

TIMES

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TROOP 188

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XMAS TREE WRAPUP

Thank you to everyone who helped on the Xmas Tree Pickup. We picked up approximately 180 trees and collected about \$1350 for the troop. A special thanks to Chip Keen for organizing the fundraiser and to Eamonn Martin for collecting and keeping track of the donations. Special thanks also, to everyone who donated vehicles and trailers to help.

X-GAMES AT COPPER MOUNTAIN

by Matt Rosing

Troop 188 had its extreme winter games at Copper Mountain on January 31st. The first event met with steely determination by the twelve scouts and numerous adults, was waking up at 5:00 on Saturday morning. The drive to Copper was a cake-walk after that. The next event, entered by Mr. Heikes, was the "where's the parking lot" event. Soon, everyone was on the hill and Matthew Whitney won the award for most improved skier, Mr. Mares won the coolest shades contest, Alec Yasamura won the biggest smile award, and John Heikes did well in the "ski jumping into a tree" event. Kyle Zimmer worked on Snow Sports Merit Badge with Mr. Bastian while Peter Mares won the bad-hair day award (or was that his hat?). Eamonn Martin won the award for looking the most like one's lunch. At about the same time a big storm came in and dumped a bunch of fresh powder that everyone enjoyed. Some people entered the Braille skiing competition ("moGUL!") and Daniel Kotsides repeatedly landed a quadruple end-o on his snow board. Mr. Rosing took the fool's award for following Nic Bastian and Mr. Cutter up the T-bar on his snowboard (which he didn't fall off of) and down the Spaulding Bowl (which he did fall off of). Near the end of the day Zack Lund and Steven Mares entered the "what time is it when the little hand is on the three?" event, but failed to place. The next event was the five hour biathlon crawl-and-park back to Fort Collins. During this event Kelly Hogan, Eamonn Martin, and Nic Bastian entered the scout stretch event with Eric Rosing, who went on to win the scout bite event. Special thanks go out to the drivers, Mr. Heikes, Mr. Yasamura, Mr. Cutter, Mr. Zimmer, and Mr. Whitney, for not skipping straight to the last event, going to sleep. All in all it was great snow, great friends, and great fun.

Joshua Adams

Cinematography
3 yr. Service Star **

Ian Barry

Citizenship in the Nation*
Computers
First Aid*
Akela Award **

Nic Bastian

Personal Fitness*
Snow Sports
Troop JLT ***

Aaron Canney

2nd Class
1st Class
Citizenship in the Nation*

Jason Clark

First Aid*
Leatherwork
Troop JLT ***
1 yr. Service Star **

Paul Colasuonno

Chemistry
Computers
Electronics
First Aid *

Matt Collins

Personal Fitness*
Star

Ryan Cutter

Chemistry
2 yr. Service Star **

Michael DeBonte

Citizenship in the World*
Computers
Personal Fitness *

Eric Edwards

Family Life *
Troop JLT ***

Joshua Ginsborg

2nd Class

John Heikes

Aviation
Citizenship in the Nation*
Citizenship in the World*
Personal Fitness *

Star

Troop JLT ***
2 yr. Service Star ***

Kelly Hogan

Snow Sports
Troop JLT ***

Nathan Keen

Citizenship in the World*
Life
World Conservation **
Troop JLT ***

Daniel Kotsides

Citizenship in the Community*
Citizenship in the Nation*
Electronics
Troop JLT ***

Brad Kurtz

Citizenship in the Community*
1 yr. Service Star **

Ian Lancaster

Citizenship in the Nation*
First Aid*
Akela Award **
Troop JLT ***

Jason Lewis

Tenderfoot
Troop JLT ***

Braden Livingston

2 yr. Service Star **

Zach Lund

Art
First Aid *

David Mares

Citizenship in the Community*
Communications*
Personal Fitness*
Troop JLT ***

Peter Mares

Fingerprinting
Troop JLT ***

Steven Mares

Troop JLT ***

Eamonn Martin

Snow Sports
Troop JLT ***

John Moore

First Aid*
Rifle Shooting
2nd Class
1 yr. Service Star **

Andrew Nicolas

Chemistry

Ryan Nash

Chemistry
Computers
Electronics

2nd Class**Alec Parson**

Chemistry
Plumbing
1 yr. Service Star **

Rick Ramirez

Citizenship in the World*
World Conservation **
2 yr. Service Star **

Ryan Ramirez

Citizenship in the World*
2 yr. Service Star **

Eric Rosing

Citizenship in the World*

Nick Saltzgeber

Personal Management*

Ryan Sanders

Akela Award **

Adam Sarno

Scout

Sean Skinner

Personal Fitness*

Jeff Topolski

Troop JLT ***

Ray VanSickle

1 yr. Service Star **

Gage Waldron

Electronics
Life

Matthew Whitney

Chemistry
Computers
Electronics

Alex Yasumura

Akela Award **

Kyle Zimmer

First Aid*
Snow Sports
2nd Class
Troop JLT ***

John Fooks

11 yr. Service Star **

*Eagle Requirement

** Special Award

*** Training

ADVANCEMENTS

SCOUTMASTER'S

CORNER

On March 12, Troop 188 will complete its sixth year. During that time, we have grown from our original 3 scouts to a total of 58. We have produced 3 Eagle Scouts and are close to having 3 more achieve scouting's highest rank.

As a result of our growth, the Troop Committee has updated our policies and produced a document that should serve the troop for another six years. I would like to thank those who participated in the numerous meetings, debates, and rewrites of this document. It is only through their dedication to the scouting program that we can continue to evolve and give this type of experience to all scouts. During the last few committee meetings, several controversial topics have been addressed. Although the committee did not always agree on the solution I feel it is necessary to recognize the importance of bringing up these types of dialogue, so that we can find answers to problems we never imagined six years ago.

Next, I would like to address a trend that I have noticed lately in the area of Scoutmaster Conferences. I would like to remind all scouts that this is essentially their "test" to determine whether they have successfully learned the topics well enough to advance to the next rank. During Scoutmaster Conference, any question from any previous rank may be asked, whether it be asking a life scout how to tie a square knot, or asking a first class scout to describe the scout badge. Several scouts have come to their conference having only studied the requirements for the current rank, without realizing that previous information was just as important. I would recommend that any scout attending a Scoutmaster Conference review all the previous rank requirements and "be prepared".

Lastly, on a lighter note, I would like to welcome 8 new scouts bridging into Troop 188 this spring. I hope you find your Boy Scouting experience fun, educational, and rewarding. The friendships you develop here will be with you for a long time, and the experiences will remain in your memory forever, so take advantage of the opportunities and get the most out of Scouting that you possibly can.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COME ONE COME ALL! WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Join us at Terry Martin's house.
We meet the last Wednesday of the month.
For more info call 226-6196

All registered leaders and
all scout parents are
welcome!

Bring this coupon along with your family and friends
on Thursday, March 4th between 5-8 pm. Chick-fil-A will

donate 20% of all proceeds for
those hours to Troop 188!
Have a great dinner and help
the troop out at the same time!

 Chick-fil-A
Foothills Fashion Mall

GET TO KNOW -- Nathan Keen



Patrol: Pyros
Rank: Life
Age: 14
Favorite Sport: Hockey
Favorite Movie: Anger Management
Favorite Book: Peterson's 4-Wheel & Offroad Magazine
Favorite Saying: "Freedom Isn't Free"



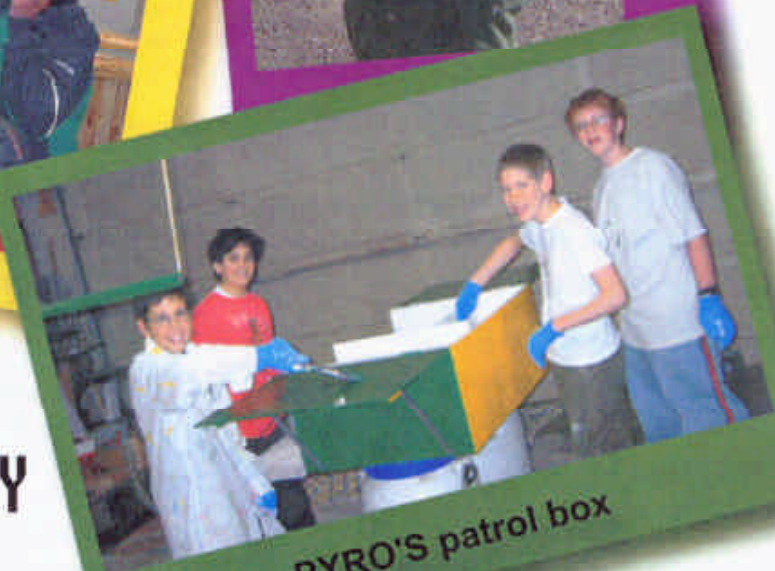
Junior Leader Training



Mr. B



Leadership Patrol



PYRO'S patrol box

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