

TROOP 575 NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

◇ BDSR Summer
Camp
15 - 21 July

◇ Microback pack Trip
August



The Scout Show

Scout Logan E.

First, we all met at Kohl's to figure out who was riding with whom. When everybody arrived at the fairgrounds, the people that didn't have dinner yet had some spaghetti. The rest of the Scouts went to go set up their tents. At night, we all went to the campfire. At the campfire, first there was calling people up for their achievements, and Order of the Arrow things, and to end it some Scouts burned flags that were old and needed to be retired. To finish off the night everybody had an option to go play capture the flag. Only about five people from our troop went to that.

Morning: At this point our troop headed for the flag ceremony, then after that we headed for the building grounds. First thing first, we carried some logs over to our building area. Then came the building session. We wanted to build a tower. Mostly for the tower we used square lashings, but there were some diamond lashings as well. We had a total of over 75 lashings on our tower! In the end, the tower looked great. At the top we put our troop flag and the American flag. We could all



stand and sit on the top platform of the tower as well. The Scout Show was tiring, but in the end worth it.

Thanks to David and Scott Wren for all of their help on the tower !!





REGULAR FEATURES

Ask the SPL!

Kyle B., Senior Patrol Leader

1. What are your goals as SPL?

Some of my goals for the troop in my term as SPL are focused towards a more organized and great looking troop. I hope to a return to methods of the month with a theme. As well as continue doing a skill and game at each meeting.

2. What type of support do you need from the rest of the troop to make meetings more organized and fun?

From the troop, the things I need most are for the patrols assigned to a job at the meeting to have it prepared and to be ready when the meeting starts. In addition, I would like for us to attempt to get these meetings started at the right time because the faster we get through with announcements and flags, the faster we get to the fun part like the game.

3. What advice do you have for the new scouts?

My best suggestion for our new Scouts is to get active and stay active. Its a lot of fun out at campouts and other events like scout show but you MUST be active! I find that once you get first class you can do just about anything you want to do campout wise because you have the skills and the rank requirements done. So get started and stay active.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Greetings Scouts, Scouters and Parents,

I hope that everyone is ready for a busy summer season. As a part of the summer the Troop is pushing Patrols. We want to build stronger more efficient patrols. To do this each member needs to provide their services and ideas. This begins with some of the older Scouts attending Sea Base. At Sea Base these Scouts will be required to cook and clean as a patrol. This continues when the Troop attends summer camp at BDSR. Each patrol will cook and clean their respective meals and areas. This requires each member of the Patrol to work together to develop a more efficient and productive team. If everyone works together, whatever the chore may be it will be easier and completed quicker with teamwork.

As a part of this teamwork the Patrols will be developing duty rosters and menus for the various camping opportunities. This isn't punishment. It is Teamwork! Everyone needs to pitch in and help out. Working together you can fine tune the team and have fun.

Hopefully by using these opportunities we can build stronger patrols in which everyone helps out, learns new skills and most important has fun.

Hope to see each of you at the various events for a great summer.

Yours in Scouting,

Cliff Brown





Historian's Chronicle

Scout Eric N., Historian

Hi, I'm Eric N. the new Historian. Our troop has been very busy the past 3 months. In March Wes S. had his Eagle court of honor and we also started Pioneering merit badge. We also did the Community Food Share before spring break. In April we had a very busy month, we started out with MBU, and then the Scout Show which we had a turnout of 14 boys and they built a great tower. Next we had the shooting campout which was a blast because we got to shoot clay pigeons with shotguns and on Sunday morning we got to see a cowboy action shootout! The new Scouts had Scout Skills Day were they learned how to use an ax, saw, and other tools. And finally in April Paul B. did his eagle project and Mark K. had his Eagle court of honor. We also had a swim night. That's pretty much what happened

Upcoming events include the older scouts going to Seabase and the mountain bike campout at Winter Park. Also we have summer camp at BDSR coming up. Bye.

Librarian Article

Scout Brock A., Librarian

Just to let all of the new Scouts and their parents know, Troop 575 has a library. The library is a large green tub that says, "Merit Badge Books" on it. It has a sign out sheet on it; please have your Scouts sign out books. Also, if the book you are looking for is not on the inventory, which is on the bottom side of the lid, then you may buy the book from the Scout store in Lafayette. When you are finished with it, if you give it to me and donate it to the library, then the Scout will get \$1.25 into his scout account. If you have any further questions please let me know.

Meet the Assistant Scoutmaster

Joe Treat, Assistant Scoutmaster

Q. When did you join Troop 575?

A. I became an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 575 in February, 2005 when my oldest son, Nick, crossed over from Pack 80.

Q. What have you done with the troop?

A. I have helped with many troop outings including Summer Camp, Snow Mountain Ranch, a Micro-Backpack trip and the "Fall Color" campout at BDSR last year. I also help with other troop activities such as service projects, and most recently, Scout Skills Day.

Q. What are you focusing on now?

A. I am currently providing adult leadership support to Brian L. and Alex W. with the new Scout program.

Q. What are your favorite activities?

A. My favorite outings have been Summer Camp and the Backpack trip. More than any other activity, these provide challenges for the Scouts, both as individuals and as members of a team. They also, in my view, provide the best opportunities for growth and achievement.

Q. Any words of advice for new Scout parents?

A. I am a leader for this Boy Scout Troop as well as both of my daughter's Girl Scout Troops. There are few activities around that provide the character development that Scouting does and that encourage you, as a parent, to share your time and experience, and to grow along with your Scout. In today's busy world, Scouting provides a unique opportunity to capture some of those moments that you and your Scout will remember for the rest of your lives.





Welcome New Scouts!

Scout William D.

I was in Pack 76 for 3 years. I attend Douglass Elementary School, and will be going to Louisville Middle School next year. My hobbies include cartooning, running, Legos and video games. I hope to learn survival skills from Scouts. I'd also like to become an Eagle Scout some day. Some of the best places I have been camping are Bryce Canyon, Zion, and the Grand Canyon.



Scout Eric L.

I came to Troop 575 from Pack 80 in Louisville. I go to Coal Creek Elementary School. My hobbies are football and baseball. While in Scouts, I hope to learn survival skills and cooking. Some of my favorite places to go camping include the Great Sand Dunes and Taylor Park Reservoir.



Scout Logan E.

I crossed over to Troop 575 from Pack 278 in Superior. I currently go to Superior Elementary School and will be going to Eldorado K-8 in the fall. My hobbies include football (I play for the Superior Mustangs), soccer, baseball, biking, running and traveling. I hope to learn survival skills in Scouts, in case I ever get lost in the wilderness. I also want to learn Scout skills like knot tying. And I am looking forward to all the campouts that I'll be able to go on. Yellowstone National Park is a great place to camp. Our family has also camped at a place in New Mexico called Coyote Creek, where there was excellent fishing and we could hear lots of coyotes howling at night.



Scout Chad C.

I am from Pack 278 in Superior. I am a student at Superior Elementary School. Some of my hobbies are shooting and soccer. Some of the things I hope I learn from Scouts are knots, survival, how to camp, and First Aid. One of my favorite places to camp is at Camp Jack Nicol. I also enjoy camping out in my own backyard!



Scout Logan B.

I'm from Pack 80 in Louisville. I attend Coal Creek Elementary School. My hobbies include playing video games, tennis, bowling and swimming. While in Scouts, I'd like to learn about how to deal with dangerous situations. I don't have one favorite camping spot...I just like to camp where there are trees in the mountains or at a lake.



Scout Ben C.

I came to Troop 575 from Pack 80 and I go to Coal Creek Elementary school. I like to play video games, yu-gi-oh, jumping on the trampoline and playing my cornet. I hope to become more athletic and make new friends in Scouts. My family doesn't usually camp, so I don't have a favorite camping spot to tell you about yet.





Welcome New Scouts! (continued)

Scout Conor G.

I'm from Pack 80. I go to Coal Creek Elementary School now, and will be going to Louisville Middle School this fall. I like to play soccer, listen to music, ski, and travel. In Boy Scouts, I want to learn how to camp and make stuff out of wood. I enjoy camping near Lake Dillon in Frisco.



SCOUT ARTICLES

Boy Scout Memorial Day Flag Plant

Scout Adam D.

On May 26th at the Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Boulder, Colorado, the Boy Scouts of Troop 575 helped to plant flags at the Sacred Heart of Mary cemetery. This event lasted from 9:00 to 10:00, honoring all of the war veterans buried in the cemetery, from the Civil War, to Desert Storm. About 20 scouts from Troop 575 attended. Also as a joint effort, the Knights of Columbus helped Troop 575. Thankfully, this year the Knights of Columbus labeled the different areas, so it was easier to find each individual grave. As a personal experience, I enjoyed the flag plant a great deal; I enjoyed planting the flags and honoring the veterans.



Paul B's Eagle Project

Scout Paul B.

My Eagle Project was recently completed at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. I built an arbor over the prayer garden which Troop 575 Eagle Scout Tucker J. previously built. I had two days of construction, both of which were Saturdays.

On the first day of construction, there was some light rain along with clouds. On that day we dug the 4 holes for the posts using manual post-hole diggers. We got to move a whole lot of dirt with wheelbarrows and put it under trees in the back that needed more. Our friendly neighborhood construction consultant, Chris Walther saved the day by teaching how to set the posts in the ground so that they were "flush, plum, and square." This means that they were exactly perpendicular to the ground, pointing straight up in the air, and would be parallel to another post that was flush and plum. During this time the other Scouts were busy mixing a total of almost 480 lbs. of concrete. Some of the Scouts had fun monitoring the hose ON/Off switch for hours. There were also some hose spraying fights that happened on and off several times. The construction day concluded after we poured the concrete and left it to dry.

The Tuesday after that weekend Mr. Benz, Mr. Walther, and I removed the supports that held up the 4x6s. The project was now completely ready for the final day of construction. The last day of construction was the following Saturday. We got right into drilling and sanding, which everyone knows is great fun. As soon as we finished everyone started to climb on it and swing from the bars. Luckily no one broke or severed any limbs.





The final project was a great addition to the prayer garden and I would like to once again thank the scouts who assisted be on both Saturdays in construction.

Shhh... I'm hunting pigeons

Scout Trevor McC.

On April 27th Troop 575 left for Byers, Colorado to shoot 22 caliber rifles and 12 gauge shotguns. We were also treated to the demonstration of Mr. Nagel's 338 Lapua Magnum rifle. The Lapua is the second most powerful gun in the world. When we first arrived it was time to pitch the tents and we talked until 10:00. In the morning we had eggs in a bag. Then it was time to go shooting which was fun and exciting. The options were to shoot clay pigeons or to shoot 22s. If you wanted to shoot both you could shoot until lunch and switch. Lunch was hotdogs or bagels and cream cheese. After we finished lunch we went back to shooting. After the final round of shooting we had free time until dinner. For dinner, one patrol had steak shish kabobs and the other group had spaghetti. After dinner there was more free time and then at ten it was lights out. In the morning we had oatmeal, pop tarts, and the rest of the eggs. Then we had a card tournament. We played UNO and Kings and Queens. After that it was time to pack up and leave. We returned at 1:50pm, almost two hours ahead of schedule. Overall, most of the Scouts had fun and some got to shoot a gun for the first time.

Fishing Day

Scout Eric L.

On Sunday May 20 the troop had a fishing day. We went to Pinewood reservoir near Loveland. It was fun until the big storm came in.

The rain was coming at us sideways. We ate under a shelter and grazed on hamburgers, chips and cookies. Kyle B. cooked the hamburgers in a wind storm. After that the storm passed and we heard that there were people catching fish down at the lake's shore. We went to look at what they caught.

They said that they were using worms. I found some worms and started to fish. 5 minutes later we had to go so we all reeled our lines in. I was the only person that caught a fish that day, an 11 inch sucker. Even though there was a storm and we didn't catch a lot of fish we all had fun!!!



TROOP BUSINESS

Grocery Certificates

Karen Evans

Grocery certificates are a great way to financially help our Troop and to build your son's Scout account. These certificates are sold in \$25.00 increments, and can be used just like cash at King Soopers, Safeway or Albertsons. These may be used with other coupons. You may also get change from these. How does this benefit the Troop? 50% of the profit goes to the Scout's account, and 50% goes to the Troop. Patty Dance is our adult volunteer who handles these certificates. She is present at the beginning of most Troop meetings, or you can contact her via email at pattyldance@frii.com.

Camping Recipe of the Month: Mountain Man Breakfast!

1 lb. bacon
2 medium yellow onions, diced
1 ½ cups fresh mushrooms, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced
10-12 medium potatoes, sliced
12 eggs, beaten



Salt and pepper to taste
3 Cups grated cheddar cheese

Picante Sauce

Serves: 10-12

Heat a 12" Dutch oven using 18-2 briquettes on the bottom until hot. Cut bacon into 1 inch slices. Add to Dutch oven and fry until brown. Add onion, mushrooms, bell pepper and sauté until onions are translucent. Add potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cover and bake using 8 briquettes bottom and 14-16 briquettes top for 30 minutes. Season eggs with salt and pepper, then pour eggs over top of potatoes. Cover and bake another 20 minutes. Stir gently every 5 minutes. When eggs are done, cover top with with cheese and replace lid. Let stand until cheese is melted.

Serve topped with picante sauce.

From: Byron's Dutch Oven Recipes <http://papadutch.home.comcast.net>

Congratulations Mark K.

Congratulations to Mark K. who had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in May 2007.



Troop Calendar

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