

Troop 10 Times

September 2001

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

As I begin my first year as Scoutmaster, things are already off to a great start. While the summer has seemed to have just flown by, our boys in Troop 10 have been very, very busy. We had 39 Scouts at Camp Napowan who earned 157 merit badges and lots of other advancement, plus 3 more Scouts on the camp staff. We had 2 crews enjoying the high adventure trekking at the Philmont National Scout Ranch, and we had 6 Scouts taking part in the National Jamboree. It's been a great Scout summer! I am really looking forward to recognizing all of this advancement and achievement at our Court of Honor in October. Remember, Scouts: Bring your books to the first meeting so our Advancement Chairs, **Mrs. E** and **Mrs. R.**, can update our records with your summer accomplishments!

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We have already kicked off the Scouting year with a great pool party, and we move into high gear with the first of our regular Monday night meetings at Grove School on September 10. Our first campout will be a canoe trip -- always one of our troop's favorites -- so mark your calendars for **September 21-23**. This will be an opportunity for all Scouts and parents to practice a skill that will be very handy as you look forward to the Boundary Waters and other high adventure trips.

This year, we are blessed with a great cadre of senior Scouts, many of who have achieved Life rank and are now in a position to consider working towards Eagle Scout. We will be taking advantage of this great resource by asking a number of these Scouts to sign on as Troop Instructors. These instructors will work with the patrols of younger Scouts to help them work on their Scouting skills and advancement. I think that each of our patrols will benefit from this added attention. We have a large Troop (over 70 boys) and a very active program, so our success depends on dedicated leadership and strong adult support. The leader of our boy-run Troop this year is our new Senior Patrol Leader, **Matt B.** Our "adult leader" is our new Committee Chairman, **George F.** We are all looking forward to another great year with the continued strong support of our boys from our Scout parents and other adult leaders. Thanks for the great work!

Yours in Scouting,
Ryan J.

September

6	Roundtable Meeting
10	Meeting – Class A Meeting
17	Meeting – Red Shirts
20	Committee Meeting
21-23	Campout – TBD
24	PLC/BOR

October

1	Class A Meeting
4	Roundtable Meeting
15	Meeting – Red Shirts
18	Committee Meeting
19-21	Campout – Bicycle Trip
22	PLC/BOR
27	Rt. 59 Cleanup
27	Rummage Sale @ United Methodist Church
29	Court of Honor

November

1	Roundtable Meeting
5	Class A Meeting
12	Meeting – Red Shirts
15	Committee Meeting
16-18	Family Campout – White Pines
19	PLC/BOR
26	Meeting – Red Shirts

December

3	Class A Meeting
8	First Aid Meet
10	Meeting – Red Shirts
13	Roundtable Meeting
14-16	Cabin Campout
17	Holiday Festival
20	Committee Meeting
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	

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

RED BSA SHIRTS

There are Troop meetings that Scouts can wear their red BSA shirts. They are listed on Troop 10, 2001 – 2002 schedule. They are all of the Troop meetings where class A uniforms are not required.

The red shirts are not mandatory but are optional: a scout can always wear his class A uniform.

The red shirts are available at the Scout Shop in Mount Prospect. The cost is less than \$20. Their phone number is 847-824-6887.

PHILMONT CREW 711 B2

WOW, WHAT A GREAT TIME. Crew 711 B2 had a great trek in the high country of Philmont, New Mexico during July. The 12 members of the crew hiked all of the great peaks of the area; BALDY, MT. PHILIPS, BIG RED, BEAR MT, BLACK MT., MT. SCHAFER AND THE TOOTH OF TIME . The crew managed to hike though 45 degree hail storms as well as 90 degree foot burners. All of the Scouts of Troop 10 should ask the crew about the Tough Man Contest and how **Mike M.** can dance the Trout.

Remember, Troop 10 will be returning to Philmont Scout Camp in the summer of 2003. To attend Philmont Scout Ranch, the Scout needs to have finished 8th grade and be a First Class Rank.

If you are interested in this great opportunity talk to **Dr. K or Mr. S.**

OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE ABOUT THE TROOP TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Calling all Scouts and parents!

We will be publishing pictures in the local newspapers to showcase Troop 10's Scouting experiences. We are looking for interesting pictures from the past summer such as: Napowan, Philmont, and Boundary Waters.

Please contact **Sue M.** at 847-934-3934 if you have photos that you think would be good to use.

ATIKOKAN CANOE TRIP

Troop 10 is looking for a group of Scouts who want to have a high adventure trek. A ten-day trek has been scheduled for the end of June, 2002 and returning July 3rd to canoe in the Quetico Wilderness Canoe Area. The Scouts must be at least 13 years old, have completed 8th grade, be able to carry a canoe, and be ready to have a great time ... swimming, canoeing, fishing, camping and viewing the Northern Lights.

Troop 10 is trying to complete the crews during the month of September. This will be on a first-come first-service basis.

If you are interested, contact **Dr. K.** at a Troop meeting.

Dr. K.
Scoutmaster Emeritus

PARENTS WANTED!!

Parents wishing to become part of the Troop 10 Leadership are invited to contact George F. at 381-7813 or Magstermind01@aol.com.

CAMPING

By Mr. Bill T., Camping Chairman

Welcome back after a long hot lazy summer. For others, welcome back from Jambo and Philmont Scout Ranch. It is time to go camping again. This years first campout will be held on September 21, 22, and 23rd. We will be paddling the "mighty" upper Fox River from Burlington, WI to Wilmont, WI. Once in Wilmont, we will be staying at Camp Crown, which is located on the Fox River.

Permission slips will be available at the first Troop meeting or on Troop 10's web site. Hope to see you there.

TRANSITION IN OUR NEWSLETTER

The Troop has benefited greatly by the work of some dedicated people. Because of the size of our Troop it was felt that a newsletter could really help all of the Troop families to stay informed. A team of people was created to produce the newsletter each month of the Scout year. After the Scouts and adults write articles they all send them to **Lynn H.** She collects them, formats them and creates the Troop 10 Newsletter. **Debbie K.** supplies the mailing labels and **Laurie F.** gets them printed, in the envelopes, stamped and mailed. This will be the last newsletter created by Lynn. She has done a great job and is now "passing the baton" to **Carole Z.** Carole will now be creating the newsletter (with a little help from Lynn as Carole becomes skilled at this key role). I thank Lynn for the time and talent that she has brought to her role, creating the newsletter and being part of a very key team for the Troop. I welcome Carole to her role and look forward to seeing her personal touch on future Troop 10 Newsletters.

Ken L.

POPCORN SALES IN OCTOBER

Selling popcorn has been a traditional Boy Scout fundraiser for years. It's a great way to raise money for your camping fees, Scout equipment, etc., as all your profits are credited to your scout account! Look for more information on incentive prizes and your order sheets in September.

TROOP REMINDER #1

All Scouts must remember to have their Scout Book with them at all Meetings and Campouts to work on advancing in Ranks.

EAGLE TRAIL

By Dr. Roger Y. and Mr. Hank S. Eagle Coordinators

This area of the newsletter will be used to inform the Troop 10 family of the happenings along the trail from Life to Eagle. Troop 10 currently has more than twenty Life Scouts with several more boys on the verge of earning their Life Rank. This is a phenomenal number. With this large number of Life Scouts, we should not have a shortage of information to pass on to you each month.

Our first item of business for this new Troop 10 Scouting Year is to recognize **Albert C.** for becoming Troop 10's most recent Eagle Scout. Albert worked diligently and made it under the wire by completing everything hours before his 18th birthday. Congratulations to Albert and his family on the achievement of Scouting's highest rank.

The second item of business is to have a meeting of all current Life Scouts. This meeting will be held on **September 17th** as part of the regular Troop Meeting. Life Scouts please plan to attend this meeting. We will be looking for the boys to update us on where they are on the Life to Eagle Trail. We will also be giving the boys information on how the process will work this year. Be there on September 17th if at all possible.

LIFE SCOUTS MEETING ~ SEPTEMBER 17TH

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 Mrs. Carole Z.

Deadlines for the next issues is >>**September 25**<<

TROOP 10 TRAINING

By Mr. Tom K., Training Chairman

We are beginning a new Scout season, which means there will be an array of training courses available throughout the year. Several of our scout parents have expressed an interest in the Basic Leader Training session that would be held in the Fall. Those who have expressed that interest have been contacted and applications have been sent to their homes. Although notice may be short, if anyone else is interested in this session, please let me know at one of the numbers listed below. That and the other known courses with dates are scheduled as follows:

- **BOY SCOUT ADULT LEADER TRAINING:** This course is designed to introduce Scout leaders and adults to the principles of troop leadership.
When: 1) The first ground session is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 8th** from 8 am until 4:30 pm.
2) The second ground session is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 19th** from 7 pm until 10 pm.
3) The campout will be held on the weekend of **October 13 & 14** beginning at 8 am on Saturday and lasting until 4 pm on Sunday
Where: The ground sessions will be held at Christ Church in Des Plaines and the camping will be held at Camp Lakota in Woodstock, IL.
Cost: \$25.00
- **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: Tuesday, **September 25th**, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Where: Christ Church, 1492 Henry Ave (corner of Henry and Coral), Des Plaines, IL
Cost: \$10 (includes manual)
- **VENTURING ADULT LEADER TRAINING:** This course is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Venturing. Topics will include programs, crew organization and advancement.
When: Saturday, **October 27th**, 9 am – 4:30 pm
Where: TBD
Cost: \$8 (lunch will not be provided)

Also, enclosed in this newsletter, you will find an insert which will be used to update our scout records for training courses taken. Please take time to fill out this sheet and drop it in the mail or return it to me at one of the Monday night troop meetings. Thank you.

If anyone has any questions, I can be reached during the day at 312-930-1322 or in the evening at 847-359-3011.

TIME TO MOVE OVER...THE WAY IT OUGHT TO BE

We are blessed in Troop 10 to have great boys and great parents. I don't know how it was for the first 72 years of the Troop, but for the last three, it has been very good to be the Troop's Committee Chair. The Troop has been successful because the moms and dads of our Scouts want to lend a helping hand. We are fortunate to have a large majority of the families volunteering time and talent to the Troop. Most people like supporting their boys as Scouts. It increases the likelihood that the boy will remain in Scouting, and adults enjoy it. When parents find something that they like, that they can do, that works within their schedules, and that is needed by the Troop, people feel good making their contribution.

The usual tenure for Scouters (adult volunteers) is between 2 and 3 years in a specific role. This allows someone to learn the job, put their personal touch on it, and then leave it to let another do the same. This minimizes burnout, promotes fresh ideas and allows us to plan for the next person in the role. A ramp-up or transition period promotes a smooth transfer of responsibilities. It also allows the development of a cadre of "Emeritus" Scouters. Those are moms and dads who have held a particular role and who assist less experienced Scouters in those roles.

Well, it is time for me to do what has happened to almost every other Scouter role in the Troop. I've been Chair for about three years and it is time for me to become Chair Emeritus. We are all fortunate that **George F.** is taking over as Committee Chair for Troop 10. George enthusiastically accepted being the Chair starting this fall, last Scout year. George will be great, with experience in school administration and a wonderful dedication and sensitivity to Scouting. George will have a full compliment of adult volunteers, including a new Scoutmaster, **Ryan J.** They will make an excellent team.

It has been great to have worked with wonderful parents and Scouts, as Chair. The adults in the Troop really have the spirit of "let's do it right for the boys". In this environment it is pretty easy to have a great Troop. The Troop is viewed by the Council as a very good example of Scouting. We are growing, Scouts are advancing, and this year have earned the Quality Troop Award. It has been a special treat to work with **Maurry V** and **Vern K.** during my tenure. Two very good and dedicated Scoutmasters. I look forward to participating as Chair Emeritus, supporting George, Ryan and other Scouters.

Since this is the last article like this for me I will take a little more room and share a story about supporting the Troop. It is a story that I have shared before, and one I like very much.

There once was a small village where almost all of the residents had their own small vineyard and made their own wine. It was a very nice village where people were friendly. There was a yearly festival and a tradition to go with it. Each family in the village was expected to put one bottle of their wine into a big vat. When it came time for the festival, the vat would be tapped and all would drink the wine from it. Well, when it came to pouring in the bottle of wine one family thought that it wouldn't hurt to put in water instead of wine. They could drink the wine themselves and of course it wouldn't be missed with one bottle of water and the many bottles of wine from all of the other families. At the time of the celebration the big wooden barrel was tapped and out came pure water. Every family thought that their little contribution wouldn't be missed...but it was.

I look forward to seeing you at Troop and Adult Committee meetings, and maybe even some campouts.

Ken L.
Committee Chair... Emeritus