

Troop 10 Times

February 2004

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Mike L., Scoutmaster

We began the 2004 Scouting year with a bang by having two events on the scheduled for the same weekend. The district Klondike Derby was scheduled for the weekend of January 24th. The winter campout was originally pegged for the weekend of the 17th, but due to the BHS final exams falling on the week of the 18th, the boys prudently decided to change the schedule.

The Klondike Derby was well attended. Our troops Quartermaster, Steve R. worked very hard to make sure the boys were equipped and well fed during the outing. Both the youth and adult participation was excellent and from the boys summary of the event it sounds like they had a lot of fun.

The winter campout was also well attended. As part of the decision to reschedule, the scouts opted for one night instead of two. Although the skies did not deliver enough snow for cross-country skiing, old man winter delivered the cold. The report at the following troop meeting was that it was cold and then colder and then dark and early to bed.

February should also be a busy month with the Troop 10 ski weekend – always a favorite for both beginners and experienced scouts.

The PLC has completed the annual camping survey of the troop. Your feedback is being summarized and will play a very large role in determining the troops schedule for next year – stay tuned.

A second survey of preferences regarding the weekly troop meetings was also given. Your responses and ideas will be used by the PLC to update the meeting format and set the agendas for the rest of the year.

We have a Court of Honor coming-up on Feb. 23rd. Please finish up your open advancement activity and get your conference and Board of Review scheduled. Please wear your neckerchief to your conference, BOR and of course, the Court of Honor.

Scout On!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Mike L. - Scoutmaster

ALL REGULAR SCOUT MEETINGS @ GROVE SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY

February

2	Class A Meeting
5	District Roundtable
9	Red Shirt Meeting
12	Newsletter Deadline
13-15	Devil's Head Ski Trip
16	No School PLC @ BUMC
19	Committee Meeting
23	Court of Honor @ BUMC

March

1	Class A Meeting
4	District Roundtable
5	No School
6	Merit Badge Clinic
8	Class A Meeting
12-14	Climbing/Caving Campout
15	SMC/PLC/BOR
18	Committee Meeting
18	Newsletter Deadline
22-28	Spring Break
29	Red Shirt Meeting

April

3	Rt. 59 Cleanup
5	Class A Meeting
9	No School
12	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Committee Meeting
15	Newsletter Deadline
16-18	Camporee
19	PLC/BOR
26	Red Shirt Meeting

Check our website for further information –

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

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

Good Morning Troop 10!

Hi! It' Z again! I would like to thank the people who have signed up for the Troop 10 Band. And they are: Mike L, Danny Z, Dan P, Adam S, Zach B, and Dan B! Thanks again guys!

Sincerely,

Tom Z



OA Elections for Troop 10 -- Feb 9

What is OA? OA stand for the Order of the Arrow. It is an honor society within Boy Scouts. Their fellow scouts elect the members. It is recognition by the boys in the troop of those scouts they think have strong camping skills and are great examples of "good scouts."

Scout who are First Class or higher and have met the camping requirements (at least 15 nights in last 2 years) are eligible to be elected. They need to be voted in by at least ½ of their fellow scouts. There are currently 19 boys in the troop who are already members (as well as 17 adults – most of whom were elected when they were boys).

While the election will be held on February 9th the revealing of the results (and subsequent induction into the Order) will take place several weeks after the election. Since we typically have around 30 boys eligible, we look forward to seeing our already strong troop 10 OA contingent grow again this year!

Merit Badge Clinic

On March 13, 2004, NWSC is hosting their annual merit badge clinic. This half-day event features twenty or so merit badge counselors all gathered together to facilitate the earning of merit badges.

Parents: This is the easiest way for your scout to earn merit badges. All requirements for a badge must be completed prior to this date, but at the Clinic the scout simply puts his name on a list(s) for the merit badge(s) he desires, waits for his name to be called, spends 15 minutes reviewing his work with the counselor, and walks out of the meeting with a merit badge. Badges that are great to get here are the Citizenship badges, Reading, Scholarship, Pet Care, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Family Life, and many, many more.

Scouts: I have yet to see the list of badges for which counselors will be available or the location of the Clinic. Please listen for announcements at meetings and/or look for an article in the next newsletter. But use 3/13 as a target date to earn several badges. Review requirements for targeted badges **NOW** and get to work on those that need some time to complete.

ASM Steve R.



The New Sound
By: Zachary B.

For the past two meetings taps has been a smash. Tom Z has organized a band to play taps at our meetings and various other events. Some of the instruments that are playing for the band are: a cello, an electric base, a trombone and a tuba. Taps is getting more interesting each meeting. Pretty soon we may have a symphony playing taps!

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.

Deadline for next issue is **February 20**

Napowan Can also be Fun for Older Scouts

For scouts who can't make high adventure trips because they are involved in sports or other activities, Napowan can still be a fun place to go. There are planned activities every day. These include merit badges, COPE course, mile swim, BSA life saving and tri-athlon. If you already have your eagle badges from there, you can plan your day as you want.

Tom Krettler, Jr.

On the Annual Ski/Snowboarding Trip

Hello, boys and girls! I am writing this month's article on the annual February ski trip (hence, the title of this article). Since I have become a boy scout long ago, I have attended all but one of the ski trips. For many scouts, this trip ranks high on the Favorite Outings list. Once upon a time, we visited Cascade "Mountain" near Napowan, but, as much as everyone seemed to enjoy Cascade, the drive was too far and whatnot. So in the past few years, we have been going to Devil's Head.

Devil's Head is generally a good place to ski from early December till late February/early March. The runs are longer than the average runs, such as those at Villa Olivia or Wilmot. When we have visited, the lines are usually no longer than 5-10 minutes. For those daring scouts, which I presume there are many, there are usually a few table tops, a superpipe, and a few rails. I highly recommend you try at least two of the three aforementioned obstacles on the trip. Just don't blame any injuries or deaths on me. Anyways, aside from the skiing, we stay in a cabin, and have a blast. Like I said before, the ski trips are some of the best, so I suggest you come and give it a whirl, along with the longest rail you can find on the slopes. I'm out, scouts.

The scribe of some patrol,

Jon S.

Outing Corner - The "In's and Out's"

by Ron P., Outing Chairman

It's time to get ready for an exciting ski trip to Devils Head Ski Resort in Merrimac, Wisconsin (Feb 13 - 15). It is said that these slopes are among the best skiing in the Mid-West. Whether you are a novice or an expert, a skier or a snowboarder, you will certainly have a great time on this trip! And following a fun day on the slopes, we will enjoy a fantastic Pizza dinner at a very unique restaurant, The Schoolhouse Restaurant (**BUT** there is no homework at this Schoolhouse, only great food!). If you are interested in having a Great Trip, please fill out the attached permission form and return it and your payment to me by no later than Monday, February 9th. Please note: You must rent your ski equipment prior to departure on Friday night - we will **NOT** be allowed to rent skis at Devils Head. For rental information, please contact me at (847) 358-5672.

For only a few more weeks, we will be signing up scouts for this summer's Venture Trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains. This activity filled trip includes Whitewater Canoeing, Whitewater Rafting, two days of COPE, including a High Ropes course with a 200' zipline and an exciting G-Force event, and a day of backpacking/rock climbing or caving!!! The trip is from July 24th to Aug 1st, so check your summer calendar and sign up **NOW!** Sign-up will be closing very soon.

One final note: Mark your calendars for the upcoming outings:

- Mar 12 - 14: Caving Trip
- April 16 - 18: Biking/Camping Trip
- May 21 - 22: Michigan Dunes Camping Trip

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

Committee Chairman's Report

By Tom K.

Parent Involvement Makes a Difference

One of the major reasons that Troop 10 is able to maintain good programs and manage a troop as large as ours is the significant parent involvement that we have. In fact, we have a reputation for that in the council and with the troops that know us throughout the district. We encourage at least one parent from each scout family to be involved in some way with our troop. Listed below are adults who hold a position of responsibility. We do have other registered Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM) and Committee Members (CM) who do not have a specific responsibility at this time. The adults who do have an area of responsibility are as follows:

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No.	Name	Position in Troop	Registered Position
1	Mike L	Scoutmaster	SM
2	Tom K	Committee Chairman	CC
3	Rich R	Charter Organization Rep.	COR
4	Joann R	Registrar	CM
5	Alison Z	Treasurer/Finance Chairperson	CM
6	Jeff S	Venture ASM, Climbing Instructor	ASM
7	Ron P	Camping & Activities Chairman	CM
8	Steve R	Quartermaster	ASM
9	Ryan J	OA Rep., Climbing Instructor, Scoutmaster Emeritus	CM
10	Fred S	Scout to 1st Class Advisor	ASM
11	Jeff B	Star to Life Advisor	ASM
12	Erik B	Activities Coordinator	ASM
13	Bill R	New Scouts Advisor	ASM
14	Paula B	Webelos Transition Chairperson	CM
15	Jim M	Webelos Transition	CM
16	Ken L	Life to Eagle Coordinator Chairman	CM
17	Tony C	Life to Eagle Coordinator	ASM
18	Tim G	Life to Eagle Coordinator	ASM
19	Craig H	Life to Eagle Coordinator	CM
20	Brad E	Activities Coordinator	CM
21	Lisa E	Merit Badge Coordinator	ASM
22	George F	Climbing Instructor	CM
23	Teresa J	Advancement Chairperson	CM
24	Vern K	Scoutmaster Emeritus	ASM
25	Margaret R	Special Events Coordinator	CM
26	Dan P	Chaplain	ASM
27	Tom R	Activities Coordinator	ASM
28	Chet R	Naturalist	ASM
29	Faye S	Recording Secretary	CM
30	Hank S	Scoutmaster Emeritus	ASM
31	Jeff T	Christmas Wreath Coordinator	ASM
32	Lisa V	Popcorn Coordinator	
33	Bill T	Climbing Instructor	CM
34	Cokkie W	Training Chairperson	CM
35	Carole Z	Newsletter/Communications Coordinator -Transitioning	CM
36	Bill A	Activities Coordinator	CM
37	Jeff Z	Webmaster	CM
38	Stella W	Service Projects Coordinator	

If there is anyone not on this list who is interested in providing troop support in someway, please let me know. Feel free to call or e-mail me anytime

TROOP 10 PERMISSION SLIP AND ACTIVITY FORM

Devils Head Ski Outing

February 13 - 15, 2004

Where: Devils head Ski resort, Merrimac, WI and lodging at Camp Castle Rock

When: Friday to Sunday, February 13 - 15, 2004

Activities: Fantastic Mid-west Down Hill Skiing or Snowboarding at Devils Head Resort

Transportation: Volunteering parents will provide round trip transportation

Leave: Friday, February 13th promptly at 6:00pm from the Barrington United Methodist Church

Return: Scouts returned home approximately mid-day on Sunday, February 15th

Cost: \$65 per person - includes Lift tickets, transportation, lodging, meals, (except for Saturday lunch. Scouts must buy their own). Includes a Pizza Party on Saturday night.

Ski Equipment: You must rent your ski equipment **PRIOR** to our departure on Friday night. **We will not be allowed to rent ski's at Devils Head.** Contact Ron Pacanowski for rental alternatives.

Snacks: Each scout should bring one 2 liter bottle of soda and one bag of snacks to pass.

Directions: Cabins (Camp Castle Rock) are located on County G on the south end of Castle Rock Lake in the town of Germantown (northeast of the city of Mauston in Juneau County, WI. Skiing is located off Interstate 90/94, north of Madison WI. Exit west on Hwy 78 & continue to County DL and follow the signs to Devils Head. Driving time is about 3 hours.

Items to bring: Your own skis or snowboards, Scout shirt, cold weather clothes (dress in layers), Winter Jacket, Gloves and Hat, Sleeping Bag for cabin, Pillow, mess kit, spending money for lunch on slopes, scout spirit.

Questions: Ron P.

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

Troop 10 Devils Head Ski Outing 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, February 9, 2004**

PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

NAME OF PARENT ATTENDING _____

PORTION OF THE EVENT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING _____

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

NUMBER OF SCOUTS YOU CAN TRANSPORT (including your scout) _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Amount? # _____ / \$ _____

Scout Account? Yes No Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

Charter Rep News:

We are all very anxious to begin using the Barrington United Methodist Church facility for our regular Troop meetings. Although our Committee Meetings, PLC Meetings, and Courts of Honor have been held there for many months, the larger room intended for our use has not been available.

The church strategy was to build but not "finish," the inside of the fellowship hall. It was to be used temporarily without dry wall and a kitchen. This course was chosen entirely for financial reasons. In retrospect, although the decisions made at each point in the process were well founded, the situation we have experienced was never intended. The Village denial of an occupancy permit for the fellowship hall in its "rustic" state was not foreseen. For many months, the church trustees believed they were very close to receiving the permit. It was like constantly moving half the distance to the goal.

The permit has now been granted. However, there is a new twist. Because the latest stewardship drive earmarked funds for the final completion of the room, the decision has been made to not go ahead with temporary furnishings as originally envisioned. Therefore, the fellowship hall has not been ready for use. The start date for work on the room has not been set, but is expected soon. The fellowship hall is intended for many purposes beyond Scout use. So, the Troop is not alone in its desire to move forward.

The meeting facility situation has been an incredibly difficult one for Troop 10 since the fire. The fact that most of the new Barrington United Methodist Church facility is functional, but not the part the we need, is especially frustrating. Scouts and parents are never quite sure where the meetings will be held. Generally speaking, the only meetings not held at the Church are the full Troop meetings. With only a few exceptions, we will continue to use Grove School until the Church is ready for us. As news about the facility is available, I will provide updates. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing, the Barrington United Methodist Church is proud of its many years of chartering Troop 10. Pastor Wilson and the entire congregation value this special relationship.

Rich R.

Troop 10 Charter Representative.



SCOUTS LEARNING FIRST AID



Congratulations to the Troop 10 Scouts who participated at the Signal Hill District First Aid Meet in December and came in **1st Place** to win a ribbon for our troop flag. Great job by scouts Kevin J, Mike L. Jr., Ryan F., Adam Y., Chris J. and Ken S.

Mr. Ryan J. receiving award for Scoutmaster
of the Year!
Congratulations, Mr. J.

Congratulations to Ryan J. for receiving Scoutmaster of the Year District Award

Ryan Julian was recently presented the *Scoutmaster of the Year Award* for Signal Hill District at the annual dinner banquet held on January 11th. A few of the items specifically noted in Ryan's achievement for this recognition was the level of scouting that he brought to the troop as well as providing high-adventure scouting activities to all levels of Scouts. Ryan continues to be an active and a key contributor to many of the activities and events that we have even today. Let's congratulate Ryan for this significant district recognition and thank him for his past and current service to Troop 10.

Congratulations, Ryan!