

Troop 10 Times

January 2003

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

As most of you know, we have spent the last few meetings preparing for our winter camping activities. At the last 2 meetings, our Scouts put together their Okpik-style mittens. These are the same fleece and denim mittens that are made by the Scouts and adult leaders that take the full Okpik winter camping training. Having used mine for the past 2 years on many campouts and other winter activities, I can attest that they are a great way to keep warm no matter how cold it gets! On behalf of the Scouts, I want to personally thank the women who joined us at those meetings to run the sewing machines to help get these mittens completed. Thanks to Susan J., Carole Z., Lisa E., Faye S., Lynn H., Cokkie W. and Teresa J. We all thank you! Without your help, we would never have been able to complete the project.

Speaking of great support, at our cabin campout in December, all of the Scouts and adult leaders in attendance completed their very own set of snowshoes. Our camping coordinator, Bill T., was the chief mover and shaker on this project, personally gathering the plans and obtaining all of the materials, including key donations from Barrington Ace Hardware and Barrington Pools. In addition, he fabricated all of the frames and put together the sample snowshoes that we all used to guide our efforts. We also got some great help from Tony C., who punched the holes in the bindings and webbing and Jeff S. who led the crew cutting and finishing the over 300 steel support rods in his workshop.

Collectively, we completed almost 50 sets of snowshoes! While there was no snow, the boys all tried out their handiwork in the Great Snowshoe Stampede (a snowshoe race across the field at the camp). It was an awe-inspiring sight seeing all of our boys in full snowshoe gallop. It will be even more exciting when we get to try them out in the snows that are sure to come this winter. And our special thanks to Bill, Tony and Jeff for making it all come together in one amazing weekend. It was GREAT!!! Thanks, Guys!

We will continue our winter camping training in January, leading up to our big campout weekend of January 24-26. Our boys will have 3 different opportunities available to them. We will have the Klondike Derby as well as our regular winter camping overnight (along with the cross country skiing), both starting Saturday morning (Jan 25th) at Camp Crown in Wisconsin. Boys who are looking for a day trip can select the Klondike Derby and those boys who want an overnight opportunity can select the cross country skiing event. On that same weekend, a few of our senior Scouts will also be on a special trip to Northern Wisconsin to learn about dog sledding and to actually run a team of sled dogs at the Tomahawk Scout Ranch in northern Wisconsin.

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January

6	Class A Meeting
9	Roundtable Meeting
10-12	Cold Weather Campout
13	PLC/BOR
16	Committee Meeting
17-20	No School
24	Newsletter Deadline
25-26	Klondike Derby
27	Red Shirt Meeting

February

3	Class A Meeting
6	Roundtable Meeting
7-9	Devil's Head Ski Trip Campout
10	PLC/BOR
17	President's Day-No School
20	Committee Meeting
21	Newsletter Deadline
24	Court of Honor

March

3	Class A Meeting
6	Roundtable Meeting
7	No School
10	Red Shirt Meeting
14-16	Illinois Caverns Camp Out
17	PLS/BOR
20	Committee Meeting
21	Newsletter Deadline
24-28	Spring Break
31	Red Shirt Meeting

**Check our website for further
schedule information –
<http://units.nwsc.org/users/troop10>**

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

Troop Camping Checklist

Scout Outdoor Essentials

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Class A shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera/Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook/Pen/Pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knife/Multi-Tool | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Permission Slip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Protection |

Overnight Gear

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Duffel Bag/Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants/Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Trunks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots/Shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 T Shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pr. Socks/Sandals | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit & Utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Mug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Coat/Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt/Vest/Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Pad |

The Madness at White Pines

The madness at White Pines happened on Saturday when we got up for breakfast and everybody huddled around the stove where there was the tiniest sliver of warmth just to keep a little warmer. Then when we got out the pancakes to cook them, it went on for a long time and then we decided to cook the bacon. Once that was over somebody in our patrol decided they wanted to cook their own pancake. Soon it was time for KP and when we looked at the stove it was full of pancake batter. When it was dinner time we had to clean it and some other people came to help with the stove, yet the person who made the mess did not help. So we persuaded him over to help clean the mess up and that took a while. So the next morning was great when we were able to go to the awesome breakfast buffet and forgo the experience of "pancake glue" on our equipment. Even though it was chilly that weekend, the campout was great.

By: Brett B.

Scoutmaster Minute – continued...

We have been working hard in educating the boys about winter camping and preparing them for these events. We have discussed the proper equipment for these outings and made mittens and snowshoes to use at these events so we are all well prepared to enjoy them. This will be a great set of winter camping experiences, but we will need strong support from our parents and adult leaders to make it a complete success, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You'll be glad you did! See you there!

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan J.,
Scoutmaster



CAMPING CORNER

By Bill T.-ASM

This year our annual Holiday Cabin Campout (Dec. 14-15) was transformed into a snowshoe factory. We arrived Saturday morning and began to assemble our very own snowshoes. By the time the pizza arrived over 35 pairs of snowshoes had been completed. I would like to thank the Dads that helped out and the Scouts too: Tony C., Bill A., Ryan J., Sr., Jeff S., Joe S., Ron P., Ryan J., and Chris P.

Sunday morning before we all departed for home the snowshoe races were held on the snowy turf. The scouts were split between Venture and all other scouts. The course was set up and the racing began. First place winners were awarded great snowshoe prizes.

January-Klondike Derby/Winter Campout, Jan. 25-26, 2003 – Camp Crown, Wilmot, WI

We will depart Barrington Middle School Station Campus at 7:30 am and travel to Camp Crown, WI. The drive is approx. one hour. The day will be filled with Winter Klondike fun, such as, Sled Races. Winter Camping Skills will be emphasized and dinner will be chili cook off competition. All scouts are encouraged to spend the night and arrive home Sunday morning. Also, we will be renting Cross Country Skis and holding our annual “full contact downhill” championship. This campout is appropriate for all scouts and dads.

Permission slips are enclosed for the winter campout and please sign up early. Scoutmaster J. has asked for help from all dads, he will not be attending the Klondike, but will be on the Dog-Sled trip instead. Therefore, he needs the help of as many dads as possible to fill in. Please let us know if you can help!!

Dog-Sledding – Jan. 24, 25, 26, 2003 – Camp Tomahawk, Rice Lake, WI

Part of the junior venture crew will be traveling to Wisconsin’s North Woods to partake in a dogsledding adventure. This weekend program allows scouts age 14 and older to learn how to harness and care for sled dogs and drive their own sled-dog team over the rugged trails. Check out your January “Scouting” Magazine for a lengthy article about this very trip.

If you have any questions about our January program, please call Mr. Bill T.

Troop 10 “Goes Batty” Illinois Caverns Cave Trip

Our March Campout will take us underground and into the dark during the weekend of March 14, 15, and 16th, 2003. We will travel south to Illinois “Finest Wild Cave” as guests of Chicago’s oldest cave club the “Windy City Grotto” They will guide us into parts of this cave that have been barely explored. Be prepared to “Belly Crawl” through underground creeks and caverns. This cave goes for over three miles from end to end. Just to compare, Eagle Cave, WI, is only several hundred feet. Watch out for outstanding invertebrate fauna, including the largest number of cave adapted animals known from any cave in Illinois. Bats and salamanders are commonly found.

We will be staying in a hotel on both Friday and Saturday night. This means most of our meals will be the “restaurant type”. Saturday night maybe spent in the local Holidome with swimming and hot-tubs. This will feel especially refreshing after a day of belly crawling, soaking wet feet, and constant 58 degree temperatures. Dads we need help with driving, if you don’t like camping; this is a good trip to sign up for. We are trying very hard to keep costs down. Just guessing the weekend should cost around \$55.00. Please sign up early so we can figure out the driving situation.

Any questions, please call Mr. T.



Curious about Native American Customs or just tired of hanging around the house after the holidays? Come to the Powwow. Watch, learn, dance, and join in the fun. It's a great place to go if you're working on the Indian Lore merit badge or are a member of the Order of the Arrow. Six drum circles will be there as well as hundreds of dancers & participants. Thirty Native American craftsmen will also be there so you or mom can shop.

The Pow Wow is sponsored by Venturing Crew 476, the Lakota Dancers. The Venturing Crew is made up of young men and women 14-20 year of age who are interested in learning Native American culture and sharing their knowledge with others through performance.

See the Lakota Dancers web site at <http://units.nwsc.org/users/crew476> for more info on the dance team & the Pow Wow or call 847-882-1644.

Kevin K. & Albert C., both of Troop 10 and Lakota Dancers invite you to the Lakota Dancers Pow Wow.

January 4, 2003
Elgin High School
1200 Maroon Dr., Elgin, IL
Doors open at Noon
Dancing at 1:30pm-5:00pm and
7:00-10:00pm.
Admission is free.

Thank You Barrington ACE Hardware

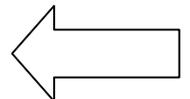
I would personally like to thank the fine folks at our local Barrington Ace located at 189 W. Northwest Hwy (847/381-3936). They donated most of the hardware necessary to complete our snowshoe project. Next time you need any hardware, stop in and give them a try.

Once again, thank you to Barrington ACE for supporting Troop 10.



PHOTO OF
THE
MONTH...

Where Are
We?





Weekend Campout Snowshoeing at Hoover
Outdoor Education Center in
Plainfield on December 14-15!

No snow, but great fun
was had by all!!!



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.

Deadline for the next issue is ~February 21~

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DUES ARE DUE – 2nd Reminder

The dues for the 2002 – 2003 scouting year are due by January 1, 2003. Dues can be paid by check or deducted from your account with the troop. Make checks payable to TROOP 10. Return payment and tear-off to Mr. Mike L., 5230 Morning View Dr., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192.

Name(s) _____

Scout \$75 ea.

Adult \$7 ea.

Total Paid _____

Check enclosed Y/N

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