

Troop 10 Times

June 2003

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

It seems like only yesterday when I was preparing my first Scoutmaster's Minute for the Troop 10 Times, and now after 2 years as Scoutmaster, it is time for me to move on. (For those of you who are new to our troop, we are continuing our long-standing Troop 10 tradition of limiting our Scoutmaster's and Committee Chairs to a 2-year term. This keeps a fresh flow of energy and new ideas in these key positions, and I think that it is a significant reason for Troop 10's ongoing success.) As with our previous Scoutmasters, I will not be leaving the troop, but will continue to be active as an Assistant Scoutmaster. I am excited about the opportunity to continue serving the troop and working with our scouts.

We have had a couple of great years, but we owe our success to a lot of fine adult leaders. Thanks to our outstanding Camping Director, Bill Turnquest, our camping program – the core of any great scouting program- is second to none. Through Mr. Turnquest, we have added climbing, dog sledding, caving, cabin campouts and snowshoe making to our already strong repertoire of great campouts. Amazingly, he has even secured fabulous weather for the outings. I'll never know how he does it all!

I have been blessed with a great team of Assistant Scoutmasters, but I need to particularly mention the great work of Erik B. and Fred S. on Advancement, Bill R. with new scouts, Hank S., Tim G., Ken L. and Tony C. with Eagle Scouts, Vern K. (my predecessor as Scoutmaster), Quartermaster Supreme Steve R. and Jeff S. with the Venture Patrols.

The Troop Committee, led by my scouting "other half," George F., had been another key. Some of the vital players have been Lisa E., Teresa J. and Margaret R. on Advancement; Tom K. on training; BUMC Rep Rich R.; Craig H. on fund raising; Treasurer Mike L.; Sarah H., Cheryl K. and Robin B. on the Courts of Honor; Secretary Faye S.; and Carole Z., Deb K., Lynn H. and Lauren F. on the Troop 10 Times.

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1	Court of Honor
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12	Committee Meeting @ SCOUT CABIN
12	Last Day of School
22-28	Napowan Camp Week 1
29-7/5	Napowan Camp Week 2

**This is the last newsletter
of the season.**

ENJOY THE SUMMER!

**Thank You to our wonderful
"retiring" leadership
Mr. Ryan J.
Mr. George F.
Mr. Bill T.**

New Leaders:

Scoutmaster: Hank S.
 Committee Chair: Tom K.
 Training Chair: Cookie W.
 Camping Chair: Ron P.

**Check our website for further
information –**

<http://units.nwsc.org/users/troop10>

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

Help! Drivers Needed!

With our Troop continuing to expand, our rate of boys' participation on campouts continues to grow. And with that comes a logistics problem: how to transport the boys and Troop gear to campsites.

On average, drivers carry about 3 Scouts per car on outings. That means that if a parent isn't acting as a driver on at least one of every three outings, then someone else is covering their share. Parents do not need to stay at campouts. They are more than welcome to do so, but if schedules won't allow it, then we will be most appreciative just for the rides they offer. Please consider driving on Friday evenings and/or Sunday mornings. The Troop equipment trailer needs to be pulled, too. We are desperate for Suburbans, pickups, or Humvees to pull the trailer to and from campouts, about 6 events each year plus summer camp.

If you are capable and willing, please call me to discuss availability, hitch size, electric brakes, etc.

Steve R., Quartermaster

By Nate H.

While looking at your Boy Scout book, some scouts may notice that there is a requirement that asks if the scout has demonstrated scout spirit. What is scout spirit, you might ask? Scout spirit is dependent on many things. First the Scout-master will look at how often you come to meetings. That is usually the most important factor in advancing, for obvious reasons. Then he will want to know how often you go on campouts. This also shows that you are (or aren't) an active member in the troop, but it also shows if you are learning and benefiting from the scouting experience. Finally the scoutmaster will think about how you help the troop on a daily basis.

P.S. Selling wreaths will never hurt your participation.

Chris G.'s Eagle Project

Please help me complete my eagle project on **June 21st**. The project starts at 8 am and goes to 4 pm. Lunch will be provided.

My project consists of cutting down trees, picking up garbage, raking leaves, and planting grass seed. Adults and Scouts can help. Bring Loppers, gloves, long clothes and saws if you have them.

Call me for questions or if you can attend.

Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship

Mr. Hank S.

While many of you were out playing around on the dunes in Michigan, there were three Scouts and myself at Camp Napawon for the OA Spring Fellowship Weekend. The Order of the Arrow, for those who don't know what it is, is an honorary camping group of the Boy Scouts of America.

This weekend Stephan S. and Adam S., both newly elected candidates to the OA, completed their Ordeal. Kevin K. attended as part of the Ceremonies Team. I was there to support Napawon through work projects and to support the boys while completing their Ordeal.

In addition to the many work projects completed during work weekend activities, the Lodge had elections and our very own Kevin K. was elected Secretary. ***Congratulations to Kevin on his new position of responsibility in Lakota Lodge.***

Everyone take a minute to congratulate these three boys on their recent accomplishments. Also, ask Kevin about his slip of the tongue during the Ordeal Ceremony. It was something about scantily clad.

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Despite all of the above mentioned adults, the list clearly goes on. Thanks to all of the rest of our active parents, too. Because of you, we prove over and over that many hands make Troop 10 work. It is an outstanding success because of all of you.

And finally and perhaps most importantly, thanks to our scouts. I have been blessed with 2 terrific Senior Patrol Leaders in Matt B. and Carl N. They have each done a wonderful job in leading our boys. They have been assisted in these efforts by a great team of ASPLs, Patrol Leaders and other scouts. This is truly a great group of boys and will be outstanding future citizens leaders. I've really enjoyed being a part of it all.

Thanks for 2 great years!

Yours in Scouting,
Ryan J.,
Scoutmaster

Napowan Tips

By Chris G.

Napowan is a lot of fun but also is a lot of work. For me Napowan was the first place I shot a gun, first time I sailed a boat and the first time for many things. Use Napowan not for just fun but for getting things accomplished. Napowan offers hundreds of merit badges that usually you wouldn't be able to get. Here are some tips that you should follow to get the best out of Napowan.

Get the lifesaving and swimming merit badges. These are the most useful merit badges. Many of the high adventure trips require these merit badges. You can get these back home but they are extremely hard to get. Napowan makes it easier to get these. You show up for an hour each day for a week and by the end you have it. You have to get swimming before lifesaving.

Get environmental science. This is another hard merit badge that will be nearly impossible if you do it alone. This is required for Eagle. This badge is a lot of work but it's more fun to do it at Napowan than in your spare time at home.

Get canoeing. All of the Scouts will get the opportunity to participate in the high adventure trips that go up to the boundary waters to canoe for two weeks. This is an amazing trip; I did it the summer of my 8th grade year. But in order to go you **MUST** have the canoeing merit badge. **At Napowan it is easy and fun.**

By Nate H.

All Scouts should check out www.boyscouts.com. It is an awesome web site. They have tons of cool photos, and they also have huge quantities of information on Boy Scout-related activities. I learned about so many celebrities that were Boy Scouts. For example, did you know that President John F. Kennedy, astronaut Neil Armstrong, and astronaut/senator John Glenn were Scouts? In addition, Gerald R. Ford - 38th President of the United States was an Eagle Scout. Who knew that Eagle Scout John Stanford, from Limestone, NY, earned the most merit badges ever! The total was 142 and he had a total of 8 Silver Palms by his 18th b-day (a Silver Palm is earning merit badges and participating in a Troop after you receive eagle).

Looking Forward to the New Challenge...

By Tom K., (New) Troop 10 Committee Chairman

As I look back at my previous three years involvement with Troop 10, I can say that the time has really flown by. When I was asked about my interest in becoming the training chairman for Troop 10 by Mr. J. prior to him becoming the next Scoutmaster, I felt that the training position would be something of great interest to me. As it turns out, it lived up to all my expectations and more. I can say that I enjoyed the work and became more involved with what Scouting is all about. It gave me the opportunity to learn about many of the excellent training courses offered by the BSA. I was also able to meet many of the Scout parents and tell them about the junior leader and adult leader training. As I assume my new role as Troop Committee Chairman, I will now have the opportunity to continue my work with the adult leadership but at a different level. I look forward to this new challenge and role in Scouting with Troop 10. Not only do I realize the importance of this role to fill, I also visualize that importance with over 75 years of heritage that Troop 10 has within the community. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. I plan to work hard to fulfill its requirements. My compliments to Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster, and to Mr. George F., Troop Committee Chairman, for two wonderful years of Scouting. They worked together well as a team. It was also with the strong support of other adults and adult leaders that made these past two years very successful. I now look forward in working with our new Scoutmaster, Mr. Hank S., as a team and also look forward to working with many of the same fine leaders and new leaders who have asked to become more involved with Troop 10 activities and leadership. It's this large and active parent participation that makes Troop 10 successful and provides that no one person gets overly burdened with their position of responsibility. The work is spread over many active and involved parents.

As I look ahead to the upcoming 2003/2004 Scout year, a number of parents have already come forward to suggest ideas for new roles and how to make Troop 10 even better. I look forward to working with each of you. If anyone has any comments or questions over the next several summer months when camping trips take over and the local Scouting activities becomes less active, I can always be reached on the phone or send me an e-mail.

Have a great summer and good scouting to all!
Tom K.

Order of the Arrow Report

By Kevin K.

The Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship was held May 15-17. Adam S., Stephan S., Kevin K. and Mr. Hank S. joined over 300 other Scouts and Scouters in working to better Camp Napowan and at the OA Ceremonies.

Congratulations to Adam S. and Stephan S. who completed their Ordeal and are now full members of the OA. Kevin welcomed them to the Order as a part of the lodge ceremonies team.

Kevin was elected to the Lodge Key 5 as Secretary, and will need to have another Arrowman replace him as OA representative for Troop 10. Meetings are only once a month - the next meeting is June 5th at 7:30PM at Immanuel Lutheran in Palatine. Adults as well as youth OA members are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, call Kevin.

For those adults who were at the Warren Dunes camp-out and enjoyed the salad, here's the recipe. It's healthy, tasty, and easy to make. Perfect for summer barbeques. Enjoy!

SUMI SALAD

- 1 head of cabbage (or 1 package of shredded cabbage)
- 8 green onions
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 container (1 oz.) of McCormick's Sesame Seeds
- 2 packages of chicken-flavored Ramen noodles

Shred the cabbage (or just open the bag), slice the onions, combine in a bowl. Sauté almonds in 1-2 tablespoons of oil, until brown. Remove and set aside. Sauté sesame seed in 1-2 tablespoons of oil, until brown. Remove and set aside.

Dressing:

- 1 cup oil
- 6 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup sugar

Before serving, add almonds, sesame seed and broken noodles (include only one of the season packets so that it doesn't taste too salty) to salad. Pour on the dressing. Toss to coat.

ENJOY!

wildlife management merit badge with the merit badge counselor. First, we went over about the plants

HELP WANTED!!

We need some adults and Scouts to come to Napowan the weekend BEFORE Week 1 camping opens (June 20, 21, 22) to a Cherokee Campsite (our site) improvement project to help put up a new gateway for our site. You'll need to bring work gloves, safety goggles, hard hats, weed wackers, chain saws, and 1 or 2 lawn mowers. Our troop trailer will be up there already, so we will have camping equipment available.

For more information or to sign up, call Mr. Jeff S.

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.

The next issue will be in the Fall

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Enjoy The Summer!!!
See you in the Fall!!!