



# TROOP 88



## March 2009 Newsletter

A SCOUT is:

*Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent*  
Parker, Colorado  
March 14, 2009

[Pictures, Pictures, Pictures, Pictures, Pictures, Pictures,>>](#)

<http://picasaweb.google.com/colagr1>

### March Camp Out

Date: March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Where: Jackson Lake

Contact: Brad Johnston

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### \* Welcome to ALL new Troop 88 Scouts and Parents\* 3/3/09

\*26 Webelos crossed over to 88 this year!

\*We have a job for EVERY new parent:

\*New Scout 'Academy' starts this evening: At break you will all go with Mr. Buchart, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Best, and your Troop Guides to the trailer.

\* TONIGHT:

-Order of the Arrow elections: Good luck to all candidates

-Advancements: See Mrs. Harger/ Mr. Yost to get on schedule

-Any Scout wanting to be considered for SPL/ASPL needs to meet with Mr. Ski tonight.

- Troop Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 17.

\*TRAINING:

-Required for ALL registered leaders

-Upcoming classes:

1. Roundtable THIS Thursday: LDS Church, Bayou Gulch

-YPT Training

-New Leader Essentials

\* Training for YOUTH Leadership: ALL SCOUTS invited! At RT this Thursday

2. LDS Church, Bayou Gulch, Saturday, March 21, 7:30AM to 12 noon

-New Leader Essentials

3. Chautauqua, this Saturday, March 7. LDS Church, Highlands Ranch, 7:30 - 4:30PM

STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

\*MANY THANKS!

- Court of Honor: HUGE Success! Thank You Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hamor!

- PHONEBOOKS: Thanks to all who helped deliver and Mr. Milerowski and Mr. Miller!

- KENOSHA PASS campout: Huge Thanks to Mr. Laster and Mr. Buchart for leading 11 boys this past weekend.

-5 degrees: Congratulations to new POLAR BEARS!

\*FRIENDS of SCOUTING: Thank you Troop 88 for your generous donations!

\*CALENDAR:

\* Tuesday, March 3: OA Elections- wear your sash! New Scouts report

\* Thursday, March 5: Roundtable

\* Saturday, March 7, Chautauqua

\* Tuesday, March 10, PLC/Committee Meeting: 6:30PM, PEPC youth 'garage'.

ALL new parents encouraged to attend and join the committee.

\* Tuesday, March 17: Troop Elections

Speaker: 92 year old Scouter, Mr. Willard Mount

\* Tuesday, March 24: NO MEETING: SPRING BREAK: Stay Safe, Have Fun!

\* Tuesday, March 31: 5th Tuesday of the Month = FUN NIGHT!

LOCATION: SportXcel

\*BOUNDARY WATERS: Deposits are due:

We have 5 openings! See Mr. Ski

-2nd Payment of \$200.00 due tonight 3/3/09

## Scouting News

### [Online Climb On Safely & Trek Safely Training](#)

The E-Learning section of MyScouting has grown! Now leaders can take Climb On Safely and Trek Safely online. These courses join a growing list of courses that include: - Not started Youth Protection Training - Safe Swim Defense - Safety Afloat - Staffing the District Committee - Weather Hazards - ...

### [Scouting and Twitter](#)

I have received a few questions about Twitter and Scouting recently due to the TrailStop.com \$25 Gift Card Contest. What contest you may be asking yourself... If you haven't already entered, do so soon as the contest ends on March 13th, 2009! Right now we have approximately 26 entries. ...



#### **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

Mr. Johnston has really stepped up his role in the troop. His precision project expertise, role as quartermaster and scheduling skills has helped the troop. Next time that you see Mr. Johnston, please take the time to say "Thank You!!!" (BTW - He is just another eagle scout giving back to boy scouting.)

## **2009 Eagle Scouts**

01/26/2009 Chris Hamilton



#### **Merit Badges»**

<http://meritbadge.com>

#### **Merit Badge Workbooks are required»**

<http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

#### **Find a Troop 88 Counselor»**

<http://troop88.org/meritbadge.htm>

**Coordinator»Mrs. Reed**email: [careed@cobank.com](mailto:careed@cobank.com)



**CROSS-OVER TEAM**

## To all Senior Leadership and potential Senior Leadership

Dear Scouts,

As elections approach for new Senior Leadership in Troop 88, please compile a list of how you want to run Troop meetings and what activities you plan to implement. There is a Troop Resource Guide with a format on how to conduct a troop meeting. I think we should start following it more closely.

In your plan please cover the following items:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Color Guard and practices    | 6. Skits and songs     |
| 2. Uniform Inspections          | 7. Guest Speakers      |
| 3. Attendance rosters           | 8. Skills              |
| 4. Patrol Activities/ Breakouts | 9. Leadership training |
| 5. games, yes games, yes games  | 10. What else?         |

Let's get a program together that will keep you guys active, energized, and excited about coming to a meeting. Let's not break and then 'just hang out'. What else?

Thanks guys,  
Mr. Ski

» **Training** - Anyone aged 18 or over needs to complete the appropriate training.

**New Adults Members of Troop 88 – This means you.**

<http://www.denverboyscouts.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=11355&orgkey=1703>

New Parents – need to complete Fast Start, Troop Committee Challenge, New Leader Essentials, & Outdoor Training  
Everyone needs to complete Youth Protection

To take an on-line course, go to the following URL to set-up a MyScouting Account:

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>

After successful training completion, you can print off your wallet certificate.

Please send a copy of your training information to **Mrs. Donna Yost**. (Email: [dey57@aol.com](mailto:dey57@aol.com) or Phone: 720-842-0429)

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### **A Hero's Adventure- Scout Show**

Are you ready for the [2009 Scout Show](#)? You won't want to miss out on the 2009 Denver Area Council's Scout Show, "A Hero's Adventure." The [BSA Discount Card](#) and Scout Show Ticket sale kicks off next week. Be sure to attend Roundtable to pick up cards for your unit to sell. If your unit did not reserve cards, it's not too late. Every district will have extra cards on hand. Remember- there is a new commission structure this year allowing your unit to earn up to \$4 per card sold. We have great prizes for Scouts to earn through our prize incentive program and also for the Grand Prize Drawings held at the Scout Show for Scouts who sell 25 tickets or more. You can [reserve your booth](#) on the Scout Show page of the Council website. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 25.

### **Prepare for the Century at Chautauqua**

Join us Saturday, March 7 for [Chautauqua](#) to learn how you can better serve the boys in your unit. Chautauqua (the University of Scouting) is a great way to enhance your Scouting knowledge, expand your resources, and interact with other Scout leaders who face or have overcome similar situations as you may be in! Want to learn new program ideas, expand your troop, receive updates on advancement and more? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," Chautauqua is for you. This one day training is designed for all Scouting leaders whether experienced or brand new. There are over 50 classes to choose from, such as "Technology for Troops With No Money," "How to Recruit Leaders," and "Working with Challenging Scouts."

### **Annual Council Dinner- On my Honor...**

Come celebrate with the Denver Area Council as we gather for our [Annual Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#) on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The evening promises opportunity for fellowship, inspiration and an opportunity to recognize the 2008 Class of Silver Beaver recipients and other outstanding Scout Leaders' accomplishments. It is not too late to [nominate an individual for the Silver Beaver Award](#), the highest honor a Council can award to a Scouting volunteer.

### **Cub Scouts Investigate- Day Camp**

Calling all Cub Scouts- Come and explore the world around us as "Cub Scouts Investigate" at [Cub Scout Day Camp](#) this summer. The Denver Area Council is hosting 11 camps across the metro area and you are invited to attend any and all of the camps. Cub Scout Day Camp offers age-appropriate activities that provide fun and adventure in the outdoors. This is a great activity for your Den or Pack to attend and work on advancement, activity pins, and belt loops year round.

### **Upcoming Family Events**

[Disney on Ice-Disneyland Adventure](#)

March 13, 2009

[Ski and Snowboard Trip](#)

March 28, 2009

[Week of Fun](#)

March 30-April 3, 2009

[Harlem Globetrotters](#)

April 4, 2009

[Colorado Symphony Presents Peter and the Wolf](#)

April 26, 2009

## KENOSHA PASS WINTER CAMPING REPORT

Hello Troop,

We had a great group of scouts to attend the Kenosha Pass Campout this past weekend. If you were not there, you missed a great time. Friday evening we all gathered and headed west towards the High Country. An uneventful travel route later and we were pulling into the campsite. With some snow on the ground the scouts took a few minutes to determine our base camp location, and then the setting up of tents started. At the same time the fire ring was brought out with a nice cozy campfire started for those who had finished setting up their tents. It didn't take long for Troop 88 to make a happy campsite up at 10k feet, and songs were beginning to be sung around the fire, and not long after the population migrated from the fire to the cozy tents and sleeping bags.

A wonderful night of sleep later I awoke to the sounds of scouts starting to wake up. It was pretty cold that morning, so even the leaders were a bit slower than normal getting out of the warm cocoon of the bags. As the troop started to unload the trailer and making breakfast (eggs in a bag by the scouts, and steak biscuits for the adults) I took a look at the thermostat I set out the night before. It read -5 degrees F! So our scouts had earned their Polar Bear! What a great way to start the day. Unfortunately there was not enough of the white stuff to make snow caves, but our Scouts came through with some fantastic alternatives, one of which being snow forts for a snowball war! The preparations took a break for lunch and the occasional scouting for firewood by the patrol. The snowball war started in the early afternoon and from what I can tell ended in a cease fire (however the scouts may say different). Soon it was getting time for the cooks to start dinner and stoves and charcoal was fired up. I'm hoping the patrol has started a new routine of some serious good dutch oven cooking, because the baked ziti with sausage they prepared looked like the kind of dish that would take a blue ribbon somewhere! The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying the company of others around the fire ring, and eating some dutch-oven desert. Dishes were cleaned and stowed, scouts started to slowly head from the warmth of the fire to the sleeping bags. Soon there were snores coming from the tents as many very warm scouts were snuggled down in their sleeping bags.

The troop arose to a balmy 20 degrees morning and started to tear down camp, and made sure we left the campground better than when we found it. By mid morning everything was stowed and ready to head down the hill. Thanks to the Scouts, Mr. Buchart, and Mr. Griffin for making this campout possible!

Photos are uploaded to the site with a direct link of the group here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/colagrl/February2009#5308648703199423634>

Mr. Laster

Official Cold Weather Camper :)

**KENOSHA CAMP OUT – FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



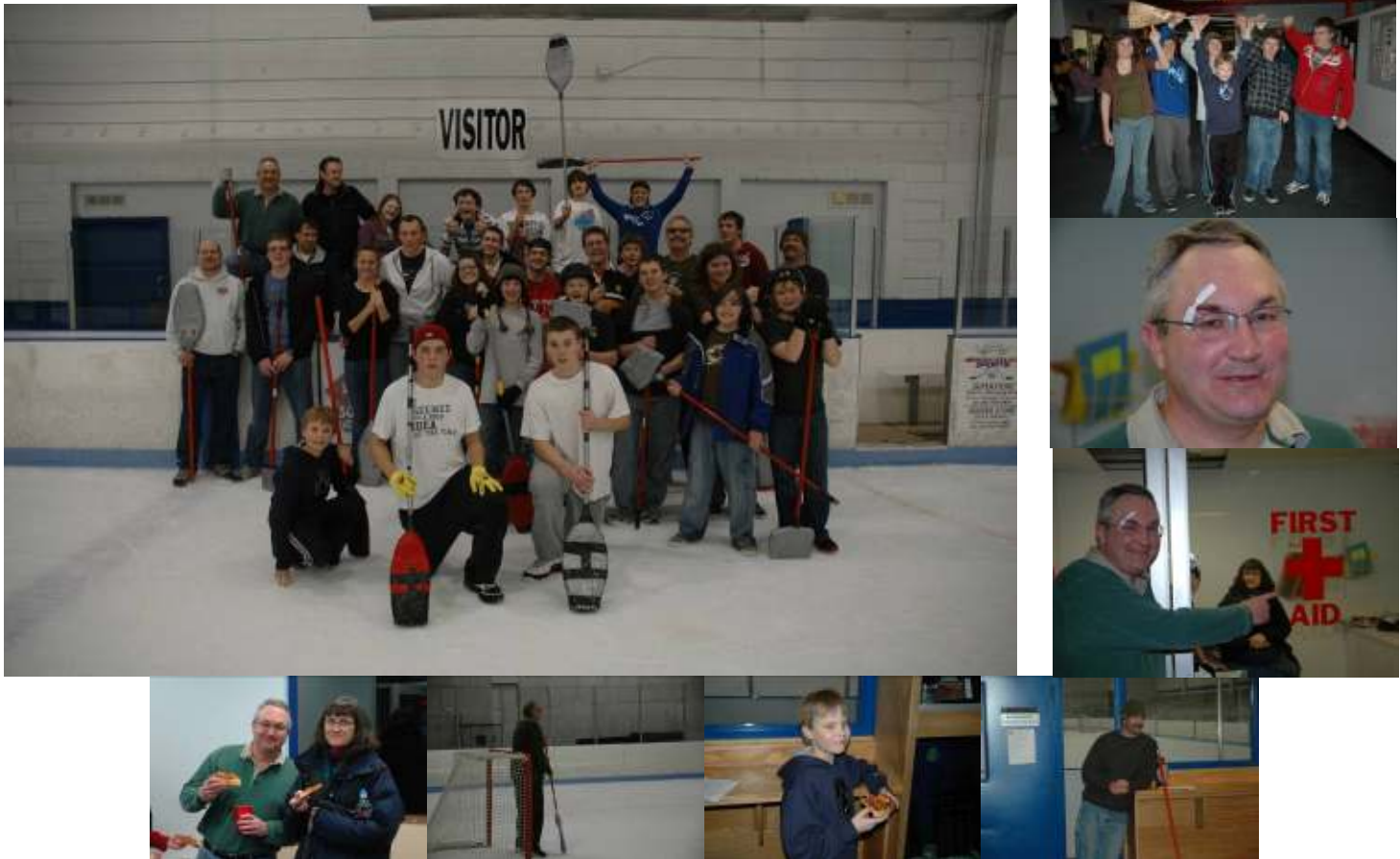
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**VENTURE 88 – BROOMBALL HOCKEY – FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**







## Roundtable is the first Thursday of the Month!

### Day Camp

Day Camp is June 24th - 26th at Polson Ranch. [Please visit the Day Camp Page for more information and to register.](#) For questions please contact [David Gilbert](#) (Camp Director) or [Janice Gneiting](#) (Program Director).

\*\*\*Please note that the day camp dates are misprinted in the Cub Scout Camping Flyer\*\*\*

### Friends of Scouting

Has your unit already had a Friends of Scouting presentation? Please help spread the news that Friends of Scouting is going on and your support is greatly appreciated. Have you ever considered approaching your business to help support Scouting? Does your company do matching gifts? Please contact [Pat Dannenberg](#) to help further the Scouting Movement!



### District Dinner

Thursday April 30th at the Polson Barn. [Registration is online and available.](#)

Please make sure you signup online. The Dinner costs \$12 and will have a late fee of \$3 that begins on April 20th. Outstanding Scout Recognition will be \$6. Forms will be available for all other district recognitions on the district website.

### Merit Badge College

The college will be held on May 2nd at the LDS Parker Stake Center (same location as Roundtable). Registration will be available soon online. [Please visit the website to check and begin registration on the district calendar.](#)

### Scout Show

Pickup your Scout Show Cards and Reserve a Booth at March Roundtable. There will be a table for you to come by and learn more and pick stuff up. Signup now for your booth and get an addition \$1 commission per card sold. The cards are awesome this year with even the Rockies participating!

The district will be giving out a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall booth award for overall all things considered in booth.

**Need ideas for a booth?** Look no further than some of the jobs your parents have in your unit! Consider asking a parent of a cool job to consider getting his or her company to help run a booth that can teach, be creative, and/or be fun for any Scout.

[Please visit the webpage on the Scout Show for more information.](#)

### Mile High Patrol Challenge

August 28, 29, 30 - An awesome event that is in its second year. It is the Ultimate Scavenger Hunt! Specifically designed to enhance the operation of a Patrol. This event is for 2nd Year Webelos, Troops, Teams, and Crews. For more information to participate, to get on the email list, or if you are interested in helping to be on staff for this event contact [Dave Henshaw](#).

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For more information please visit [www.pioneertrails.org](http://www.pioneertrails.org) or contact your District Executive ([Pat Dannenberg](#)).

Order of the Arrow



**ADULT LEADERSHIP**

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<b>New Scout Program</b>	<i>Larry Lutz 303-840-2547</i>
<b>OA Advisor</b>	<i>Jeff Guard 303-300-4545</i>
<b>Venture Crew</b>	<i>Steve Cable 303-840-4517</i>
<b>Advancement Chairman</b>	<i>Daneen Harger 303-841-8326</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Ann Wilhelm- 303-646-4465</i>
<b>Eagle Coordinator</b>	<i>Larry Lutz 303-840-2547</i>
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<b>Parent/Pack Coordinator</b>	<i>Greg Schmidt 303-805-7171</i>
<b>Quartermaster</b>	<i>Brad Johnston 720-851-1985</i>
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<b>Troopmaster Administrator</b>	<i>Randy Davis 303-699-5199</i>
<b>Climbing Instructor</b>	<i>Jason Rice 303-840-1481</i>
<b>Shooting Sports</b>	<i>Dave Sims 303-690-4936 (Rifle-Archery-Muzzle-Shotgun) Jason Rice 303-840-1481 (Shotgun)</i>
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<b>Activity Coordinator</b>	<i>Brad Johnston 720-851-1985</i>