

# Troop 10 Times

November 2003

## Scoutmaster Minute

By Mr. Hank S, Scoutmaster

As I sit down to write my last Scoutmaster's Minute, I do it with mixed emotions. When I agreed to be Scoutmaster, I was much honored to be considered an adequate replacement to my predecessors. Those men who I followed, Ryan J, Vern K and all of those before my time, left a tough act to follow. I would like to think that I was able to start filling their shoes in the role, but timing of events does not allow me to finish the next two years.

I am stepping down as Scoutmaster of Troop 10 effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. I am doing this because Adam is moving to Iowa with his mother. With Adam being gone, I just don't have the same drive that I had with him as a part of Troop 10. I therefore felt it was in both Troop 10's and my best interests to step down. I know that my replacement will carry on the tradition of allowing our boys to grow. Although I am stepping down as Scoutmaster, I can not totally cut myself off from the Troop. I will be back periodically to help at meetings and attend some campouts also.

I have looked back over my years with Troop 10 with pride. I have had the privilege to work with many of our recent Eagle Scouts on their projects. I have also had the opportunity to see our younger scouts advance and continue on their path to Eagle. Troop 10 is so very fortunate to have boys/young men in the Troop until they reach the age of 18. This in itself speaks very highly of what we have done as a Troop. Our programming has been appealing enough to keep the boys' interest through high school.

One closing item that I want to address is the Troop 10 Leadership. Dan F, Senior Patrol Leader; Spenser W, Jeff R and Ryan J, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders; Daniel S, Chris P, Tom Z, Ryan F, Brian R and Michael R, Patrol Leaders have gotten the troop off to a tremendous start this fall. They have all shown outstanding leadership in the first few weeks of the fall. As the year goes on, I can only see this group get stronger in their leadership ability. Everyone should be very proud of this group of boys for the strong role they are taking to make Troop 10 a better troop than before.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their support to both Adam and myself during our time in Troop 10. For Adam and me, this is a good bye. We however both would like to come back to visit from time to time.

## November

3	Class A Meeting
10	Red Shirt Meeting
13	Newsletter Deadline
14-16	Starved Rock Family Campout
17	PLC/BOR/SMC
20	Committee Meeting
24	Red Shirt Meeting
26-30	Thanksgiving Break

## December

1	Class A Meeting
5-7	Hoover Educational Center Cabin Campout
8	PLC/BOR/SMC
15	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Newsletter Deadline
18	Committee Meeting
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break

## January

5	Class A Meeting
12	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Committee Meeting
15	Newsletter Deadline
23	No School
23-25	Winter Campout
24	Klondike Derby

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

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

## Wreath Sales!



Wreath sales numbers need to be turned in by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

You only have a couple of weeks left to sell wreaths. Almost half of the money you make goes directly into your Scout account. That money can be used to buy Scout gear, pay for campout expenses and miscellaneous Scouting expenses. You also help the troop.

Let's make this the best year ever for wreath sales. If you have not gotten a sales packet or need more information please call the Tolles.

## Popcorn Sales

Orders are due in on

**Monday, October 27th**  
(Court of Honor)

Pick-up will be on **Sunday, November 16th** between 1-5 p.m. at the home of Lisa Vogt.

Questions?? Please call Lisa V or Tom K.



## SERVICE

Many Scouting forms, including membership applications in English and Spanish, are now available on National's web page:

<http://www.scouting.org/forms/index.html>

### Service Hours

Many thanks to those who turned out on Saturday 5th October to help with the Route 59 clean up.

It was a small, but enthusiastic group that picked up the trash alongside the road.

Thanks also to the adult volunteers.

Our next trash pickup will be in the Spring.

Stella W

## TIPS FROM A SCOUT

Over at Erehwon, you can buy any type of camping gear you want. They have a variety of sleeping bags, camping gear, shoes, and clothes for the warm and cold weather. You also get a 10% discount for being a Boy Scout. This month they have a lot of discounts. They also have a wide variety of climbing gear. My experience with them has been really good. The sales staff there is very helpful. They are located across from Deer Park Mall by Circuit City.

Brent R

# Order of the Arrow Haunted Hike

October 24 & 25 from 7pm - 10:30pm  
Hill Street Park, Mt. Prospect  
Parking at Aldi at the corner of Rand & Business  
Center Dr.

\$3 for Scouts & Scouts in uniform  
\$4 for youth 5-12  
\$5 for youth 13 & up & adults  
Free for children under 5  
Please pay at the location

See flyer at [www.nwsc.org/OAHH.pdf](http://www.nwsc.org/OAHH.pdf)

Order of the Arrow members are called on to help  
with event. Please call one of the contacts for  
information -- Randy T or Robert C.



## Newsletter Articles...

All articles should be emailed using  
Times New Roman font, size 12. Please  
type your article directly in the email  
message (as opposed to attaching a  
document). Also include in your subject  
line "Boy Scout Newsletter" so I know  
the email is authentic and not a possible  
virus. Thank You!

Carole Z.

## PARENTS ONLY

Parents, get the most out of your son's scouting  
career by getting involved at the meetings or at the  
campouts!

Troop 10 welcomes parent involvement (mom or  
dad) and would like everyone to complete basic  
Boy Scout training. No, it is not the dreaded 10  
hour lecture (New Leader Essentials only takes 2  
hours)! On the contrary, all classes involve active  
participation. Learn how you can contribute to the  
Troop's overall success by getting trained. The  
more parents who are qualified the less burden  
overall. What YOU get out of it: a big smile on  
your son's face and unforgettable memories. I sure  
did!

Check out the council's website: [www.nwsc.org](http://www.nwsc.org)  
and click on the training section. New Leader  
Essentials provides you with the basics about  
scouting. The next training date is set for  
**November 20th** from 7:30-9:30pm at the  
Presbyterian Church of Park Ridge, 1300 W.  
Crescent Ave in Park Ridge. Cost is \$5 pp, prepay  
- registration form is posted on the website at  
<http://www.nwsc.org/training/NLE1120.pdf>.

For more information call Cokkie W. Please call  
me and let me know that you are planning to  
attend.

## **Troop 10 Committee Chairman's Report**

By Tom K

### **Best wishes to Hank and Adam**

I was certainly disappointed to hear that Hank would be resigning his position as Scoutmaster effective the end of October once his son Adam moves out of state. Hank and Adam will still be registered in the troop and plan to participate at campouts, on occasion, as their schedules permit. I have known Hank for more than the four months which he was Scoutmaster. I have known him for the past 3 ½ years as an active and involved Assistant Scoutmaster helping the troop in a variety of ways. His presence has certainly been appreciated and he and Adam will be missed. I wish Hank and Adam the best in their future endeavors.

Now the issue at hand... Who will replace Hank? First of all, I'd like to say that we are very fortunate as a troop to have several adult leaders who could effectively do a good job in this position. Already, a number of adult leaders have made recommendations as to who they feel would make a good Scoutmaster for our troop. I am going to follow-up and call as many Committee Members and Assistant Scoutmasters as possible and listen to what they have to say as far as Hank's replacement. It would be my intention to have Hank's replacement announced at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor effective November 1st. Hank will be hosting the Court of Honor. Regardless of how we proceed, I know we will continue on without "missing a beat". It will be our primary goal to make this transition as seamless as possible for all of our Scouts. The Scouts are the reason why we are all here being involved with our troop.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime. I can be reached direct or via e-mail.

**Thank You  
Scoutmaster Hank S  
For all you've done  
for us!**

We will miss you and Adam and  
look forward to your visits!

Best Wishes!

Troop 10 Boy Scouts

### **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 *November***

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

A Class A Scout shirt was found recently. Size medium adult.

Please contact Mrs. J.



### **How To Earn A Merit Badge**

1. Select the area of interest (see pages starting at 187 in your Boy Scout Handbook).
2. Get a Merit Badge application form from your Scoutmaster.
3. Get the appropriate Merit Badge Book. The Merit Badge Book can be obtained from the Troop Librarian, the Scout Shop, or from a Public Library.
4. Get the name and phone number of a Merit Badge Counselor from your Scoutmaster.
5. Along with another Scout, a relative, or a friend, set up and attend your first appointment with the Merit Badge Counselor to begin working on the Merit Badge.
6. Working with the Merit Badge Counselor, complete your work on the merit badge and get the Counselor's signature on the card to attest to the completion of the requirements.
7. Deliver the signed, completed Merit Badge Card to the Troop Advancement Coordinator to receive credit for your achievement.

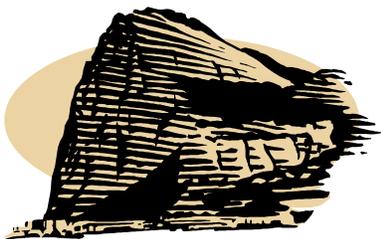
If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Troop Advancement Coordinator or your Scoutmaster.

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## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

November 14 - 16  
Starved Rock Family Campout



December 5 - 7  
Hoover Educational Center  
Cabin Campout

