

Troop 10 Times

January 2004

Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Mike L., Scoutmaster

We have reached the mid-point in the Scouting year and the troop has been very busy. The scouts have been sharing their knowledge of basic knots and lashings as patrol activities followed by games utilizing these same skills.

The December cabin campout at the Hoover Education Center in Yorkville was fun for all. We spent the day building and launching model rockets. With five launch pads sending up to three rockets at a time skyward there was never a dull moment. Our launchmaster, ASPL Ryan J. and his assistant Dan W. were kept hopping with over 80 launches. The most fun seemed to be had down range in the scrum formed by the recovery team. As it came out later, spent rocket engines are great for warming cold hands. The evening presented an opportunity to work on Space Exploration merit badge, play games or just hang-out. A spirited game of "warden" and Daniel H.'s birthday celebration closed the night. Thank you Ron P. for putting together a great time for Troop 10.

At the prompting of ASM Brad E.; Ryan F., Kevin J., Chris J., Michael L., Ken S. and Adam Y. formed a special purpose patrol to compete in the District First-aid meet. The boys competed against 27 patrols from nine other troops in a competition where they were faced with different live scenarios and graded as a group on their first-aid competency. At the end of the day when the scores were tallied Troop 10 earned the first place ribbon.

We closed out 2003 with ice cream at the December 15th meeting and will begin 2004 on January 5th. A Life to Eagle seminar will be featured for those Life scouts pursuing BSA's highest rank.

January 16th – 18th takes us to White Pines for the winter campout. ASM Jeff S. has presented cold weather preparedness with the help of Ronny Wrong (Jeff R.), so we should not be bothered by the cold. If the snow shows up – cross-country skiing!

Coming up on January 24th we are back at the Hoover Education Center for the Klondike Derby. I encourage scouts of all ranks to join us as the Klondike is usually a good time. With a little luck we will have snow for the sleds and get a chance to see some more of Hoover.

In closing, thank you for a great 2003. I hope the holidays find you and your loved ones together and well.

Yours in Scouting, Mike L., Scoutmaster

ALL REGULAR SCOUT MEETING @ BUMC IN JAN & FEB

January

5	Class A & Eagle Meeting
12	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Newsletter Deadline
16-18	Winter Campout
19	PLC @ BUMC
22	Committee Meeting
23	No School
24	Klondike Derby

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

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

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

And You Thought Galyan's Was Good

By Zachary B.

	<u>Bass Pro Shops</u>	<u>Galyan's</u>
Indoor fire arms range	Yes	No
Indoor archery range	Yes	No
Fire arms shop	Yes	Yes
Fishing shop	Yes	Yes
Fishing pond	Yes	No
Clothing shop	Yes	Yes
Archery shop	Yes	Yes
Rifle arcade	Yes	No
Sleeping bags	Yes	Yes
Camping equipment	Yes	Yes

I've been to Galyan's and it's a great store. I thought no other camping store was as good as Galyan's, so I was surprised when I walked into Bass Pro Shops. Bass Pro Shop is located in the Gurnee Mills shopping outlet in Gurnee. When you first enter the store, you see a large stone fireplace with deer and elk heads mounted above it. There are animal skins decorating the walls as well. Bass Pro Shop is twice the size of Galyan's and has a better selection of items. There is a huge variety of fishing, hunting and sporting goods equipment. There is even a section dedicated to golf gear. Galyan's has many items for team sports such as baseball, basketball and soccer, but Bass Pro Shops has more gear for the outdoorsman. The shop even has vending machines for fish bait! My dad and I both had fun shooting in the arcade. My sister (who, by the way, hates shopping, especially for camping equipment) had a fun time there! If you thought Galyan's was good, you were right, and if you thought it was the best, come visit Bass Pro Shops and see for yourself. It's worth the ride!

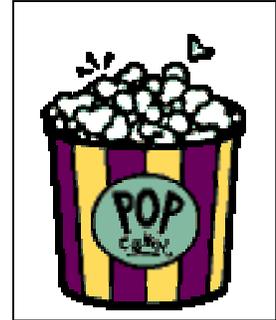
Webelos Transition

We have been visited on three troop meetings by 18 Webelos and their parents representing Packs 183, 287, 288, 52, and others. The upcoming meetings when Webelos and prospective scouts are encouraged to visit are January 12, February 2 & 9, and March 1. We will be passing out "Troop 10 Family Guide for Parents and Scouts" when each boy joins, as well as inviting parents to an orientation meeting. This year the introduction gear will not offer a hat but instead a Nalgene bottle. Please introduce yourself to new scouts and parents and help them feel welcome.

All That's Left are the Kernels!

Thanks to your efforts in popcorn sales, here are the top sellers:

1 st	Zach B.	\$536.00
2 nd	Vincent H.	\$508.00
3 rd	Dan W.	\$299.00
4 th	Tom Z.	\$199.00



Thanks Scouts! Mrs. V.

PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE CLASS

Thirteen scouts have been attending the Personal Fitness merit badge class held one half hour before meetings. This six-week class will enable them to complete requirements 1 - 6, and with assistance, plan and complete at their own rate requirements 7 - 9. Attempting this badge during the winter has required a special creativity and dedication by these boys who should be congratulated for their effort.

Kirk B., Daniel B., Phillip G., Kevin J., Erik P., Kevin J., Chris P., Daniel P., Brent R., David R., Michael R., Ken S., Eddie T., and Dan Z., we hope to hear your names associated with this badge at an upcoming Court of Honor in 2004. Keep up the good work. **Remember our next meeting will be January 5th at 7 pm sharp to complete requirement 1 -- please come prepared.**

If there are any scouts interested in working on the Personal Fitness Merit badge, they may contact Paula Brottman, Personal Fitness merit badge counselor.



How's the Best Way to Earn Your Personal Fitness Merit Badge?

Having tried to start this merit badge on several occasions and having been involved with a variety of sports in Middle School and High School, participation in sports is a good way to set up a routine for fulfilling the exercise and workout portion of this merit badge. Sometimes you may even exceed the requirements for keeping a workout log because of how often you practice. This is what I am starting to do now to earn that three month badge. I recommend to anyone else involved in a sport activity to do the same.

Tom K., Jr.

Starved Rock Camp

I was actually at my first Boy Scout campout. The drive was long and boring but some kids, my dad, and I stopped at Wendy's for dinner. When we got to Starved Rock, we had cracker barrel and after that I helped set up a tent and went to bed. When we woke up each group of 5 scouts made breakfast. After that, we all took a ride to Starved Rock to do some hiking, but Stars, Life, and Eagle stayed behind.

When we were done hiking, we came back to camp and saw the people who stayed behind had created a monkey bridge. When we all crossed it we got into the same group of 5 and had lunch. After that, we all did an orienteering course. When we were done we played some football, talked, and sat next to the fire. Then we had a great turkey dinner. After that we had cobbler and did skits. Finally I went home because I couldn't stay the second night, for I was busy. I heard that the next day there was an all you can eat breakfast that was great. I was very happy I was at the campout, for it was fun.

By Ryan W.

Committee Chairman's Report, by Tom K.

It's hard to believe that one half of the scout season is over as well as one half of the school year. The time has certainly flown by and it doesn't seem that long ago we were all at the pool party talking about the upcoming scouting events and activities. The recent Court of Honor was a good time and recognition of scout achievements through earning merit badges and advancements primarily from Napowan. There has also been a good assortment of campouts during the past four months which included our November family outing as well as the cabin campout with the theme of Rocketry. The list of events can go on with all the activities that were held so far. I would like to take time to thank the parents who were and are involved and helped out in a variety of ways whether it is by holding a regular position within the troop or by helping out by bringing one of the meals to a campout. The efforts of each of you were needed and greatly appreciated by all.

I would also like to take time to thank those who come to mind with the extra effort they have helped out. First of all, I would like to congratulate Jeff T. for doing a great job with the Wreath sales and to Lisa V. for doing a great job with the Popcorn sales. Both of them made the job look easy although I know it's not. I think their past experience in doing those jobs in Cub Scouts made them a "natural" for doing them in our troop. Fortunately, they are willing to do that job again next year. Special thanks to both of you!

In addition, I would like to thank Ron P., our Camping Director, for all the coordination he has done in arranging this year's camping trips, to Teresa Johnson for coordinating all the advancement records and activities and to Carole Z., for publishing our newsletter so we get our communications out to the troop parents and scouts in a timely manner. I look forward to working with the parents during 2004 and will be looking for some parents to fill some roles for jobs that will need to be taken care of in the near future. Finally, I would like to wish you all a great holiday season and see you in January of 2004. Thank you again for your participation.

Jeff (Dad) and Eddie T. are at Hagers to greet Troop 10 parents and scouts during their wreath pickups. All went very smooth this year and Hagers was very glad to have them onsite to help out.



LOST & FOUND...

Eddie T. lost his cd case and cd's on the last campout. Did anyone find it? If so please call.

Thank you



Blast Off!

The Troop's annual Cabin Campout was at Hoover Outdoor Educational Center. This was well attended, as usual, and we also had a bunch of Webelos as guests including my brother. It was a lot of fun. At the campout we made rockets. We also played some "unorganized" games.

The rockets we built were GBU-24 Pave Way III. They were about 2 feet high and had two sets of fins. There were many different names like the "Vampire Hippo", "Silent Assassin", and "Baghdad Bomber." The problem was that we were in such a hurry some of the main fins weren't glued on straight. Some of the rockets would spin out of control and blow up on the ground. It was also very fun to go and chase after the falling rockets. Once we got C engines it was literally a "blast." The rockets would go really high with the C engines. We tried a rocket without a parachute and it got stuck in the ground. Sometimes even if your parachute worked, the rocket might get stuck in the trees. That's what happened to two people's rockets.

At night we played games both inside and outside. It was especially active in the middle school room. They had a fight to see who could get the lights on. Outside we played "Bloody Mary" and some other games. It was a fun outing. Thanks Mr. P. for another great campout. I can't wait until next year.

By Phillip G.

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

by Ron P., Outing Chairman

Congratulations to all of you space explorers, who successfully built and launched rockets into "low space orbit" at Hoover Outdoor Center. We had over 60 launchings! There was even a curious low flying helicopter go overhead, but he rapidly left the area after seeing the next 3 rockets on the launch pad. Needless to say, we all had a lot of fun, myself included!

Now it's time to get ready for our next adventures. January has in store 2 outings, one for the Venture Group (Winter Freeze-Out) and one for the entire Troop (Signal Hill Klondike Adventure). The Winter Freeze-Out will be at White Pines State Park, January 16 - 18, 2004. After hiking all equipment to the campsite, these hearty scouts will set-up camp and enjoy cross-country skiing, sledding and tobogganing (**IF** there is any snow) and other fun winter activities. Please fill out the enclosed permission form and turn it into me with the fees **no later** than January 12th.

The Signal Hill Klondike Adventure is a day time outing on Saturday, January 24th from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. It will be held at Hoover Outdoor Center (Yorkville, IL - same location as our December Cabin Outing). Activities will include challenges like the blind-folded and obstacle races along with Scout related activities in the areas of first aid, pioneering, orienteering, fire building. Again, please fill out the enclosed permission form and turn it into me with the fees **no later** than January 12th.

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

- Feb 13 - 15: Devils Head Ski Trip
- 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.

If you are interested, see me at the scout meetings (Ron P.) or give me a call.

On January 5th, 2004 there will be an

EAGLE EVENING

of Life Scouts. Find out about the path to Eagle.

Troop 10 Eagles will be there.

See Mr. Ken L. for more information.

Good Morning Troop 10!

We are starting a Troop Band for Revile, Taps, and, if we're lucky, Napowan flag ceremonies. We are looking for anyone who can play an instrument well and will be able to show for over half of the meetings and campouts.

IMPORTANT: WE WILL BE PLAYING OTHER SONGS THAN JUST REVILE AND TAPS. (THESE SONGS WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.)

Please call Tom Z. if you want to join band.

Happy Holidays!



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 should be e-mailed to Mrs. Carole Z.

Deadline for next issue is *January 15*

REMINDER for Scout Advancements:

Attention!! Any Scout who plans to advance to the next rank, please be aware of the following process to do so:

1. Be sure that all the requirements have been completed as indicated by that rank towards the back of the Scout Handbook AND, they have been signed off and dated.
2. Present your Scout Handbook to Mrs. J., Advancement Chairperson to have your entries transferred onto the troop computer using Troop Master. Once those entries have been made, they are now part of the permanent troop record.
3. Mrs. J. the Advancement Chairperson will verify that you have the proper amount of service time for your new rank, participation requirements are met, as well as time in a leadership position where required. If you have any questions on these requirements please see your Patrol Leader, your Senior Patrol Leader, Mrs. J., or Mr. L.
4. Once items 1-3 above are complete, Mrs. Johnson will direct you to see Mr. L. to schedule your Scout Master conference. This is a required step prior to the Board of Review.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

