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Troop 69 Postings

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Pawnee Buttes Campout



In November, the troop went to Pawnee Buttes for a campout. Attended by about 20 scouts and parents, all had a fine time. Even the weather cooperated though there was no eclipse to entertain

the scouts.



This was the time of the year when it starts getting chilly and windy. However the scouts said it was a lot of fun.

On Saturday, the troop took a hike out to the 'buttes'- which is a pretty far walk.



Michael Gordon Eagle Project

Michael Gordon, one of the older scouts, finished work on his Eagle Rank project during the early part of October. Michael's project was to erect and rehabilitate bat boxes for the City of Lafayette's Open Space and Outdoor Classroom.

This project, part of the overall master plan for the Lafayette P&R Open Space, Open Classroom,

and other trails systems, helps with mosquito abatement since the preferred food of bats are insects, especially mosquitoes.

This project was also in support of our Longs Peak Council Environmental Preservation grant.

Great Job
Michael!!!!





Snow Sports Day

The upcoming Troop 69 Snow Sports Day will be Jan 22nd at Eldora Ski Resort. Mrs. Haas has been able to get the troop a group rate providing that 20 people go.

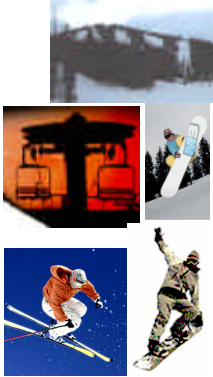
Please E-mail Margi Haas if you're interested in Snow Sports Day, It's skiing or Snow boarding at Eldora at Group Rates,

let Margi know how many in your family are interested & if you have a kids passport or a pass to Eldora- those aren't included in the group rates, we need at least 20 people to get the group rates!

A parent or adult needs to go with each scout, unless you are accountable for another

kid, We need permission slips & sign-ups at the Court of Honor next week. And need to know if

interested in renting equipment from them.



Pre Klondike and Klondike (Jan & Feb, 2005)

Troop 69 won 1st place, 2 thirds, and a tie for 3rd at the last two Klondikes. In 2003, it snowed over a foot during the competition.

As was said in the movie 'Cool Runnings': "...you mean sledding as in ice, snow, and ICE"!...

Yes, it's that time of year again where the scouts of Troop 69 start their annual preparations for the District Klondike.

To get ready, the scouts practice for a weekend navigating with map &

compass and pull a dogsled around a course. PreKlondike will be held at Camp Patiya over the weekend of Jan 14-16th.

Temperatures can often reach into the single digits. Wind speeds can reach 70 mph. Hey- sounds like fun, sign me up!



Klondike will be held in Feb at Golden Gate State Park- low temps can be well below zero. The troop won, over the last two years, a first, two thirds and a tie for third at Klondike. As Wyler Metge said last year: "That was the hardest I ever worked for a third place".



Troop 69 Pre-Klondike Camp Patiya

Orienteering at Camp Patiya Pack 63, 20 & 22 visited

Court of Honor – December 13th

The next meeting on Dec 13th is a Court Of Honor. It is the biggest COH of the year. Also, it would be fantastic if all parents and siblings would join us.

Food/Drink

Requests: We need the Pirate Patrol to bring any main dish you can

think of; for example lasagna, spaghetti, salad, pizza, or any thing else. Your dish should at least 5-6 folks. In the past, we've had upwards of 50 people at this event.

We would like the Hawks to bring drinks and side dishes like chips or pretzels.

The Owls should bring some kind of dessert.

Troop supplies the plates. Eagle Patrol should bring cups, napkins, etc

The COH will be at the Elks Club and will begin at 6:30 and end around 8:00-8:30.



The American Eagle

Christmas Tree Pick UP & Recycling

The upcoming Christmas Tree Recycling is set for the 8th of January. It is an all day activity.

Details are forthcoming and will be primarily based in the city of Lafayette. However, the scouts will

probably put flyers on doors in some neighborhoods to advertise.

We received quite a bit of donations for the activity which helps pay for troop outings and equipment.



"Hey, these trees would make a great bonfire. I wonder how fast they'd all go up?"



Training Notices

New Leader Essentials

What: The first step in Basic Training for adult Scouters.

Who: All new adult Scout Leaders.

When/Where: Saturday, January 15th, 2005
7:45 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Class Starts
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2200 11th Avenue,
Longmont, CO

Why: Have fun, meet new people, and learn about the basics of Scouting!

How: Register at the Scout Office at 505-F Stacy Court, in Lafayette, 303-447-8511 so we will know how many handouts to prepare.

Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader!

"Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader."

Get trained and really get an idea of 'only an hour a week means!'

Popcorn Fundraiser



The Scouts ended up their annual popcorn fundraising activities. The top seller this year was Phillip Diestel. (Way to go Phil!)

The Popcorn

Colonel this year was Mr Bob Arinello (many thanks Bob).

The kids' popcorn sales goes to the scout's accounts (about 1/3 of their sales is

placed in an account so that the money can be used for scout activities & equipment. The varied sales prizes should be forthcoming.

High Adventure Activities



There will be a high adventure outing to go ice climbing on Jan 29th. This is open to all scouts who are 13+ years old. Ralph Tavino and Curt Lehman are the contact guys for this outing.

IN the past, this has been a widely popular activity and Curt/Ralph are well trained climbers.



"I love climbing because it feels so good when I stop..."."

LEWIS AND CLARK Scout Reservation

Summer Camp

The Scouts have decided to either go to Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation in South Dakota OR to Bear Lake, UT. Lewis & Clark is an aquatics camp on the Missouri River and near Mt Rushmore.

Bear Lake is in UT in the upper NE

corner of the state. It is about an 8 hour drive from here. The troop attended Bear Lake in 1998 and had a great time.

The date is still to be determined but will be sometime in June.

Cost will be between \$150 and \$200 – includes

transportation and lodging for the entire week. They may even feed the kids!



“Summer camp is a great scouting experience”.

Purpose of Boy Scouts

“The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.”

Scout Tips- Winter Camping

HEAD

Starting with the top, a wool or polypropylene **hat**. A good hat is very important. Not only because much of the body's heat is lost through the head, but also because the body will start shutting down blood flow, and heat, to the extremities in order to keep the core warm. A common saying is, "Cold feet - put a hat on". This hat will also be valuable at night in the sleeping bag. Some sort of **face shield** is needed. A wool or acrylic scarf, or even a spare wool sock for those

who forget the scarf, keeps frostbite away. The nose is sensitive to cold breezes. **Balaclavas are hats which also cover the nose, mouth, and neck. These work well.**

FEET

Do we really need to repeat "no cotton" here? For comfort, you can wear poly sock liners- over that would be a vapor barrier. You can use those bags that newspapers come in. They're thin and just the right size. The reason for the bag is to keep sweat from being absorbed by the boot's insulation. Overnight, moisture in the boot will freeze if the boot

is not kept warm. On top of the bag, use thick wool socks.

As for boots, your basic dept. store snow boot should do fine, as long as they are bought at least one size too big, in order to fit the socks and bag.

Fit is very important. Anything too tight will cut off circulation & be a potential frostbite problem I've used gaiters on top of my boots and like them very much in deep snow. Gaiters are basically a cordura sleeve that bridges the gap between boots and pants. They do a great job keeping snow out of the boots.

“Two reasons for the Scout Merit Badge Plan are 1) to give you more skill in the things you like to do; 2) to give you a chance to try out new activities, so that you can find new things which ;you really like.”
-Baden-Powell



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See us at:

bsatroop69.com



Scout troop Online Calendar

The Troop has a link to an online calendar. The link is

www.calsnet.net/bsat_69

The elected scout secretary is in

charge of maintaining the calendar.

The calendar is used as a semi permanent record of our activities and outings.

BSA Troop 69, THE BSA HI-Adventure troop in Louisville

Boy Scout Troop 69 in Louisville, CO is a Hi-Adventure Troop. For more information, please contact the Scoutmaster, OR, 303-733-1111.

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Calendar for December 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Yahoo Group For Troop 69 Parents & Scouts

Troop 69 now has a group email at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bsat_69

The web site is a free service of Yahoo. Combined with the web site is a group email address that enables anyone in Troop 69 to email all the members of the troop (adults and scouts) using a single email address:

bsat_69@yahoogroups.com

To use the group email you do not need to become a Yahoo member.

The **webhead** maintains this official website:

<http://www.bsatroop69.com>

This is the official posting location for all documents. At present, we are only using the yahoo site as a group email.



About BSA Troop 69...

Boy Scout Troop 69 has a standard of excellence and commitment to community service. Currently, a troop of over 35 scouts, we are chartered to Tri-City Elks in Louisville, Colorado.

Active in the Boulder County area since the 1940's (chartered in 1942),

many of Louisville's citizens have been members at one time or another.

We have won numerous awards over the years such as Freez-o-ree, Klondike, Scout Show, & Arapahoe Rendezvous.