-Old; First
 Class
 Assistant Patrol Leader
 APL.....12-Years-Old; Sec-
 ond Class

AUGUST OUTING CHANGES

Unfortunately the caving outing in August has been canceled due to an issue with the bats that make their homes in the caves in the Colorado area. The issue is called White Nose Syndrome (WMS). From the web site: The disease causes infected bats to awaken more often during their

winter hibernation and fly outside in search of insects to eat. This activity uses up stored fat reserves needed to get them through the winter, and they usually freeze or starve to death. <http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/habitats/caves->

[and-karst/white-nose-syndrome-missouri](http://caves.org/WNS/index.htm)
 and
<http://caves.org/WNS/index.htm>

As a result of the caves being closed to humans, we will be having another fishing outing that month.

LOOKING AHEAD

September

Adventure Base 2010

Fall Camporee

October

Sprinkler blowout fund raiser

AFA Football Game

November

Kiowa Creek

December

WWW 6

January

Klondike

<http://troop113bsa.org>



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Newsletter Articles

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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>

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TROOP 113 MONTHLY TROOP PICTURE

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to

obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake
and morally straight.**Scout Law**

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,

Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,

Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -

Be clean in my outdoor manners

Be careful with fire

Be considerate in the outdoors, and

Be conservation minded.



This picture came from a website from a Cub Scout Pack in Palatine IL. The website has a lot of info about how they are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the BSA. Check it out:

<http://www.pack339.nwsc.org/>

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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 a site that shows all about the national Scout museum in Irvine Texas.

<http://www.bsamuseum.org/museum.aspx>

This a site dedicated to all Eagle Scouts.

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

This site has a lot of things that are Scout related.

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

This is a site that has many Scout related tests. See how you do!

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/tests.asp>

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/>

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.



This was sent to me by Gary R. and it has to do with the BSA and how merit badges help with overall education and learning within the Scout ranks. Rachel H., Ph.D., did some research on the effects of Scouts earning merit badges while in the Scouting program. The merit badge that she did the most research on was the *Geology* merit badge. Below is an email that she sent outlining her findings with regard to the *Geology* merit badge. This information may not be too interesting to the Scout(s) in your house, however, as a parent of a Scout I found this very interesting. If just one merit badge can improve learning in certain areas just think about all of the ones that have not been studied and their affect on a Scouts overall learning.

July 13, 2010

Hello, Sherman,

I imagine you are preparing for the 100-year BSA celebration. I have two items of interest – my article, *Geoscience Education in the Boy Scouts of America*, is now under Editorial Consideration at the *Journal of Geoscience Education*. The research showed earning a *Geology* merit badge at any location resulted in a significant gain of content knowledge; the combined treatment groups for all location types had a 9.13% gain in content knowledge. Test scores of Scouts who had taken the merit badge at a previous time were 14.78% higher than Scouts who had never taken the badge. Scout interview data showed that Scouts used their *Geology* merit badge experiences to help them in their school geoscience classes. The results indicated that Scouts who participate in the *Geology* merit badge are better prepared for school geoscience classes. Participation in the *Geology* merit badge provides geoscience experiences and “familiarity” with geoscience concepts that allows Scouts to create and retain geoscience knowledge.

In addition, my former advisor and I are preparing a preliminary proposal, due 7/22/2010, to submit to the National Science Foundation to study Informal Science Education in the Boy Scouts of America. It is too early. The National BSA Headquarters has given us their full support.

Thank you again for all your help while I was working on my dissertation research.

Rachel Hintz

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