

Troop 10 Times

April 2004

Scoutmaster Minute

We are back from a successful caving adventure. I would like to personally thank all of the scouts and adults who participated both at home and on the trip for working together in harmony to make sure a good time was had by all. Many hands made light work. Special thanks to the advance crew for setting-up the camp to ensure the late arriving main body of the troop would have ample rest for the following day's activities. Please see the articles from the troop's cadre of historian's for the details of the trip.

The first day of spring is now past us and it is time to review the troop's summer activity schedule.

Napowan, the NWSC summer camp program is an essential experience for all first, second and third-year scouts. Senior scouts from the venture crew will also enjoy and learn from the experience. The learning, growth and advancement opportunities available at Napowan during a week at summer camp should not be missed. It is common for a scout with a little work to return with four or more merit badges and one-step advancement in rank. Adults participating will find the experience very rewarding. Troop 10 has two one-week sessions scheduled with many scouts opting for both. Week 1 is June 20th thru June 26th and Week 2 is June 27th thru July 3rd.

In conjunction with the Napowan experience there are opportunities for older scouts to do two weeks of Counselor in Training (CIT) work at the camp. Please contact the NWSC if you are interested.

Troop Leader Development (TLD) for scouts 1st Class and above will be held the week of June 20th at Lakota. TLD is a full week of training in the 11 principals of leadership. The scouts attending are assigned to a boy run crew under the guidance of a senior scout trained by council. Leading their own mini-troop for a week as a group reinforces the training. Scouts attending TLD in years past have had a tremendous growth experience and a great time. Please see me if you would like to be a candidate.

Blue Goose Adventure Base, while relative of the Napowan experience is a separate high-adventure program managed by BSA. The adventure experiences include weeklong canoeing, backpacking, and two-levels of SCUBA training, climbing and much more. Details are available at www.NWSC.com.

The troop will also be sending two crews of boys East this summer. One group has opted for BSA's National Seabase in Florida and will spend a week on a sailing adventure. The second crew will be going to the Blue Ridge Mountains for week of white-water rafting, white-water canoeing, caving and other activities.

Now is the time to begin planning next summer's (2005) program. Please see Tom K. or myself with ideas or if you would like to take point in putting an activity together. Experience is not required.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike L.
Scoutmaster

ALL REGULAR SCOUT MEETINGS AT BUMC

April

1	District roundtable
5	Class A Meeting - BUMC
9	No School
12	Red Shirt Meeting - BUMC
16-18	Camping – Biking Trip
19	PLC/BOR
22	Committee Meeting
23	Newsletter Deadline
24	Round 59 clean up
26	Red Shirt Meeting - BUMC

May

3	Class A Meeting - BUMC
6	District roundtable
9	Mother's Day
10	Red Shirt Meeting - BUMC
17	Red Shirt Meeting - BUMC
20	Committee Meeting
21	Newsletter Deadline
21-23	Camping–Michigan Dunes
24	PLC/BOR
31	No school/no meeting

June/July

3	District roundtable
6	Court of Honor
11	Last day of school
17	Committee Meeting
20-26	Napowan Campout
27-3	Napowan Campout

July/August

7/27-8/1	Blue Ridge Mountains
8/13-8/20	Sea Base

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

SMC = Scout Master Conference
BOR = Board of Review
PLC = Patrol Leaders Conference
BUMC= Barrington United Methodist Church

News from Jared E.- The JASM of the CHASM

I would like to report on Troop 10's 'Dunking while Spelunking'.

38 scouts and 17 adults braved the blackness of the grotto to explore the depths of Monroe County's underground foundation.

TROOP 10 traveled to the Illinois Caverns, otherwise known as the MAMMOUTH CAVE of ILLINOIS IN Waterloo, IL. I flogged my dad to drive all night to get to the cave by morning so we wouldn't be late. Meanwhile, the rest of the troop made a leisurely rise from their toasty sleeping bags, took luxuriously long, hot showers, followed by meticulous dress for a breakfast of customized omelettes while their cars were getting detailed. The 5 of us in the recon team, explored the area- but nothing could be seen on the surface. Finally, the rest of troop 10 met up with us, we assembled our gear, and began that long, dark, steep, ominous path down to the center of the earth.

The Venturing Crew, notwithstanding its' membership, charged down the hole, following the underwater river for nearly 10,000 meters- INTO THE BELLY OF MOTHER EARTH! We faced the threat of stalagmites impaling us from below or stalactites skewering us from above. We crawled through crevices as little as 2 feet high, pouring into large caverns. Nevertheless, the troop plunged forward into the unknown, murky depths of the river- chest deep in the bile of the earth. Youthful scouts, cheerfully volunteered to sound these unknown pools of gloom by walking ahead of their 'fearless' leadership. The scouts of Troop 10 also had to brave the evolutionary terror of eyeless fish and salamanders, waiting for the bats to feast on the remains of any who fell.

The campsite was cool- parked on a peninsula allowing peace and quiet after a claustrophobic adventure. The food was great, and as I found out- especially if you like bagels without cream cheese.

To sum up this cave, you should like things that are: dark, deep, big, small, wet, cold, muddy, and bound by comraderie- the buddy system definitely works 'down under'.

your JASM in camping--Jared E.



Anybody who missed out on this past month's campout missed out on a lot more than just your average campout. We voyaged to the Deep South of Illinois, better known as the Greater St. Louis area, and, more specifically, Illinois Caverns. We enjoyed a few hours on a Saturday exploring the deep ends of the Earth's crust. Stalagmites, stalactites, deep water, hypothermia...it was all there, thus meriting me to say it was the true Boy Scout of America's dream. There will be a bike trip coming up in April, so dust off those spokes, boys. It's fun, it's wild, it's scoutly. Come. I'll be there.

Jon S.

Caving! By Phillip G.

During the weekend of March 12-14, we went caving at Illinois Caverns. Illinois Caverns are more than 6 miles of caves to explore.

It was about a 6 hour drive to our campsite. By the time I got there I was worrying about setting up my tent. When we entered the campsite all the tents were set up by Mr. S. and Mr. J. Thanks! For many scouts this was their first campout. We had a cracker barrel and got to bed around 12.

The next morning was slow, especially for Venture. My patrol had oatmeal for breakfast and I'm glad we did because it warmed me up. Once breakfast was done everybody headed for their tents and changed into their caving clothes. Next we had to assemble and Mr. L. gave us a briefing of the cave. We left around 8:30 for the cave. We got to the cave and got in as soon as we had our groups together.

Once I got into the cave it took awhile for my eyes to get used to the dark. We did lots of exploring but I never saw any animals except for 3 bats. Our group was able to go through a side passage which seemed that it would go on forever. We stopped for lunch on a big pile of rocks. I had beef jerky, Chex Mix, and candy. After lunch we found a mud slide. That was really fun because at the end you would always end up in one of the cave's stream. We had to leave the mudslide even though I didn't want to because we had to head back to our cars. When everybody was out of the cave and changed, some people left to go back to camp or to the Cahokia Mounds. I went back to camp and took a nap. When people got back from the Cahokia Mounds it was time to start making dinner. Some patrols had steak and other sandwiches. My patrol made nachos and ate them out of zip-loc bags. For dessert we had Mr. Felt's birthday cake. We were going to have skits but most people didn't want to do them. Everybody went to bed at different times.

The next morning we got a late start and left about an hour after the plan. It was another long drive and I couldn't sleep, so it was even longer.

I would recommend this to Scouts to go to Illinois Caverns. It's a great experience to explore a wild cave.



Outing Corner - The "In's and Out's" by Ron P., Outing Chairman

Believe it or not, we only have two more campouts for this scouting season. The next outing is the Biking Campout at New Glarus State Park (Wisconsin) on the weekend of April 16 - 18. For those adventurous scouts, you will be able to bike for a total of 46 miles (round trip). This was a very successful campout in the past and I'm sure that all will have a great time, even if you don't bike the complete Sugar River Trail. And of course, we will have all of the adventures of camping! Please keep this weekend open for a truly fun time.

One final note: Mark your calendars for this season's final outing:

- May 21 - 23: Michigan Dunes Camping Trip

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Webelos Transition – New Scouts by Paula B.

We're growing in both quantity and quality with new membership in Troop 10. With the Webelos visits coming to a close, a record number of boys visited the Troop. Forty Cubscouts/Parents signed in during the webelos transition talks between October and February. In attempt to keep Scoutmaster Lough busy, 28 scouts crossed over to our Troop in from five packs. Even Tom Krettlar got into the act at Pack 282 giving away the scarf around his own neck (albeit only briefly). Several of the new scouts and parents attended our recent cave campout and they appear to come from excellent stock. The boys showed terrific scout spirit and their parents are itching to help out the troop and join in on the fun. Troop 10 extends a warm welcome to the current list of newly registered scouts, with more on their way next month.

Garrett F., Alex G., Clayton H., Connor J., Sean K., Joseph M., Myles M., Kevin M., Patrick M., Connor R., Ryan R., Chris S., Adil T., Graeme W., Thomas W.,

In addition we were joined by three transfer scouts: Jared E., and Michael N. from Troop 335 and Ryan K. from Troop 433.

Troop 10 Order of the Arrow News by Ryan J.

Congratulations to our new OA Troop Rep David H.! He succeeds Stephan S. who has been made a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster supporting our Webelos Transition Team. He will represent our troop's "Arrowmen" at the monthly Lodge meetings.

The key upcoming OA events include the popular OA Campout, set for the weekend of April 23-25, including climbing and kayaking, so Arrowmen, mark your calendars!

May 14-16 is the annual OA Spring Fellowship at Camp Napowan. It is a great opportunity for the newly elected members to complete their Ordeal and for current members to go for Brotherhood. It is also an opportunity to help get the camp (including our own lakeside campsite) ready for the summer sessions. This is the first time in a long time that this weekend doesn't conflict with our troop campout, so let's all plan on joining in!

Troop 10 Service Projects

We shall need Scout (& parent) volunteers for the Route 59 clean up which will take place on **Saturday, 24th April at 8:30am.**

Volunteers will meet at the Barrington Hills Police Station at the intersection of Algonquin Rd & Rt. 59 at 8.30am for a safety video , prior to going out to start the clean up. Please bring work gloves if you have them...we provide garbage bags & refreshments.

Please look out for a sign up sheet at upcoming meetings.

Thank you. Mrs. Stella W.

CPR Class

The Barrington High School CPR club will be offering an American Heart Association C.P.R. class on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 from 6-10 PM at the High School. The cost is \$30.00. If you need a CPR card for merit badges such as First Aid, this is a great time to get it. Call Jackie Gillespie-Stokland at 847-658-5225 to register. Space is limited, so call early to reserve your spot.

Erik B.

Personal Fitness Merit Badge

By now many of the scouts that took the Personal Fitness Merit class should be beginning to complete their 12 weeks of physical training and be ready to complete their badge. Please notify me ahead of time if you would like to meet with me to complete the badge so that I can be sure to set aside time for you at a PLC meeting, before a troop meeting, on a campout, or even schedule a visit to my house. Make sure your log and two week checks are complete as well as any unfinished requirements completed. If you have decided to complete the physical fitness portion of the badge at a later time and would like a partial for the work completed as a group, I now have merit badge cards available to give out or I can keep it for you until you are ready. If you are unsure about your status of completion or have any questions see me at a meeting or e-mail me. I am also available to help scouts wishing to complete this badge that have not yet begun. Check out this site if you are interested in beginning this badge:

http://www.geocities.com/havliceks/Personal_Fitness010.html

Paula B.

From the Quartermaster

At the recent caves campout, rainy weather necessitated scouts taking their tents home for a thorough drying out before returning them to the troop. In the future, please return troop equipment at the next regular meeting following campouts so we may ready equipment and supplies for the next outing. In this case, please bring tents, groundcloths, and sleeping bags to the next meeting on March 29 at BUMC.

ASM Steve R.
Quartermaster

The upcoming Biking Trip

For you new scouts joining Troop 10, you should come to the biking trip in April. It is good exercise and peaceful fun. Lunch and drink was served at the mid trip point last time. Be sure to have your bike looked at before you go on this trip because you will be doing a lot of biking that day.

Tom K., Jr.

Committee Chairman's Report

By Tom K.

New Scouts, New Scout Parents, "New Blood"...

I have been very encouraged by the groups of new scouts and new scout parents that have been attending our recent troop meetings to "check us out". A number of cross-over transitions have already taken place and previous Webelos scouts have made their choice to come to Troop 10. A great job has been by Paula B., our Webelos Transition Chairperson, for arousing interest with scouts for our troop. I had the opportunity recently to receive two scouts after one of my Friends of Scouting presentations to that same pack. What I consistently see among all new scouts is a strong interest to participate in the various events that our troop has to offer. With these new scouts, we are also getting a number of experienced "Scouter's" who have been a past Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Den Leaders to name just a few. This will be great for our troop in that we will be able to draw off of their scouting experiences and ideas. After talking to Mr. Mike L. regarding some of the troop needs, he indicated to me that he would be looking for around eight new Assistant Scoutmaster's to help out with a number of the various responsibilities that our troop has to offer. With this new group of Scouter's coming in, I don't think this should be a problem. If anyone that is currently active is also interested in seeing how they can expand their role within our troop or, if a new parent would like to know more about the various positions of responsibility within our troop, please don't hesitate to ask. Also, I will be making a point to meet all of our new scout parents to see what type of participation their time can afford and be willing to offer.

Hope everyone had a great spring break... From this point on, all of our Troop 10 meetings will be held at the BUMC. Thank you to Dr "K" at Grove Elementary school for accommodating our troop during the past years with of our scout meetings.

If anyone has comments or questions regarding our troop or this article, please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime.

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. Silvia G.

Deadline for next newsletter is April 23. Thank you!

TROOP 10 PERMISSION SLIP AND ACTIVITY FORM
Sugar River Biking / New Glarus Campout
April, 16 - 18, 2004

Where: New Glarus Woods State Park / Sugar River Trail; New Glarus, Wisc.

When: April 16 - 18, 2004

Cost: \$35 per person, includes camping, all food, trail passes and transportation

Activities: This is a great biking / camping outing! We will be biking all day Saturday. The distance covered will be based on your ability and the weather. The round trip bike trail covers a total of 46 miles. Saturday lunch will be eaten on the trail. We will be camping at the nearby New Glarus Woods State Park

Transportation: Volunteering parents will provide round trip transportation

Leave: Friday, April 16th promptly at 6:00pm (**assemble @ 5:45**) at BUMC

Return: Scouts returned home mid-day on Sunday, April 18th

Directions: **I-90 west to US-51 North** (exit #1), towards So. Beloit (IL-75) and **merge onto US-51 North**, turn **right onto IL-75**; turn **right onto IL-2 North**. IL-2 becomes WI-213. Continue straight onto **WI-81**. Proceed to **WI-69 North** exit towards Monticello/New Glarus (keep right at the fork in the ramp and merge onto WI-69 North. WI-69 becomes WI-69/WI-39. Proceed to **New Glarus Woods State Park** entrance (**left onto WI-NN**).

Items to bring: Bicycle, Water Bottle, Bike Helmet, Warm Clothes (dress in layers), Rain Gear, Sunscreen, Scout shirt, Scout Handbook, Standard Camping Equipment, Scout Spirit.

Questions: Ron P.

***** **KEEP TOP PORTION FOR RECORDS AND DIRECTIONS** *****

Troop 10 Sugar River Biking Campout Permission & Waiver

As witnessed by our signature, we hereby voluntarily waive any claim against National Council, Northwest Suburban Council, Signal Hill District, Troop 10 or it's Charter Organization, and any leader connected with this troop function for any and all causes that may arise in connection with our son or ward.

_____ has permission to attend the campout and to participate in all
(SCOUT NAME) activities. We further do hereby authorize a doctor and/or medical institution to render emergency treatment for injuries sustained by our son/ward during this function. We will pay all expenses for said treatment in the event that these expenses are not covered by insurance.

_____ and/or _____
Father's Signature _____ Mother's Signature _____ Date _____
Emergency Phone #: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____

Permission Slip and Fees must be turned in **no later than Monday, April 12, 2004**

PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: TOTAL # OF BIKES _____

NAME OF PARENT ATTENDING _____

PORTION OF THE EVENT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING _____

CAN YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE EVENT? YES _____ NO _____

NUMBER OF SCOUTS & BIKES YOU CAN **TRANSPORT** (including your scout) Scouts _____ Bikes _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Amount? # _____ / \$ _____

Scout Account? Yes No Amount \$ _____ Signature _____

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