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Volume 2

Troop Events to Remember:

**Troop Summer Camp: June 24-30 at Camp Laramie Peak-
Wheatland, WY (Check troop website)**

**High Adventure: July 15-22 at San Juan Islands-
Washington State (See details next page)**

**High Adventure: July 31- August 5 at Lake Powell- Utah
(Check troop website for details)**

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Visit us on the Web for updates, calendar, images:

<http://www.troop188.org>

Meeting location is Timberline Church 2908 S. Timberline Rd, Fort Collins CO 8052

TROOP 188 TIMES

Klondike Was Cold!!!!

By
Alan Nash

On Friday evening we arrived around 6:30pm at camp and started to set up. To setup camp we had to dig holes in the snow for tents and the cooking areas.

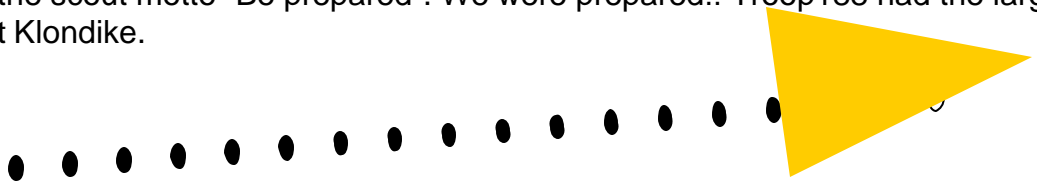
Every morning the water was frozen. The reason was that one night it got down to -3 and the next night -6. Over the weekend we earned 73 frost points. Burr it was cold. Only the toughest could survive the cold and that is Troop 188.

We ate plenty of junk food to stay warm which the adults usually do not allow. Speaking of junk food we had a story telling contest which was hosted by Alan Nash. The first place winner was Nathan Nash with an Indian legend about a squirrel and how they came to have stripes. Second place was Matt Cramer with a story about a purple wombat. The winner won some additional junk food to stay warm.

Also Mr. Rosing hosted the Iditarod. The races required teams to take their sled and run a half a mile. Then the team would have to try and throw as many kids over a fence as possible. On the way back they would have to stop, make 8 snow balls and throw them at two different targets. After that the team would have to run back to Mr. Rosing to finish the race. Mr. Rosing was also were the race started. Mr. Rosing's two assistants were Mr. Urlocker and Mr. Lancaster.

The snowshoes that we made during the month of January sure came in handy. At Gould there is between 3 and 4 feet of snow. If you did not have snowshoes you were punching through the snow. Progress along the Klondike trail was almost impossible without snowshoes. Scouts from other troops were sent back to camp since they did not have snowshoes. Thanks to all the parents who helped build the snowshoes.

Troop188 had 23 scouts and 8 adults attend Klondike this year. As cold as the weather was we did not have any cold scouts during the day and night. The scouts who attended did a great job following the scout motto "Be prepared". We were prepared!! Troop188 had the largest troop attendance at Klondike.



San Juan Islands Sea Kayak High Adventure Trip

July 15th - July 22nd, 2007



Trip Requirements:

14 years old, 1st Class, Swimming & Canoeing or Whitewater Merit Badges

This year the scouts have selected sea kayaking in the San Juan Islands of Washington as one of their high adventure trips. We will depart on July 15th and return on July 22nd. There will be 3 days of sea kayaking and camping in the San Juan Islands, and 3 days of camping in Olympic National Park. This will be a great trip with the potential to see a lot of wildlife that you can see here in land locked Colorado.

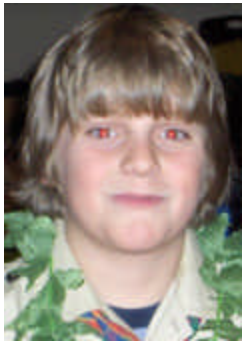
The trip costs are currently estimated at:

- \$200 – Due immediately to reserve your spot on the trip
- \$400 – Airfare to Seattle, WA (We should be able to do better than this)
- \$250 – Due June 19th, 2007 to cover food, car rental, ferries, gas, etc.

This trip is limited to one crew of 12 scouts and adults, or 2 crews of 10 so reservations will be taken in the order in which your initial deposit of \$200 is received. We currently have 12 people signed up and 3 on the waiting list for a second crew, so we need 1 or 3 more people to get the second crew set. Kayaks and kayaking will be provided, but individuals are responsible for personal gear and camping equipment. You must have your 1st class rank and the required merit badges prior to July 14th in order to come on this trip.

There will be much more information as we finalize the details as we get closer to the event. Please contact Steve Urlocker at s.urlocker@comcast.net or at 970.226.1961 with any questions!

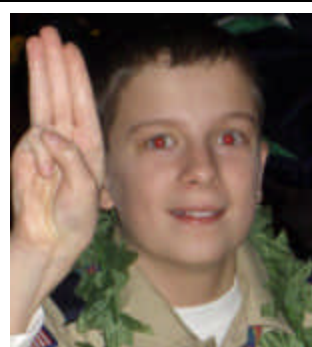
Troop 188 Salutes and Welcomes our NEW Scouts



Conner Meersman



Son of Steve,
Brother of Neal,
Reid Urlocker



Matt Clayton



Nathan Steketee



Marshall Boyton



Jacob Adams



Dylan Glaser



Jonathon Collins



Nathan Palmer

Snowshoe Building Project 2007

Troop 188 built 48 pair of snowshoes during the month of January in order to outfit most of the scouts for Klondike.



We used over 500 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch PVC pipe to form the frames. Heating sand to more than 500 degrees F was a challenge since most of the weekend work days started in the teens.



Once the PVC pipe was filled with hot sand it became more flexible than a garden hose and we used wooden forms to make the snowshoe pattern.

We made the decking for all the snowshoes from HDPE plastic sheeting. We used a Roto-zip tool to follow a template.



The last prep meeting we reheated the ends of the PVC pipe in order to make them fit the 45 degree PVC fitting at the bottom of each shoe. We also pre-assembled the steel rod and pivot plate front binding.

48 pair of snowshoes ready for the first assembly day on Jan 16th.



The first assembly meeting focus was to lace the decking to the frames using the parachute cord provided.



Our second meeting focused on assembly of the straps which form the bindings and attachment of the heel cleat.



I'm sure many parents found snowshoe prints around their yard before we went to Klondike. In the end, more than 30 pair of the PVC snowshoes came with the Troop to Klondike.

Thanks to all the adult and scout volunteers who helped bend the frames, cut out the decking, and complete the pre-assembly on those cold weekends in early January.

Thanks to Maureen Keen, MaryLou Nash and Julie Heikes for each sewing portions of the binding straps.

Thanks go to Mark Hammer from Troop 1051 for the excellent design and plans.

Congratulations to the Troop 188 OA Honor Guard

The OA Honor Guard was selected to present the colors at both the Thompson-Poudre District Recognition Event, as well as the Longs Peak Council Recognition Dinner in Cheyenne Wyoming in January. The OA unit prove once again that nobody does a flag ceremony better than Troop 188. At the end of the Council Dinner the Honor Guard did a special flag folding with the America Flag that has flown the last 2 years at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch and presented to Terry Dunn as a gift from all the Scouts and Scouters that he has touched in his 50 years of Scouting. Special thank to Gage and Kerry Waldron for all the work they have done with this select group of Scouts from our unit.

Troop 188 – Volunteer Unit of the Year

Troop 188 was honored at the annual Council Dinner as the 2006 Volunteer Unit at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. Over the last 5 years Troop 188 has run the Haunted Castle during the Haunted Weekends at Camp Jack Nicol. During that time the Troop has put in over 5,000 service hours and given a scary experience to over 10,000 Cub Scouts and their families. Without the work of volunteers like Troop 188 the Haunted Weekends would not happen. Thanks to Mr. Waldron and the team of adult and Scout volunteers that he has put together over the last 5 years.

Troop 188 Adult Leaders Recognized

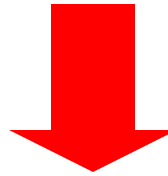
Congratulations to a handful of Adult Leaders in our Troop. Troop 188 was well represented at the Thompson-Poudre District Recognition Event in February.

Kerry Waldron - Troop 188 Spark Plug Award

Craig Heikes – Thompson Poudre District Committee Member of the Year

Frank Lancaster – The Bronze Bighorn Award

Remember, Trained Adult Leaders mean a quality program for the Scouts



Scoutmaster Corner

Hi Scouts,

We had a troop Junior Leader Training session last week and part of this time was spent thinking about how to improve the troop. A major theme seemed to be improving communication. Here's a list of what things the Patrol Leader's Council would like to work on.

First, the scouts want to improve participation at campouts by doing a better job of promoting each campout and letting you know what the theme is for each campout. At the same time there will be a suggestion box put up so any scout can put in ideas for campouts. We want a fun theme for every campout. If it's a Camporee and the District already has a theme, we'll use that, but otherwise we'll make our own.

Second, the scouts want to make cleanup at campouts, by far the least enjoyable activity, to be easier and quicker. So the troop is going to work on things like boiling water faster and improving teamwork when it comes to washing dishes.

Third, the scouts want to improve advancement by making information more available so they know what they need to work on. So, partial merit badges and requirements for first class will be posted at each meeting, put on the website, and regularly emailed. In the same way I'd also like scouts to create goals and review them regularly.

Fourth, the scouts want to improve the number of scouts wearing a full uniform, so expect more uniform inspections, and spirit points for the best patrols. A full uniform consists of a Scout shirt, neckerchief, green pants, a Scout Handbook, and something to write on. No, you don't have to wear the Handbook or notebook, but we do expect you to have it at meetings.

Thanks,

Mr Rosing

February 2007 Court of Honor

LIST OF AWARDS

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| Adams, Joshua | Service Star: | 06 Year | 02/16/07 |
| Adams, Phillip | Merit Badge: | Cit in Nation* | 01/13/07 |
| | | Communications* | 01/13/07 |
| | | Scholarship | 01/23/07 |
| | Rank: | Life | 02/20/07 |
| Arnott, Chris | Merit Badge | First Aid* | 01/13/07 |
| | Rank | Tenderfoot | 12/19/06 |
| | Service Star | 01 Year | 02/24/07 |
| Bakel, Chris | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/16/07 |
| Baker-Carr, Alec | Rank | Tenderfoot | 01/23/07 |
| Barry, Ian | Merit Badge | Public Speaking | 01/13/07 |
| Bomgardner, Tor | Merit Badge | Aviation | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/24/07 |
| Canney, Aaron | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/27/07 |
| Canney, Paul | Service Star | 03 Year | 01/20/07 |
| Clark, Jacob | Rank | Tenderfoot | 12/13/06 |
| | Service Star | 01 Year | 02/24/07 |
| Clark, Jason | Service Star | 04 Year | 02/21/07 |
| Colasuonno, Paul | Service Star | 04 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Collins, Chris | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Cranor, Matt | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/28/07 |
| Cutter, Ryan | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/15/07 |
| Fowler, William | Rank | Tenderfoot | 02/20/07 |
| Ginsborg, Joshua | Rank | Life | 11/14/06 R |
| | Service Star | 04 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Glaser, Taylor | Merit Badge | Cit in Community* | 07/16/06 R |
| | | Cit in Nation* | 01/13/07 |
| | Rank | Life | 01/20/07 |
| Heikes, John | Merit Badge | Animal Science | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/15/07 |
| Hochmuth, Julius | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/24/07 |
| Kinney, Mitchell | Merit Badge | Cit in World* | 02/20/07 |
| | | Family Life* | 11/14/06 R |
| Lancaster, Ian | Merit Badge | Engineering | 01/13/07 |
| Main, Cody | Merit Badge | Cit in Nation* | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/24/07 |
| Marcy, Dylan | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/22/07 |
| Mares, Peter | Rank | Star | 01/09/07 |
| | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/28/07 |
| Mares, Steven | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/28/07 |

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| Meersman, Alex | Merit Badge | Chemistry | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/01/07 |
| Nash, Alan | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/22/07 |
| Nash, Nathan | Rank | 1st Class | 02/20/07 |
| | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/22/07 |
| Nash, Ryan | Service Star | 04 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Palmer, Ben | Merit Badge | Family Life* | 01/13/07 |
| | | First Aid* | 02/20/07 |
| Palmer, Matt | Merit Badge | Family Life* | 01/13/07 |
| | | First Aid* | 02/20/07 |
| Ramirez, Ryan | Service Star | 05 Year | 02/15/07 |
| Rand, Austin | Merit Badge | Cit in Community* | 02/20/07 |
| | | Cit in Nation* | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Thull, Tyler | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Tuttle, RJ | Merit Badge | Cinematography | 01/13/07 |
| | | Railroading | 01/13/07 |
| Urlocker, Neal | Merit Badge | Cit in World* | 02/13/07 |
| | | Drafting | 01/13/07 |
| | Rank | Life | 02/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/20/07 |
| Waldron, Gage | Merit Badge | Public Speaking | 01/13/07 |
| Whitney, Matthew | Merit Badge | Entrepreneur | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 04 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Yasumura, Alex | Merit Badge | Cinematography | 01/13/07 |
| | | Engineering | 01/13/07 |
| Yasumura, Chris | Merit Badge | Cinematography | 01/13/07 |
| | Service Star | 02 Year | 02/25/07 |
| Zimmer, Kyle | Merit Badge | Entrepreneur | 01/13/07 |
| Nash, Rich | Service Star | 03 Year | 02/04/07 |

Congratulations to all for a job well done!