

## **Parker's High Adventure Troop**

Why is T16 Parker's High Adventure Troop?

Because we are always challenging ourselves to climb peaks, build snow caves, trek at high altitudes, compete, and, *as a result*, learn to be extraordinary leaders.

We expedition every month (except the Holidays) and our calendar is filled with high challenge, high adventure, and lots of fun!

Here's what's in store for 2010:

**January – Snow Camping** in sub-zero temperatures at Snow Mountain Ranch -- cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, & sledding.

**February – Winter Survival Skills** and snow shelter/snow caving at high altitude.

**March – Guided Headlamp Caving** into the non-commercial parts of Cave of the Winds (we'll be covered in smiles and mud!)

**April – Backcountry at Great Sand Dunes National Park**, 4-wheeling across the edge of the dunes and Medano Creek.

**May – Survivorman Challenge**, the annual competition where teams build shelters, cook, and thrive using only the things they find around them.

**June –** During the last week we'll be west of Fort Collins at Ben Delatour Scout Camp for **Summer Camp**, where boys will work on rank advancement, skills, and merit badges.

**July – Fourteener Climbing** – we will summit several high peaks in the Mummy Range.

**August – three-day Backpacking trek** into the Rawah Wilderness.

**September – Pioneering Tower & Bridge Building** weekend at Tahosa Scout Ranch.

**October** – we typically offer a high altitude camp of some sort, but 2010's is not yet planned

**November** – our annual **Adventure Race** and family **Thanksgiving Feast**. We regularly feed 150+ folks in the outdoors.

### **Mini-High Adventure Program**

These weekend trips are open to Scouts 13+ years of age and First Class Rank. Planned events include:

**January – Okpik High Altitude Coldweather Training** – several T16'ers are on staff there.

**February** – a 6-mile snowshoe and ski trip to a **10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Hut** on Boreas Pass.

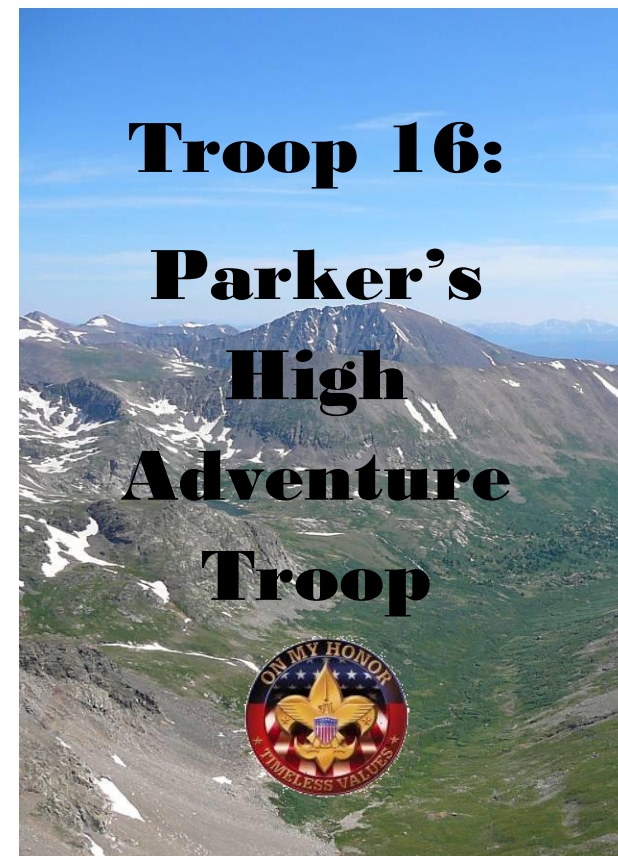
**June – Backpacking** in Lost Creek Wilderness

### **National High Adventure Trips**

These are open to scouts 13+ years of age and First Class Rank

**July/August** – we will be sending 24 scouts and adults to **Philmont Scout Ranch** in New Mexico for 12 days of backpacking, learning, and scout fun!

At the same time we will be sending a team to **Northern Tier/Canoe Base** for 10 days of canoeing in the Boundary Waters with Canada.



*You are invited to our Winter Court of Honor to help us celebrate the accomplishments and the hard work of our boys and the troop. We hope to see you there!*

- Winter Court of Honor, January 19, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Parker United Methodist Church

*For more information, please visit our website:*  
**www.bsa16.org**

## High Challenge • High Discipline • Boy-Owned • Advancement Driven

### Welcome

Looking for a Boy Scout Troop to join?

Troop 16 should be on your list to visit.

We'd love to have you join Troop 16! Our door is open and our welcome mat is out.

### About Troop 16...

We are Parker's oldest troop, founded in 1973, and we have celebrated over 80 scouts that have achieved the rank of Eagle. We are about helping boys become well-rounded, capable young men with a strong sense of community and the self-assurance that can only come from learning through leadership. We are a Boy-Owned Troop that believes in High Levels of Challenge, A High Degree of Discipline, and supporting Boy Scout Advancement.

### High Adventure Program...

Each year, our calendar is filled with ten monthly high-challenge campouts, a week-long summer camp, a quarterly mini-high trip, an annual National High Adventure Base trip (or two)... and lots of fun!

### High Degree of Challenge...

We are always on the go! Every one of our monthly camps delivers a high degree of challenge, whether it is snow caves in sub-zero temperatures, climbing Colorado's Fourteeners, competitions, or learning survival skills.

In addition, we offer a wide variety of just-for-fun activities throughout the year -- whether it's game night at H2O'Brien Park, family picnics, canoe days, rock climbing, or shooting sports.

### High Degree of Discipline...

To deliver on the high level of challenge, we demand a high level of discipline from our Scouts. So, we expect and teach self-control.

### Advancement...

As a new Scout, you will be working with older boy-leaders, Troop Guides, a dedicated adult leader on basic skills - cooking, knots, camping, pioneering, first aid, and orienteering. It is our goal that boys achieve First Class Rank by the end of their first year.

From there, you'll work on Leadership Skills, Community Service, and Merit Badges (120+ to choose from) as you climb the ranks to Star, Life, and Eagle.

We are big enough to run our own Merit Badge Colleges with our 30+ Counselors.

### Boy-Owned...

We are uncompromising about boy leadership. Our boy leaders set our annual calendar, run meetings, plan & lead activities, and teach. Learning to teach is a crucial part of the T16 experience. Moreover, T16 is a *leadership laboratory* – trying things, making choices, failing, and succeeding.

Our young leaders are supported by the T16 Mentorship Program that helps boys grow in their individual leadership roles. Assistant Scoutmasters are assigned to each youth leader. As a result, they get real coaching and experience that stays with them for life.

And...we are closely aligned with BSA's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and JLT. Our current SPL is on their staff!

### Adult Support...

Our Scouters are dads, moms, uncles, and grandmothers. We've got literally dozens of committed Assistant Scoutmasters and Scouters that support our program. And we have a dedicated Troop Committee of volunteers that run the behind-the-scenes business of the troop (making reservations, understanding safety and travel, etc.) so that the boys can focus on delivering a solid program and creating a fun and engaging environment.

### Cost of the Program...

Unlike many troops, we do not have monthly or annual dues. We work hard to keep the cost of our monthly program low so every Scout can participate. Our monthly campouts have a normal cost of \$18/person – food included.

Each boy can expect to pay about \$27 to the council annually for their membership in BSA and their Boy's Life Subscription, plus \$15 per registered adult annually (all of this goes to Council). Occasionally, there are small fuel charges for distant campouts. Summer Camp and High Adventure Camps/Activities are at cost and are very reasonable.

To make this possible, we run three fundraisers each year and expect every Scout and family to contribute to their success: a) Popcorn Sales; b) Grounds maintenance at Parker Country Festival; and c) Annual Pancake Supper. Combined, we are blessed to be able to raise \$8,000-\$10,000 for operations. In addition, this year we have created personal *Scout Accounts* that can be used to pay for Scouting Activities.

