

Troop 10 Times

November 2001

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

Our first 2 outings this year demonstrated the physical mettle of our scouts (not to mention the adult leaders who were with us. The September canoe trip in Wisconsin was great! It was a beautiful day as we completed the 17 mile trip down the Fox River in what our outfitter said was record time, with only a few of us enjoying unscheduled dips in the water. The scouts even had enough energy to enjoy exploring Camp Crown at the end of the day.

Because of the recent activation of the military, we were unable to have our planned stay at Camp McCoy for our bicycle trip, but thanks to Mr. Bill Turnquist, our Activities chair, we didn't miss a beat. He quickly arranged for a camp site at Wisconsin's New Glarus State Park and a trip on the nearby bike trail. Most of the scouts did a 35 mile trip, although a few intrepid travelers opted for an additional 14 mile extension. In addition to demonstrating their physical fitness, the scouts also demonstrating their camp culinary skills. The dinner meals on the bike trip for the various patrols included: pizza and pasta, fried chicken, stir fry and sloppy joes. At this rate, by the end of our camping season, we'll be eating nothing but gourmet fare.

Thanks to our troop quartermaster, Mr. Steve R., our troop moves into the 21st century with new dining canopies, cook boxes and stoves. The new equipment is not only easier to set up, use and take down, but also offers better performance. At both of our campouts this year, our camp setups have received compliments from other scout groups camped nearby, tributes to both the equipment and to the scouts who have been putting together some exemplary campsites. It's great to be a part of such a fine troop of scouts.

After finishing up October with some important service projects (the Rt. 59 clean up and the Barrington United Methodist Church Rummage Sale), we will be looking forward to a great family campout at White Pines State Park in November. We hope that you parents will be able to join your scouts at this highlight event. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Scouting,
Ryan J.,
Scoutmaster

November

1	Roundtable Meeting
5	Class A Meeting
12	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Committee Meeting
16-18	Family Campout – White Pines
19	PLC/BOR
21	Newsletter Submission Deadline
26	Red Shirt Meeting

December

3	Class A Meeting
8	First Aid Meet
10	Red Shirt Meeting
13	Roundtable Meeting
14-16	Cabin Campout
17	Holiday Festival
20	Committee Meeting
19	Newsletter Submission Deadline
24-1/4	HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January

7	Class A Meeting
10	Roundtable Meeting
11-13	Winter Campout
14	PLC/BOR
17	Committee Meeting
23	Newsletter Submission Deadline
28	Red Shirt Meeting

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

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

Hello from New England!

It's been a while since I have seen everyone. Deerfield is wonderful, the leaves began to fall last week and the trees are now almost bare. The first hiking trip of the year is on Saturday, which will be very refreshing after not having camped since Philmont. The classes are fascinating if not slightly intimidating (I have a 2 1/2 hour chem class every Wednesday). I hope everyone is doing well, keeping Matt on his toes. I would love to hear from all of you about the campouts or anything. My e-mail is trebob@hotmail.com. I don't know when this is going to be published, so go out and help at the rummage sale or road clean up [Oct. 27]. I will see all of you at brunch at White Pines. Until then, good luck and keep your shoulders back.

Robert S.

“There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.”

Douglas A.

JAMBO FUN!

We left on July 18th at 7:00 AM . Three buses left from the Northwest Suburban Council offices en route to Ft. AP Hill in Virginia. Before the actual Jambo, we visited Washington D.C. and toured most of the major attractions including the Capital Building and The Air and Space Museum. It was really nice. At Jambo, we did everything from moto-cross to SCUBA. The repeling was also fun. Toward the end of the Jamboree, we were anxious to get home. But before that, we had to go whitewater rafting. It was a Blast!

Dan F. and Jeff R.

TOP 10 RULES OF SCOUTING...

10. Bring your Book.
9. Bring your Book.
8. See Mrs. Even.
7. Bring your Book.
- 6-2. etc.

And the #1 Rule of Scouting is...

BRING YOUR BOOK!!!!

COMMENTS ON THE BIKE TRIP...

On the 19th thru the 21st troop 10 had its annual biking trip. When we got there at around 9:30 Friday night all we did was have a Crakerbarrel and then go to bed. The next morning at around 9:00 we started biking. This year it was held at New Glarus, Wisconsin. The bike trail was the Sugar River State Bike Trail. The trail has many bridges to stop and take a break at or look around. The scenery was pretty amazing. The biking path was a time to relax.

At the half way-point we had our lunch. If you wanted to go the extra 14 miles you could (yeah right!). When we got to one of the depots on the way back we all took turns riding the "museum on wheels." The only problem was the brakes didn't exactly work. By the time we got back it was around 4:00. We then had free time until nighttime where we tried to have a campfire. Then we went to bed.

Last week I was looking through Boys Life. It was brought to my attention to tell you about how to prepare for a winter camp out, this is what I read. First you need a first aid kit, down sleeping bag, rain gear, winter boots, many of winter hats, gloves, long under wear, socks, plenty of under wear, sweaters, and pants. You need maches, dry wood, flash lights, batteries, extra food, water, strong tent, tarps, compass.

Thank you for your time

Brent R.

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...by George!

Camping

By Mr. Bill T., Camping Chairman

Seems like just yesterday we were eating Mrs. M's spaghetti dinner. Another year has flown by and it is time for our **Annual Family Campout**. The campout as always will be held at White Pines State Park. The park is located in the heart of the Rock River Valley in Mt. Morris, IL. This year's dinner will be deep fried turkeys with all the fixin's, which will be supplied by our patrols. As always, I am sure there will be great eating. On Sunday morning, we again have reservations in the main lodge, the White Pines Inn. They will be serving our Troop and guests a hardy Paul Buyon breakfast.

If you plan on attending this campout, please dress warm. Last year the nighttime temperature fell to 17 degrees and it was cold all weekend. Don't let the cold spoil your time. If you have any specific questions, please contact Bill T. at 842-1845.

November Family Campout:

Where: White Pines State Park, Mt. Morris, IL
When: November 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2001
What: Family Campout

Next Month:

December Cabin Overnight- December 15th, 16th, 2001

Troop 10 Training

By Mr. Tom K., Training Chairman

The courses being offered over the next several months will be much reduced as compared to the early Fall season. Look for the next big push for classes to come during the Spring season. As new courses become available, I will get the information out to all Scouters. Please look for that information in these monthly newsletters.

The upcoming scheduled training sessions are as follows:

TROOP COMMITTEE TRAINING: This program is designed to help all current and future troop committee members, ASM's and other leaders to better understand their roles and responsibilities within the troop. This training will also enable troop committee members to support the Troop, the Scoutmaster and Scouts.

When: Thursday, November 15, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Where: St. Anne Parish Center
Cost: \$10 (includes manual)

If anyone has any questions, 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**.

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.

Articles can be e-mailed to zeifamily@aol.com,

Article Deadline for the next issue is

>>November 21<<

Courts of Honor

Special thanks to Sarah H., Cheryl K., and Robin B. for a great October 29th Court of Honor. In our efforts to improve the recognition process, changes made to this Court of Honor were well received.

We would also like to recognize all of the work by Ryan J., Margaret R. and Lisa E. for the extensive work that was required to ensure the accuracy of all the boys' advancements and straightening out the Council Office records.

February Court of Honor will be held at Station Campus on the 25th and is expected to include dinner. More information will be available in January.

The June Court of Honor is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd at Tyler Creek in Elgin where several of our Scouts have completed their Eagle Projects.