

# TROOP 10 TIMES

## Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

It seems like just a short time ago I was putting together my first "Scoutmaster's Minute" for the Troop 10 Times, and yet here it is already the end of my first year of serving as Troop 10 Scoutmaster. It has been a great year working with the Scouts and adult leaders of our troop. We have had some great outings, including White Pines, Camp Crown for the Canoe Campout, New Glarus State Park in Wisconsin for our Bicycling trip, our first Winter Cabin Campout in recent memory, The Klondike Derby and the Winter campout in January, the Devil's Head ski trip, Climbing at the Silos in Bloomington, the annual trip to the Dunes, and our recently concluded climbing trip to Devil's Lake.

We have awarded literally hundreds of merit badges and advancements covering virtually every Scout in the troop. We have even had 6 new Eagle Scouts added to the Troop 10 Honor role in 2001 and 2002 alone. There has been a lot of learning and growth for all of our boys. It's been a great Scouting year and Troop 10 has a lot to be proud of.

There are a lot of people that deserve a vote of thanks for helping make this year so successful. Matt B. has done a great job this year as our Senior Patrol Leader- the top junior leader in the troop. It's a tough assignment and Matt has done it with great distinction. Thanks, Matt!!!

We have had a lot of adult support, too. This adult support is one of the hallmarks of Troop 10 and one of the key reasons for our continuous record of success. We have 70 registered adult leaders, surely the strongest adult cadre I am aware of in the area. While everyone has helped our boys succeed, there are several who deserve extra special mention.

Our Activities Chairman, Bill T. has done a great job making sure that all of our great outings are well planned and that they go off with out a hitch. Steve R., our Quartermaster, always makes sure that we have the equipment we need and insures that it is kept in great shape. Lisa E. and Margaret R. have done the very difficult task of coordinating all of our boys in their Scouting advancement. Sue M. has coordinated our many service projects. Hank S. and Roger Y. have coordinated the work of our many Eagle Scout candidates. Tom K. has coordinated our troop training, both adult training and leadership training for the boys. Erik B. and Bill R. took the lead in helping our younger Scouts advance from Scout all the way to Star rank. Our treasurers Laura G. and now Mike L. have cared for our finances. And George F., our Committee Chair has made sure we have always had the adult help when and where we needed it. ...and the list does go on.... I offer my personal thanks to these folks and all of the adults who have helped us do so well. Thanks!

With all of the great success this year, I am every bit as excited about the prospects for the upcoming year. It looks like we will have a strong summer program with over 40 boys going to Camp Napowan and 3 crews of senior Scouts going on the 10 day Atikokan canoe trip. We are already putting the program together for next year and looking forward to the leadership of our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader, Carl N. (Congratulations, Carl!).

Enjoy your summer vacations, Scouts (...and adult leaders, too) and I look forward to seeing you all again when we start the Scout year again in the fall!

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan J.,  
Scoutmaster

June	
2	Court of Honor
6	Roundtable Meeting
20	Committee Meeting
23- July 3	Quetico
23-29	Napawan Summer Camp – Week 1
30 – July 6	Napawan Summer Camp – Week 2

July	
No Activities	

August – Tentative	
19	ASM Meeting
26	Pool Party

SMC = Scout Master Conference  
BOR = Board of Review  
PLC = Patrol Leaders Conference

**Attention All Scouts:**

My June 8 work-date for my Eagle project has been cancelled because the courtyard will be torn apart to get the playground equipment in. Therefore, the landscaping portion will be put off until the equipment is in. There will still be a work date for bench assembly in mid summer. I will call Scouts to see who is available. Thank you.

**Eric E.**

Last weekend the Troop got to experience something very different. The outdoor rock climbing was very exciting, and very new to many of the boys. It was an enjoyable challenge, that got your heart pumping and your mind grinding. That Saturday was a good learning experience, because it taught the boys to set goals, work toward them, and not be afraid to fail. I believe that some of them also learned that they have harder heads than they thought. This was an excellent campout which I would love to do again. (Especially with my Hotel Tent).

**Eric E.**

**EAGLE TRAIL  
by Mr. Hank S.**

It is amazing that this Scouting year is drawing to a close. It has been a very productive year. Troop 10's Life Scouts continue to advance to Scouting's pinnacle of Eagle.

At the present time we have ten Scouts at various stages of their Eagle Projects. This is a very large number, which is great. We want to see all of the boys

who want to **earn** their Eagle to achieve that goal. That is one reason Troop 10 has two Eagle Coordinators.

Effective immediately, Mr. Tony C. and I (Mr. Hank S.) will be the Eagle Coordinators. Any boys working on their Eagle Project will be working with us. Call either one of us to set up an appointment. We are available throughout the summer to assist the boys if needed.

Finally, I would personally like to thank Dr. Roger Y. for his time and commitment to Troop 10 and more importantly to the boys of Troop 10. Dr. Yates has been a model leader of Troop 10 for many years. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Yates this past year as an Eagle Coordinator. He has been a tremendous help to me in transitioning into this role. Troop 10 has had many quality leaders in the past but I would have to put Dr. Y. at the top of that list. His leadership and example over the past years has set a high standard for all current and future Troop 10 leaders to achieve. Thank you, Dr. Y., for everything that you have done for Troop 10 and me.

**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., as soon as possible. (Any "vintage" receipts were due 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 April campout before the May campout.) ...and just a reminder: the maximum

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

**NOTE TO PARENTS OF LIFE SCOUTS  
from Mr. Hank S.**

This past year we have been working with many boys on their Eagle Projects. We need all parents to remember that the rank of Eagle is the pinnacle of your son's Scouting career and that the boy must earn the rank. One of the biggest challenges for the boy is his Eagle Project. As parents we need to support our sons as they work on their project, but we must also remember that the project is the boy's to do. This involves all planning from the beginning through the execution of the project. To that end, the Eagle Coordinators will not work with parents on their sons' Eagle project. Our job is to assist the boys with the development of the project and serve as a guide to them. So be supportive of their efforts, but don't do the project for them. We all want to see them succeed but as stated before the boy must **earn** the rank of Eagle by completing all of the necessary requirements.

**New Merit Badge Counselor –  
Mr. Hank S. is now a counselor  
for the following merit badges:**

- Camping
- Emergency Preparedness
- Personal Fitness
- Safety
- Traffic Safety

If anyone is interested in working with Mr. S. on any of these merit

badges call him to set up an appointment.

### **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.

### **Advancement Participation Requirements**

One of the requirements for advancement for all ranks in Scouting is that the Scout seeking to advance must be an active member of the troop. Generally, in Troop 10 that means that you are an active participant at 60% of the troop meetings and at 60% of the campouts. It is very important that Scouts seeking to advance in rank do their best to be active members and participate in

these activities. If a Scout is seeking to advance but has not been able to maintain his participation, that Scout may need to defer that advancement until he can bring up his active participation in our Troop 10 activities. If you have any questions on these guidelines, please contact our advancement chair people or your Scoutmaster.

### **Dear Scouts**

The easiest way to do merit badges is to do something that interests you. If you just started the baseball season, it would be really easy to get personal fitness. Or if your dad is an accountant, you could work on personal management. There are so many merit badges that I bet if you thought about it you could find two or three that you do every single day of your life. Be creative and talk to your counselor about ways you can make the merit badge more like your own life.

Nate H.

### **Dear Scouts**

Every year there is a couple of meetings, where we think about what we want to do next year. We choose new patrols, and think of new ideas for next years campouts. Try to remember back to what you liked the best, what you disliked, and what was missing or could be added to next year to make it a more enjoyable experience for you. Another important thing that happens at these meetings is the Senior Patrol Leader is elected. Some of you might not even know who you voted for and that is why it is a very good idea to get to know as many older Scouts as you can.

Nate H.

### **TROOP 10 Training By Mr. Tom K. – Training Chairman**

This will be the last training notice distributed for the end of the 2001/2002 Scout season. Only a few training sessions remain. They are as follows:

### **NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS (part one of leader training; can be taken in any order):**

This training session is for all leaders in packs, troops, and crews who are not fully trained. It's also for any trained leader who desires an update on their training. For those adults who have recently taken Troop Committee Specifics training, this will complete your requirement acquiring the "trained" patch for your sleeve. The two dates scheduled for this session are as follows:

When: Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> or  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Where: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., 2 hours in  
length  
Cost: \$5; pre-registration is required

### **UPCOMING – WOOD BADGE TRAINING:**

This is the advanced Scout training that is offered to adults once they have completed the various courses which comprise what was once known as Basic Leader Training. The requirements and next session are as follows:

To be eligible for WOOD BADGE training, you must:

1. Be a registered Scouter
2. Have completed Fast start and New Leader Essentials
3. Have completed Position Specifics Training for your registered position
4. Have a Class 3 physical valid through September 2002 (Class 3

is the same type of physical that is required to stay 3 or more days camping at Napowan)

Pre-course meeting:

When: TBA

Camping:

When: August 16, 17 and 18; September 13, 14, and 15, 2002

(Two (3) day weekend trips)

Where: Camp Lakota, Woodstock

Cost: \$185

If anyone has questions regarding this or other Scout training, I can be reached in the evening. You can also contact me at **E-mail id.**

*(The following photos courtesy of Mr. Tom Krettler)*



The Scouts were divided into 3 climbing teams. This is Team #3 getting ready for their climb with instructions from Pam as Scoutmaster J. looks on. Pam and her husband are both climbing instructors. Pam manages a neurological clinic in Lake Forest as her "day job".



At the very tip top of this climb is Jeff L. He is the one person who made it to the top of this cliff. Nice Job Jeff!



This is at the base of one of the several climbing sites. There were 4 sites to choose from for climbing with varying levels of skills required. Several people looked on.



Here Tom K. is lodged between the cliff & and rock formation using the "push from behind" method for continuing his climb.



Mr. P. is perched here about 550 ft. above base camp calling home saying "You'll never guess where I'm calling from."



Here Mr. L. (on left) is working with one of the Belaying Teams guiding a Scout up the cliff during his climb. Daniel P. (on right) is waiting for his turn next.



The Scouts and adult participants are seen here taking a well deserved lunch break. Special thanks to Mr. Steve R. who hauled up lunch for everyone from the base camp.



The parting shot before breaking camp on what was an excellent weekend, both in weather and in activities!

(The following photos are courtesy of Nate H.)



Jeff R. on the climb



Climbing "The Rock"



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*Based on your ability, it took anywhere from 40-60 minutes just to get to the base of the climbing area from the camp site. What some would call a "dead end" others call a trail. The trail was made of rock and boulder paths which you either had to climb up or, in some cases, crawl up to get to the base of the cliff.*



Mr. F. belaying

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