

# TROOP 575 NEWSLETTER

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Boy Scout Troop 575, Louisville, Colorado



## Upcoming Events:

- ◇ OKPIK  
March 14-16
- ◇ Shooting Campout  
April 11-13
- ◇ Tahosa High  
Adventure Camp  
June 22-28



## Fall Color Hike

*Scout Adam D.*

Over the weekend of September 21st to the 23rd some of the scouts from our troop went to BDSR for the Fall Color Hike. The scouts that attended were Adam D., Ryan D., Nick T., and Jonathon N.

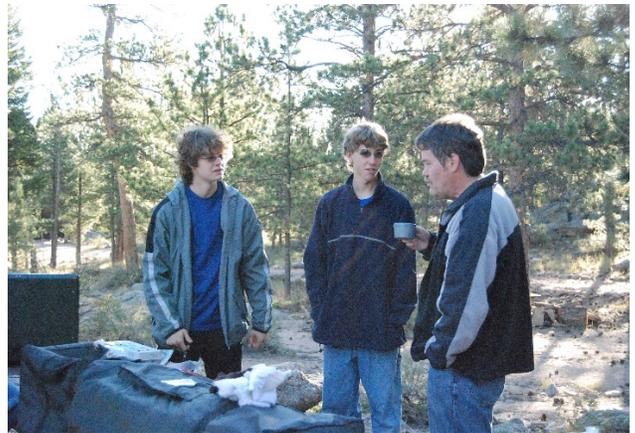
Friday evening we met at the Kohl's parking lot and arrived at BDSR around 7:00 PM. After we set up camp we did some star gazing through Mr. Dorney's telescope. We were able to see nebulas, galaxies, and Jupiter.

On Saturday, we hiked 5 miles around BDSR's Boundary Trail. On our hike we came in contact with a practical joke – a dead guy under a tree. It was a set of clothes under a fallen tree, Ouch!

We also discovered a weird looking tank saying "Do not drop". We thought it was funny (the tank weighed over 1,000 lbs.) The hike was really fun – it was long, but the weather was perfect and the trees were awesome! Saturday night we had a delicious dinner called "Byron's Stew" Yum!

Thanks to Mr. Dorney and Mr. Treat for making this campout possible and a special thanks to Mrs. Maag-Brown for getting all the food for the campout.

I can't wait until next year's hike. I hope more scouts will be able to join us!





## Christmas Tree Recycling -- 2008

*Scout William D.*

The Christmas tree recycling went very well this year and it was very successful. The boys and parents of Troop 575 recycled 260 Christmas trees on Saturday, January 5th, 2008. We drove through Superior and picked up the trees in neighborhoods and took them to the recycling center. This project is a benefit to the community and the environment, plus a great way for you to put lots of money in your scout account. Good job scouts and parents of Troop 575 and a special thanks to Mrs. Dorney for organizing this year's Christmas tree recycling and for the delicious muffins and juice you provided.





## OTHER ARTICLES

### **Paul B's Eagle Court of Honor**

*Excerpt from speech given by Eagle Scout Paul B.*

"I would like to encourage all the scouts here today. Keep working on your merit badges. Many are fun and the Eagle-required ones give you important skills and knowledge for your life.

One of the most important things I've gained on the Eagle Trail is confidence. If you work hard for your goals, you can achieve them. But you need to do it small steps and keep doing them. This was especially true for the Eagle Project, but I also found it to be true for the leadership positions that I held in the troop, like Den Chief, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. The project and these positions helped me learn to lead effectively plan ahead, prioritize, follow through, and accept lots of help and advice. I know these skills will help me throughout my life.

I wanted to express my thanks to all the scouts and leaders who helped with my eagle project and court of honor. I also would like to thank the Troop 575 scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, and parent volunteers for their leadership and support of all scouts in our troop, especially Mr. Brown, Mr. Kinz, Mrs. Guidas, Mrs. Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Snyder. Our troop has exceptional leaders, both adults and scouts, and I am proud to be a member of Troop 575."

### **Experienced Uniform Exchange Program**

To make a uniform donation...

- We accept all BSA uniforms including Cub Scout and adult uniforms, clean or dirty.
  - ... Pants, Belts, Socks, Shorts, Shirts, Hats, Pants, etc...
  - Leave your old uniform in the "Experienced Uniform" collection bag, hanging in the troop closet.
- If you plan on replacing your uniform with a new or experienced uniform,
  - From your donated shirt, remove only...
    - ...your rank patch from the left chest pocket.
    - ...any patch on the right chest pocket.
    - ...your patrol patch on the sleeve.
    - **Please leave all other patches on the shirt!**

If you would like an experienced uniform...

- Contact David Normen, 303.666.4394 or [dnormen@comcast.net](mailto:dnormen@comcast.net), to check on availability.
- At your fitting, bring your rank and patrol patches. As a service they will be sewn on for you!
- To offset BSA's loss from the sale of a uniform, please consider making a donation to Friends of Scouting.

Why get an experienced uniform?

- Experienced uniforms are available to anyone.
- Experienced uniforms come with all the patches sewn on!
- Going to Big Horn Leadership Training and need BSA shorts or socks for only a week? Get an experienced uniform!



## **Volunteer – Our Troop Depends on It**

Troop 575 is a "boy led" troop. Over time, the Scouts are given more and more responsibility in leading various activities in the troop. As they advance from one rank to another, they are assigned more complex duties and more is expected of them. Still, parents have a responsibility to help the boys learn by being good "guides". As in any organization, a Boy Scout troop requires a fair amount of work to be well run.

Without strong participation on the part of the adults, the troop simply can not sustain itself and could eventually fail. I think we can all agree that this would be the most unfortunate of all outcomes, but it does happen to troops all over the country every year. The troop, in effect, just runs out of gas and stops working.

Troop 575 assumes that at least one parent of each Scout will serve as a volunteer for the troop. Volunteer service can be accomplished in many ways. They may serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, lead a fundraiser, oversee a campout, etc. There are always numerous tasks that need to be accomplished -- some on a continuous basis, others as individual events. Whatever you decide to do, your help is always appreciated, and you can be satisfied that you are helping your son and his fellow Scouts have a better Scouting experience.

Of course, you benefit as well by being able to dedicate some time away from the household to your son's activities. You can watch him learn and grow in ways few parents are able to do, while setting a great example for him to follow. What could be better than that?

To volunteer, contact the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson, or any committee member. If you do not know one of these, ask any uniformed adult leader at a Patrol meeting or ask your Scout.

Also, see the parents' page on our web site at: [http://www.troop575.org/parents\\_page.htm](http://www.troop575.org/parents_page.htm)

## **Troop Website**

Almost certainly, you have visited the Troop website at [www.troop575.org](http://www.troop575.org) at some point. Scouts and parents alike often use the site to learn about merit badges, rank advancement, high adventure, or to access the troop newsletter. In fact, our site gets between 300 and 500 visits every month. It has become an important part of how the communicates with its members, and how it projects its image outside the troop.

Jim Snyder has been the webmaster for the troop website for the last five years. He has advised the committee that he wants to begin the process of transitioning that responsibility to another adult who would be willing to manage the site. Jim has offered to teach an interested person everything they need to know to manage the site, and to be available to assist them as needed.

Have you ever thought about publishing a website, but did not know how? Or, do you have the skills and looking place to use them? Either way, this is a great volunteer opportunity for the troop. If you are interested, please contact Jim by phone (see the troop roster).

## **Snow Mountain Ranch Pictures**





## Klondike Pictures



## Board of Review Coming Up? -- Be Prepared

Scout rank advancement always involves a visit to a Board of Review (BOR). It gives the Scout an opportunity for a final review and approval for each new rank. Being prepared and knowing what to expect makes the BOR a very positive experience. There are several things to think about when planning for a BOR, all of which can be found on our web site at: [http://www.troop575.org/BOR\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.troop575.org/BOR_Guidelines.htm) Scouts and parents should take the time to become familiar with this web page... in advance.

## Troop Calendar

Go to <http://www.troop575.org/Pages/CalPage.htm> for the current calendar.