

Troop 10 Times

March 2003

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Ryan J., Scoutmaster

As I wrote last month, in the words of the founder of the international scouting movement, Lord Baden-Powell, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." Our activities are based on this premise. We have now passed the halfway point in our Scout year and the opportunities for our boys just keep coming.

While it is not even yet Spring, it is time now for all Scouts and their parents to begin thinking about what they are doing for Summer Camp. A dozen of our Senior Scouts will be spending 2 weeks in July on a high adventure trip to the famous Philmont Scout Ranch. Another group of 8 Scouters will be enjoying a one-week sailing adventure in the Florida Keys at SeaBase.

All of our Middle School Scouts should plan on spending either 1 or 2 weeks at Camp Napowan in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. We will once again be pitching our tents on the lakeshore at the Cherokee campsite. It will be a great chance for our boys to have a great time while they accelerate their learning of Scout skills, advancement and even earn a few merit badges. It's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed. It is amazing to see how much our boys grow and mature in just that short time at camp. Parents should also mark their calendars so they can plan on joining us and spending some time with their boys as they have fun in the North Woods.

More immediately, though, the campout in March will be a great caving escapade, exploring one of the best "wild caves" in the Midwest. That is, the cave, located near St. Louis, has no paths, no lighting and no gift shop. It's just a great opportunity to explore a unique and exciting underground environment under the guidance of some great caving experts. We also hope to include a side trip on Saturday to visit the world renowned Cahokia Mounds. It should be a great and unique adventure!!

Another of the important aspects of Scouting is Service. We will have 2 terrific opportunities to serve our community in April. Since these opportunities come shortly after the Barrington Schools Spring Break, please mark your calendars now!

On April 5th, we will again be cleaning our section of Route 59, which is the 3-mile section just south of the Village of Barrington. This is part of the State of Illinois' "adopt a highway" program (note the signs recognizing this at both ends of this section of the highway)

On April 19th, we will have an opportunity to thank our Troop's sponsor, the Barrington United Methodist Church, by cleaning up the beach at Honey Lake (right near the entrance to the Biltmore Country Club) in preparation for their Sunrise Easter Service. We will start at 9:00 AM and if we have enough help, we should be done within 2 hours. Lets have a great turnout and show our appreciation to our sponsors in a big way!

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan J.,
Scoutmaster

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

****mandatory attendance****

April

3	Roundtable Meeting
5	Rt. 59 Cleanup
7	Class A Meeting
13-SUNDAY	NORTH WALL CRYSTAL LAKE**
19	Beach Cleanup
21	Red Shirt Meeting
24	Committee Meeting
25	Newsletter Deadline
25-27	Devils Lake Campout
28	PLC/BOR

****mandatory attendance****

May

5	Class A Meeting
2-4	Flower Sales
12	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Committee Meeting
16-18	Dunes Campout
19	PLC/BOR
23	Newsletter Deadline
26	Memorial Day Holiday

**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

Service Hours

There are a couple of upcoming opportunities for Scouts to earn Service hours. We had an excellent response to the last cleanup & a lot was accomplished, so let's try to keep up the good work with the following projects. They are:

Saturday, April 5th at 830 am
Route 59 cleanup

Saturday, April 19th at 9 am
Honey Lake beach cleanup

in preparation for the
Easter Sunday sunrise service
that our sponsors, Barrington United Methodist
Church, hold each year.

Sign up sheets will be going round at future troop meetings but please make a note of these dates now so that you can try to keep the time free.

More details will follow....Many thanks

Mrs. W.

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS

Service hours are essential! In Star, Life, and Eagle, there are requirements for service hours. The more service projects you go to, the more ideas you get for your own Eagle Project that you will plan, set up, and execute one day.

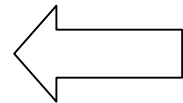
The Troop Leaders like to see creative service projects, not just clearing a path in the woods. Service hours even count for high school! Did you know a certain number of hours fulfill elective requirements, which are required to graduate? Not to mention that you can put them on your transcript, and there they are looked upon very highly.

So perform service hours whenever you can. Usually they are the second hardest requirement to fulfill!



PHOTO OF
THE
MONTH...

YAHOO!



TROOP 10 TRAINING

By Mr. Tom K. – Training Chairman

NOTICE: First of all, I would like to say that as I relinquish my responsibilities as Training Chairman for Troop 10 at around the June timeframe in order to assume my new role at that time, I will be looking for someone who would be interested in taking on the position of Training Chairman beginning within the next several weeks. There will be a transition period of several months. If you are interested in taking on this role, please let me know at one of the upcoming scout meetings. Thank you.

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Mark Your 2003 Calendars for Napowan!

Troop 10 will once again be reserving 2 weeks at our lakeside campsite at Camp Napowan. Make your reservation for one or both weeks (6/22-6/28 and 6/29-7/5). Don't forget, if you attend both weeks, Troop 10 will again have a great day at the water park during our "in between" weekend. All first and second year Scouts should make a special point of attending. It's a great opportunity for a lot of fun and advancement! (Scout parents should also mark their calendars so that they can join us as an adult leader/volunteer for a part of the summer camp. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to help our boys learn, grow and have a lot of fun doing it!)

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.

EXTRA! EXTRA! HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

Eric E., a senior to BHS, was recognized as a **Distinguished Finalist** as a top youth volunteer for 2003 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, conducted by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Assoc. of Secondary School Principals. More than 24,000 high school and middle level students submitted applications for this year's program.

Way To Go, Eric!!!

PHOTOS FROM DEVILS HEAD SKIING TRIP...



Venturing News

What is Venturing? Venturing is an adventure-based program of the BSA for 14-20 year olds - male and female. There are currently a dozen Venturing Crews in the immediate area, four dozen in NWSCouncil and more being started this spring. There are currently crews specializing in sailing, SCUBA, rock-climbing, snow skiing, music, native American culture, aviation, youth ministry, and Civil War reenactment. There are also several general outdoor crews. Crews specializing in biking, horseback riding, shooting sports, hunting & fishing, Red Cross first aid, and recreational sports are scheduled to be started this year. All crews participate in a variety of activities while becoming experts in their specialties.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Venturing Crew, call Joanne B. or Pete S. or see Mr. J. for a flyer. The district web site also has some information - see <http://units.nwsc.org/users/signalhill/venturing.htm> **And, YES, you may belong to both the Troop AND one or more Venturing Crews.**

IMPORTANT !!!

Camping Corner- By Mr. Bill T.

Illinois Caverns – March 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2003 – We travel to Southern Illinois to explore Illinois Caverns as guests of the “Windy City Grotto”. ***Please attend the mandatory March 3rd meeting for permission slips and updates.*** Remember we need drivers and adults to supervise the scouts.

North Wall, Crystal Lake – Sunday, April 13th – We will be training for rock climbing at the North Wall on April 13th from 6-9pm for \$19 per person. ***If you plan on attending the Devils Lake Rock Climbing Campout, this training session will be mandatory.***

Devils Lake- April 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2003 – The 2nd annual rock climb campout at Devils Lake, WI. We climb all day on Saturday.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Bill T.

PLEASE NOTE...

Monday, March 3rd Class A Meeting is **MANDATORY** to attend the Illinois Caverns Campout on March 14-16. Meet at Grove School at 7:30pm for all the details.

ALSO MANDATORY...

Sunday, April 13 6-9pm **NORTH WALL** in Crystal Lake – training will be offered to any Scout interested in attending the rock climbing campout on April 25-27. You **MUST** have this training to attend the campout.

Questions – contact Mr. Bill T!

Order of the Arrow News

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Order of the Arrow candidates from Troop 10. Remember to register for your ordeal. The first opportunity for that will be during the Spring Fellowship at Napowan the weekend of May 16-18. ALL Arrowmen are encouraged to attend.

Also, ALL Arrowmen are encouraged to attend the district chapter meetings. They are 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month at Immanuel Lutheran in Palatine. Next meeting is March 6th, then April 3rd. Lodge meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the NWSC offices in Mt. Prospect. Next meeting is March 19th.

The Spring Callout will be at the district CampORee on April 25-27. If you are not going on our campout, you might want to attend this.

If you have any questions about OA, call me.
Kevin K.

SKI TRIP GROUP PHOTO



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events:

June 1st – Court of Honor

June 22 – June 28 – Napowan Summer Camp (1st Week)

June 29 – July 5 – Napowan Summer Camp (2nd Week)

July 11 – July 25 – Philmont High Adventure Trip



Within the next several months, there will be ample opportunities for adults to take a variety of Adult Leader training. Some of the upcoming events that will be held during the next several months are as follows:

Troop Committee Specifics Training: This ONE SESSION training program is designed to help ALL CURENT AND FUTURE Troop Committee Members better understand their roles and responsibilities. This training will also enable troop committee members to support the troop, Scoutmaster and scouts. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are also encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday, March 8, 2003, 8:30 AM – Noon
Where: Christ Church, 1492 Henry Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60016
Cost: \$8 per person which includes a manual

New Leader Essentials: (The first part of leader training for all leader positions) – This training is for all leaders who are not fully trained, any leader who desires an update to their training, or any leader taking on a new position this Spring. This session will cover the Aims and Purposes of the BSA, Finances, Resources, Organization, Youth Development, and Safe Scouting.

When: Saturday, March 29, 2003, 9 AM – Noon
Where: TBD; more information on location will follow
Cost: \$5
Note: Pre-registration is required

SM/ASM Specifics: This course is in the new format for Scout Master and Assistant Scoutmaster's training. The program covers responsibilities, opportunities and resources that will ensure a successful troop leadership experience. This training will enhance your knowledge for the position including advancement, the patrol method, Junior Leader Training, troop organization and Scoutmaster's conferences.

When: Saturday, April 5, 2003, This will be an all day training session
Where: St. Marceline Catholic Church, 822 S. Springinsguth, Schaumburg
Cost: \$20 (includes snack, lunch, and Scoutmaster's Handbook)

Wood Badge: This is the ultimate training experience to be offered to adult leaders. To be eligible to take Wood Badge training, you must:

1. Be a registered Scouter in the BSA
2. Have not previously attended a Wood Badge course
3. Have completed the Basic Leader Training courses for your Scouting position
4. Have a Class 3 physical valid through September 2003

This course will be conducted over two-three day sessions. The dates are as follows:

When: Friday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 24
and Friday, September 12 thru
Sunday, September 14, 2003.

Where: Camp Lakota in Woodstock, IL
Cost: \$175 if paid by June 1st, \$195 if
paid after June 1st, 2003

If you have any questions regarding Scout Training events, please feel free to call me or contact me by e-mail.

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 ~March 21~

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March 14 - 16
Cave Campout