

Troop 10 Times

February 2002

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

This hasn't been much of a winter so far. We had a fine winter campout, although without the requisite snow, so cross-country skiing was clearly our. Although we did remember to pack our sleds, we were not able to use them. As we prep for the annual Klondike Derby, it seems that wheels would be a better transport device than the troop sled. On the plus side, we haven't had to worry about losing gear under a blanket of snow and the opportunities for frostbite have been all but nonexistent.

In spite of the mild winter, I am confident that our skiing trip to Devils Head will offer some great skiing, thanks in no small part to those industrious snow machines that modern technology provides. It should be a great trip. For the first time in several years, we will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at a nearby cabin, allowing for a full day of skiing, with night skiing being an option, too.

Speaking of camping, we have completed planning our campout agenda for this year and have begun planning for our 2002-2003 season. We have a "Campout Committee" recently formed of a half a dozen Scouts who will have the charge of outlining our camping locations and activities for next year. These Scouts are: Erik A., Mike H., James M., Mike M., Mike R. and Spencer W. If any of our Scouts or adult leaders have any suggestions for locations or activities for campouts, please let any of the Scouts on the committee or Bill T., our Activities Chairman, know. We are always looking for new and interesting things to do. Early planning will help insure that we will get the locations that we want when we want them.

...Just another reminder that the date for our next Troop 10 Court of Honor is rushing up. It will be held on Monday, February 25th at the Barrington Middle School-Station Campus. All Scouts, please remember to complete your advance requirements as quickly as you can so you will have time to have your Boards of Review and Scoutmaster conferences. Get them done on time so we can recognize your achievements at the Court of Honor. Keep up the great work!

Yours in Scouting,
Ryan J.,
Scoutmaster

February

4	Class A Meeting
7	Roundtable Meeting
8-10	Ski Trip, Devil's Head, WI
11	Red Shirt Meeting
21	Committee Meeting
22	Newsletter Submission Deadline
25	Court of Honor

March

4	Class A Meeting
7	Roundtable Meeting
11	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Rock Climbing Campout
18	PLC/BOR
21	Committee Meeting
22	Newsletter Submission Deadline
23	Rt. 59 Cleanup
25-29	SPRING BREAK!

April

4	Roundtable Meeting
8	Class A Meeting
15	Red Shirt Meeting
19-21	Camporee!!
22	PLC/BOR
25	Committee Meeting
26	Newsletter Submission Deadline
26-28	Campout
29	Red Shirt Meeting

May

2	Roundtable Meeting
6	Class A Meeting
13	Red Shirt Meeting
16	Committee Meeting
17-19	Warren Dunes Campout
20	PLC/BOR
24	Newsletter Submission Deadline
27	No School

*SMC = Scout Master Conference

Get those receipts in NOW!

As we change over our accounting systems in 2002, we are going to try to be more timely in our reimbursements and receipts. If you have any outstanding receipts (such as for campout food purchases) please get them to our new Finance Chairman, Mike L., before the end of February. To be more timely, we will try to adhere to a policy of requesting receipts be turned in before the following campout (i.e. turn in all receipts from the December campout before the January campout.)

...and just a reminder: the amount to be reimbursed for campout food is \$3 per person per meal (remember, a Scout is thrifty).

Campout Attendance Reminder:

Just a couple of reminders on campout protocol: When a Scout is registered for a campout, we expect them to remain for the entire campout, from the assembly point at the middle school to the final dismissal at the campsite.

If there are special circumstances that make it impossible for a Scout to attend the entire campout, these must be discussed with their patrol leader (to ensure that they can plan for the correct number of Scouts at each meal) and with Mr. T., our Activities Chair (to be sure that our tour permit and our transportation arrangements are in order).

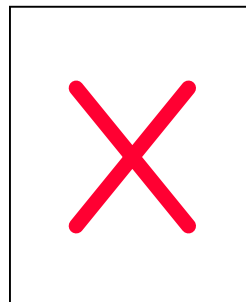
For tracking of Scout attendance for advancement purposes, even if there are special circumstances that prevent a Scout from attending an entire campout, the Scout must, at a minimum, spend at least one night and participate, to at least some extent, in the activity of the campout to receive credit for attendance at that campout.

I was not at the last campout, which was at White Pines, but I heard it was an ok campout even though there was no snow. It would have been nice to be able to sled and cross country ski. Everyone went exploring and did what we did when we went to White Pines last time. I don't know, but someone said they were planning on making snowshoes but maybe they didn't make them.

Sincerely,
Michael R.

Mark Your 2002 Calendars for Napowan!

Troop 10 will once again be reserving 2 weeks at our lakeside campsite at Camp Napowan. Make your reservation for one or both weeks (6/23-6/29 and 6/30-7/6). Don't forget, if you attend both weeks, Troop 10 will again have a great day at the water park during our "in between" weekend. All first and second year Scouts should make a special point of attending. It's a great opportunity for a lot of fun and advancement! (Scout parents should also mark their calendars so that they can join us as an adult leader/volunteer for a part of the summer camp. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to help our boys learn, grow and have a lot of fun doing it!)



Cookboxes and Coleman Stoves Are Available For "Re-Deployment"

Now that we have upgraded our cookboxes and camp stoves, our old coachboxes and stoves can be offered to other Scout groups that may have a need for them. Although their useful life in our troop may be at an end, they could be an asset for a group with less intensive camping needs (like a cub Scout pack), or a group that is looking for a heavy duty cookbox and doesn't mind that the box is also pretty heavy (for example, if adults could be carrying it at each campsite). If you know of a group that would like to "re-deploy" our old equipment, please contact our Quartermaster Steve R. or Scoutmaster Ryan J., to make arrangements to get the equipment to them.

Nice People to do Business With -

This past summer when our crews were looking for help in making patrol flags that would be carried at Philmont, the nice people at *Initial Impressions Plus* came to the rescue and donated their services and helped make two nicely embroidered patrol flags. Each flag was custom embroidered with our own designs on the front and back. Needless to say, both flags turned out excellent. So if you ever need something custom embroidered, monogrammed, baby or wedding gifts. go see the folks at 115 East Station in Barrington. (847-382-8700). I am sure they will take care of you just like they did our Philmont Crews.

Newsletter Info

All Historians are required to submit an article for the newsletter each month to fulfill their position of responsibility.

Other Scouts, especially those in troop leadership positions are also welcome to submit articles concerning their area of responsibility.

Adult leaders and committee members are asked to submit timely articles as well.

Deadline for the next issue is >>>February 22<<<

TROOP 10 Training

By Mr. Tom K. – Training Chairman

The district training schedule is not out yet for the second half of the Scout season but I am told that the three safety courses. I.e., **Climb on Safety, Safe Swim Defense and, Safety Afloat**, will be taught at the **Merit Badge Clinic** which is scheduled for **March 2nd**. This will be a good opportunity for those wishing to complete that training. In the mean time, the only scheduled training event is as follows:

- **CLIMBING/RAPPELLING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING:** This course will require a one day ground training session at the BSA Council Office and then a two day weekend training session at Camp Napowan during the summer. Requirements for full instructor certification are as follows:
 1. Current BSA Class 2 or 3 Medical Record
 2. Current First Aid/CPR Certification
 3. 18 years of age or older
 4. Completion of one classroom session followed by one two-day outdoor session

CLASSROOM SESSION:

When: Attend any one: Tuesday, April 23; Wednesday, May 22; Tuesday, June 25;

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Northwest Suburban Council Office, 600 N. Wheeling Road, Mt. Prospect

OUTDOOR SESSION:

When: Attend any one: Saturday and Sunday, June 15 & 16; July 6 & 7; July 13 & 14; August 10 & 11;

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m

Where: Camp Napowan Adventure Base Climbing Tower.

Cost: \$50 (includes course materials and meals)

If anyone has questions regarding Scout training, I can be reached during the day at 312-930-1322 or in the evening at 847-359-3011. I can also be contacted at my **E-mail id**.



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Scoutmaster Julian helping the Scouts setup the dog sled & explaining the equipment for use during the day.

CAMPING CORNER - Bill T., ASM-Camping

Here is a run down of the upcoming campouts:

February, 8, 9, and 10, 2002 - Devils Head/Cabin Campout

We will be heading up north for our Downhill Ski Camping weekend. Once again skiing at Devils Head and then spending the night in a cabin. This year you can day/night ski from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm with a break for a Pizza Party. This year each Scout is asked to bring a Liter of pop and one bag of junk food that will be shared. Remember, your skis must be rented before hand at Aspen Ski. I suggest going over there early, like now and reserve a pair for the trip. **No skis can be rented at Devils Head.** Permission slips due January 28th, 2002.

March 15, 16, and 17, 2002 - Rock Climbing/Campout-

This is going to be a great trip for Troop 10. We will be camping at Evergreen Lake outside of Bloomington, IL. This will be our first time camping in Central Illinois and I am looking forward to spring-like weather. We will rock climb at Upper Limits in Bloomington, IL. This is the #1 ranked indoor climbing facility in Illinois. All Scouts participating will earn Climbing Merit Badge (must know answers to questions on hand out). This climbing experience will come in very handy during our May, 2002 campout to Devils Lake, WI. Permission slips are due February 25th. Spots are limited due to restrictions in Climbing Class size. Get your permission slips in early for a spot.

April 26, 27, and 28, 2002 - Indiana Dunes Campout-

Yes, you read right, **Indiana Dunes** not Michigan Dunes. This will be the first time Troop 10 has ventured to Indiana Dunes. The dunes are the same only the location is different. Our camping site also includes a cabin which opens up many possibilities. Any Ideas anyone??? Part of the program will include a short lecture from the Parks Naturalist on Sand Dunes. Permission slip to follow.

May 17, 18, 19, 2002 - Devils Lake Campout -

This will be a new adventure for Troop 10. We will combine camping and rock climbing, drawing on our skills previously learned in March. We will be professionally guided on the rocks in Devils Lake. In case you did not know, Devils Lake offers some of the best rock climbing in the Midwest, if not the Country. I feel honored just to be able to camp in the park, let alone climb its prestigious rock formations. This will be truly a memorable time. Permission slips to follow.

Any questions, should be directed to Mr. Bill T., ASM (847-842-1845)

Looking Forward to the Future – 2003 Bill T.-ASM

Does Dog Sledding sound interesting? Ice Fishing? How about making your own homemade Snowshoes? Winter camping and sleeping in a snow shelter that you have built yourself? Rock Climbing Devils Lake or Scuba Diving Devils Lake? Climbing a sand dune? Backpacking?

The dog sledding will be kind of a mini-high adventure trip. It will take place over a long weekend like Martin Luther King Holiday or Presidents Day. This will be an all-inclusive trip, all equipment is provided. You will be able to lead your own dog team across the wilderness and learn how to take care of the dogs. Camping and snow will be included. Cost will be around \$200.00.

Scouts and parents, due to the nature of the trips and activities they have become costly. We are always striving to be thrifty where ever possible. Scouts should be selling X-mas wreaths and building their scout accounts.

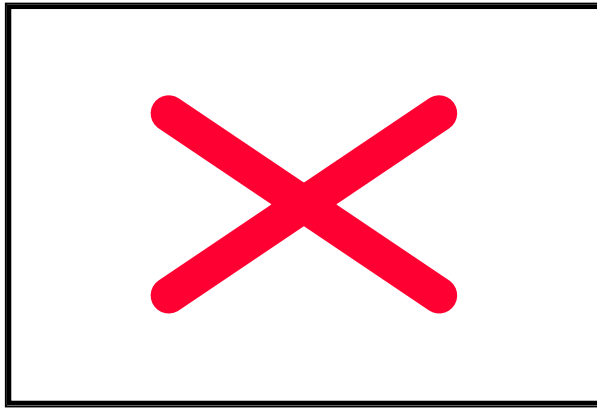
These are all being planned for 2003. If you have any ideas about camping or activities, please let me know. We are always looking for new ideas and it is never too early to begin planning. Call me at 847-842-1845.



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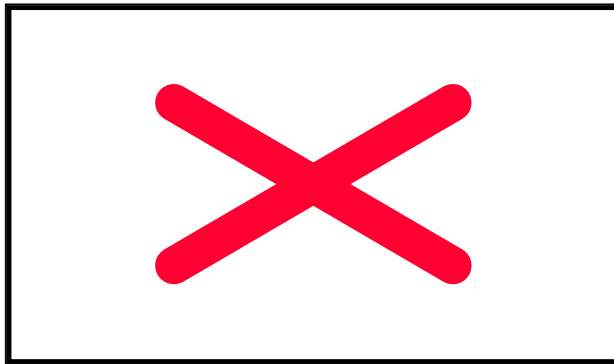
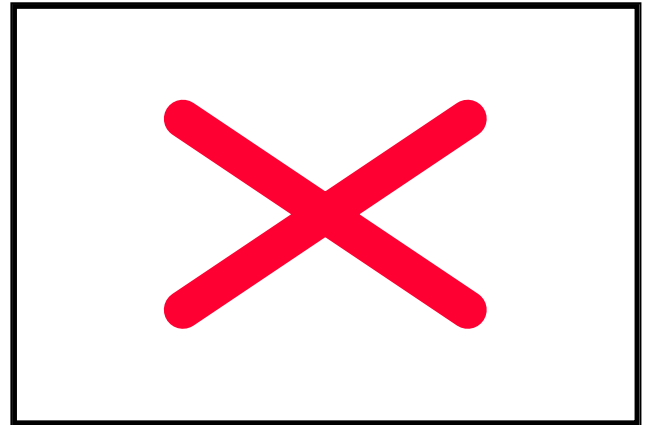
The first event of the day was a sling shot range where pans were set at various distances and scores were accumulated. Each Scout got 10 chances. Above, Adam S. is taking careful aim. Owl pellet food was used as the shot, which would allow the owls to feed themselves later that night.

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This event (left) is called The Dawson City Telegraph Station, where Scouts tested their Morse Code skills for sending and receiving information.

This event (right) was called the Inuit Rescue where Scouts learned to administer proper First Aid according to the Boy Scout Handbook and to test the Scout's skills with fabricating a makeshift stretcher and then racing with it.



Here (left) the Scouts are racing their dog sled. Even though there was no snow, it glided across the dry grass fairly well.



Lunch Is Served ...
Scoutmaster Ryan prepared hot dogs and navy bean soup for the Scouts and adult helpers!

Mmmmm Good!