

TROOP 575 NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

- ? Sacred Heart of Mary Leaf Rake
Nov. 8
- ? November Board of Review
Nov. 18
- ? December Court of Honor
Dec. 2
- ? Snow Mountain Ranch
Dec. 5-6
- ? Christmas Tree Pick-Up
Jan. 10, 2009



Good Sam Bike Jam

Scout Logan E.

On Sunday, September 14, 2008, was the Good Sam Bike Jam. The ride started at the hospital's parking lot. There was really no starting time, so anyone could get there whenever, and we got there at about 7 am. We finally took off, and my mom and I did 35 miles and my dad and Nick T. did 50 miles. You could also do 62 or 100 miles, but no one in our group did.

The ride was mostly uphill and flat, and there was a rest stand about every 10 miles. These stands had food and drinks. The ride continued to go like this for the 35 miles that I went, but I don't know about my dad and Nick. I am guessing that their ride was the same through the ride as well.

Nick and I were doing this trip as part of requirements for the Cycling merit badge.

Overall, I enjoyed this biking trip and I think that my mom, dad and Nick did too. It would be good if this or something else like this happened again sometime.





Summer Camp at Peaceful Valley

This year, Troop 575 went to summer camp at Peaceful Valley July 13-19. A good number of scouts attended, and as we saw at the August Court of Honor, many merit badges were earned. A great time was had by all. Good Job Scouts!

Sacred Heart of Mary Clothes Sort

We once again assisted Sacred Heart of Mary with their clothes drive/sort in July. On Friday, Aug. 1, a few scouts and Assistant Scout Masters helped load the U-Haul truck used to deliver the items. We were able to just about fill the largest U-Haul truck that you can rent! And there were bikes, toys, and other items as well as a lot of clothes.

Air Force Academy Football Game and Campout

Scout Brock A and ASM Greg A.

On September 20, Troop 575 participated in the Air Force Academy Scout Day at the AFA-Utah football game. Utah (currently ranked 7th in the nation) ended up beating the Air Force with a touchdown with under 2 minutes to play. Scout Day included the football game, including pre-game activities, a post game meet and greet with some AFA football players, and watching of the football movie "Rudy" on the big screen in the stadium. This was followed by a campout near the stadium where we cooked dinner and camped out. We had a simple dinner of hot dogs prepared in a dutch oven with baked potatoes pork and beans, and fruit. For Dessert, Mr. Norman cooked us a great cobbler in a Dutch oven. Everyone who goes camping should learn how to cook in a Dutch Oven! In the morning we got up and had waffles, sausage, and hash browns. We cleaned our campsite and as we were leaving the Academy, we stopped and saw some of the airplanes on display, including a B-52. Wow, that is a huge plane!

Scouts Eric Norman, Alex Dance, Brock Anderson, and Warren and Travis Maag-Brown attended. All of the scouts had parents with them. We also met (and helped feed) Pack 80 Scout Mac Welch.



This was a fun event, and if the AFA does it again next year, I would encourage more scouts to attend. Here is a blurry (cell phone) picture of Brock Anderson and Eric Norman on the AFA logo on the 50 yard line of Falcons Stadium.



OTHER ARTICLES

Scoutmaster's Corner

Greeting Scouts and Parents.

Once again we are approaching the busy time at the end of the year with holidays and vacations. Most of us will get time off from school and work and time to get together with family and friends. While we are enjoying this time of year I would like to ask that Scouts and Parents consider two items.

The first is for the Scouts who will be 14 and older next summer. We are looking into a High Adventure trip but need Scouts and Parents to volunteer to plan the trip. Some ideas are a Philmont type backpack trip, Chisholm Trail on the lake in Texas, or canoe river trip. Please let me know if you are interested in planning the trip and what you would like to do.

Second, as we all know from the election ads that were on TV and news stories, the world economy has been slowing. This is a time to consider those in our community who may be less fortunate. I personally have attended two charitable events in the last two weeks and can say that the organizations in our community are not receiving donations in the same amounts as past years.

The troop has been asked once again by the Boulder County Community Food Bank to request donations at three local grocery stores on November 25th. Last year the store I was at received 33 bags of groceries and \$40 in donations in 2 hours. This would not have happened if not for the effort of Troop 575. If you can attend one of these events please do. If you cannot, there are many other ways you can help either through your church, school or community. Every bit helps. Remember, a Scout is Helpful.

Enjoy your Holidays,

Yours in Scouting,
Jeff Love

Librarian's Article

Scout William D.

In case you didn't know Troop 575 has a library! It is labeled "Merit Badge Books". You can checkout some of those books and if you can't find the book you need, you can buy one at the Scout store. When you're done with it, you can turn it in to the Troop library and get \$1.25 deposited into your Scout account

Quartermaster's Report

Scout Brock A.

Hello, I am your Quartermaster, Brock Anderson. Did you know that Troop 575 has tents and other equipment that you can check out? We have a number of tents, patrol cook boxes, Dutch ovens, and more equipment available for use. If you need to use any equipment, please see me. You can email me at godandsportz@yahoo.com. If you check out any equipment, you must check it back in through me. It must be returned in good shape and clean. I will be checking



everything upon check-in. I keep a list of checked out items. We do have a couple of items out now. If you are through with them please contact me.

Our patrol cooking boxes are now clean and organized. I'm attaching a copy of our inventory. When you check out a box (as an acting patrol leader), we will fill this out. Upon check-in, we will check that everything is accounted for, and that everything is clean. If something is missing, it will need to be replaced before you can check the box in, and if items are not clean, they will need to be cleaned before you can check the box in. As patrol leader, you are responsible for the condition of the patrol cooking box. Please take this responsibility seriously.

Patrol Leader:

When you receive this cook-box, you and your patrol accept responsibility for a clean and complete cook-box. When you return this cook-box to the Quartermaster, it must be as clean as when you received it. If any parts are missing, you and your patrol will be charged for the replacement of any missing parts.

Patrol Leader _____ Activity/Date _____

Patrol Members at the Activity _____

Stove (Coleman Model 5430B700 \$56)

Propane Hose (\$25) Propane Tree (\$42) Wrench (\$8)

Cooking Pots (\$75 set)

10 Qt pot (\$12) 10 Qt pot lid. (\$10)

4 Qt pot (\$10) 4 Qt pot lid. (\$8)

2 Qt pot (\$10) 2 Qt pot lid. (\$8)

9" fry pan (\$10) fry pan handle (\$5)

Coffee pot (\$8) coffee pot lit (\$7)

Measuring cups (2) (\$5)

Griddle (\$22)

Utensils

Utensil Bag (\$5) Potato peeler (\$3) Spatula (\$3)

Serving Spoon (\$3) Ladle (\$3) Tongs (\$3) Can opener (\$3)

Cutting Board (\$10) Grater (\$5) Paring knife (\$7)

Lantern Coleman Battery Powered (\$25) Extra 8-D batteries

Wash Tubs (3) (\$3 each) Wash pads (\$2) Dish Soap (\$3)

Cooking oil (\$2)

Paper towels

Hot-mit

Spice kit

Nylon cord (2-25')

Hand Sanitizer

Aluminum foil (\$3)

Zip lock bags (1 gal)

Fire extinguisher (baking soda)

Sharpie Marker

Cloth towel

Spaghetti Spoon

Trash bags (\$3)

Zip lock bags (1 qt)

First aid kit

Clothes pin

Cooking MB book.



Troop Website

Almost certainly, you have visited the Troop website at 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).

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, 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

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 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.



Christmas Tree Pickup Flyer

Boy Scout Troop 575's



Christmas Tree Pick Up Town of Superior Saturday, January 10, 2009

Let Boy Scout Troop 575 pick up your Christmas tree right from your yard and take it to the recycle center for you!

All you need to do is call 303-926-1094 or visit our website at www.troop575.org to leave your address by Friday, January 9th.

Troop 575 Boy Scouts will take care of the rest!!!

? Small Tree Donation \$6.00

? Large Tree Donation \$10.00

Donation \$_____