



# TROOP 113 NEWSLETTER

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## January Activities

- January 15 - 17 Tahosa and Okpic outing
- January 29 - 31 Klondike outing
- February 8 Troop Elections

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## Summer Camp Info

I know summer camp is still 6 months away, but another Camp Alexander deadline is rapidly approaching. We have asked for 2 campsites to accommodate a minimum of 42 Scouts. As of now, we have less than 20 Scouts committed to Camp A. We have until January 20<sup>th</sup> to decide if we need both campsites. If we do not have enough Scouts signed up by then, we will need to drop the smaller campsite. That will limit the total number of Scouts and adults who can attend to 33.

Camp A has a great program for first and second year Scouts, great food and near perfect weather. Camp A also offers an Outdoor Adventure program for Scouts 14 and older. If you haven't already signed up for Camp A, please do so as soon as possible. Check out all that Camp A has to offer:

[http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/campa/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=5&Itemid=1](http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/campa/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5&Itemid=1)

## 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 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.

## Congrats on your rank

Congratulations to all the Scouts that were recognized for rank advancement at that COH! You all worked very hard and made a difference in your Scout career.

Keep up the good work.

## Information to know

[http://www.denverboyscouts.org/registration/calendar\\_detail.asp?orgkey=1775&ActivityKey=705142](http://www.denverboyscouts.org/registration/calendar_detail.asp?orgkey=1775&ActivityKey=705142)

### Truck Transportation Merit Badge Workshop

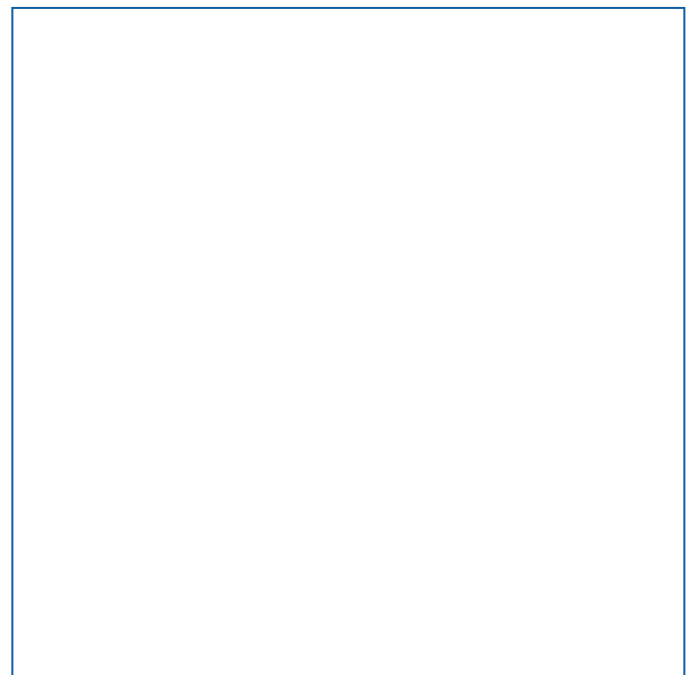
A Truck Transportation Merit Badge Workshop will be held February 6, 2010 from 9am – 12pm at Graebel Moving and Storage, 15456 E. Airport, Aurora, CO 80011.

There is no charge for this workshop, however registration is required. Please note: If you will not be able to complete your obligation, do not register.

Please remember to take a blue card and the Truck Transportation Worksheet with you to the workshop.

For more information, contact Matt Maranto at 303.862.0595.

## Committee Meeting Info



## 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

## The Haiti Earthquake

By: Tyler Mobley

There was a very tragic thing that happened in Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. There was a 7.0 earthquake which was the worst one in a century. This happened at 5 p.m. about 10 miles away from Port-au-Prince. It is estimated that about one million people were affected by this quake. This earthquake was so big it could be felt in Cuba which is 200 miles away. On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> they had buried around 150,000 people, which is the population of Lakewood. They estimate that there will be 250,000 more dead, which is the population of Aurora. Of those who are still alive, there are about 250,000 that are injured. Days later the people were still experiencing aftershocks that were a magnitude of 5.0. This part of the country was already poverty stricken, and now so many more are homeless and hungry. This is truly a natural disaster. If you would like to help out Haiti you can visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

See the picture below on page 4

## Looking Ahead

February

- Ski Cooper

March

- La Junta

April

- Kiowa Creek

## Committee Meeting Dates

The next Committee meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00PM.

## 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



Picture of the devastation in Haiti.

Sources: [CNN.com](http://CNN.com); [Nationalgeographic.com](http://Nationalgeographic.com); [Wikipedia.com](http://Wikipedia.com)

Diane B. has a pair of Hi-Tec hiking boots that she wants to give to a good home. They are a size 6 and they have only been used twice. Please see her if you are interested in them.

## 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 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](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](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](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)

## 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](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.

### Troop 113 Leadership Positions for Fall 2009

During the last JLT session, position duties and expectations for the PLC were clarified. Here are the important expectations for fall 2009 that you need to know:

**SPL:** Responsible for calling ASPLs and PL to remind them of the PLC meetings. Reminds PLs of their weekly assignment for each meeting.

**ASPL:** PLC leaders, excepting PLs, report to one of the 3 ASPLs, ASPL 1 is responsible for the Scribe, Historian and Newsletter Editor; forwards newsletter material to the publisher. ASPL 2 is responsible for the QM and Librarian and will update the Troop QM with needs and wants. ASPL 3 is responsible for the Instructors, Guides, Chaplain's Aid and OA Rep. Each ASPL is responsible for reminding their group of PLC meetings. ASPLs will coordinate the activities of their groups with the SPL.

**PL:** Ensures patrol flag, and yell are current and everyone in patrol knows the yell.

**Scribe:** Take minutes at the PLC and write up for the SPL and SM. Provide upcoming event dates to the Newsletter editor. Collects dues.

**Historian:** Maintain/create a photo album for each event. Write up a summary of each event to include with the photos. Provide event photos to the Newsletter editor. Ensure we have a current poster board for Webelos meet and greet in November.

**Newsletter Editor:** Is considered a Scribe position for leadership positions. Provides dates of future events, event summaries and photos for the monthly newsletter to ASPL 1. Fills in for Scribe as needed.

**QMs:** QM 1 is responsible for troop equipment and informing ASPL 2 of equipment issues. QM 2 is responsible for the food inventory and should maintain a list of current stock. Both QMs will help coordinate shed maintenance, and shed, equipment and trailer clean up as needed.

**Librarian:** Maintain MB library and sign out sheet. Provide a list of new MB books needed to ASPL 2. Coordinates donations of "used" MB books.

**OA Rep:** Attends at least 50% of OA meetings. Attends OA events when possible. Provides OA event dates to ASPL 3.

**Troop Guides/Instructors:** Help with rank advancement through First Class. Assists with visiting Webelos during Troop meetings and campouts.

To earn credit for your leadership position, you are expected to attend at least 50% of Troop activities in addition to the above expectations.

