

Troop 10 Times

April 2005

Troop 10 shows Scout Spirit !!

Hello Troop 10,

My name is Greg W. and I am the Committee Chairperson for Pack 183 based out of Salem Methodist Church in Barrington. I want to share with you a story of how Troop 10 showed the scouting spirit recently.

We held our 'crossover' pack meeting on March 29th of this year. Our planning committee holds a meeting 2 weeks before each pack meeting to go over what is going on in the pack meetings. This year we had 15 boys crossing over. As is typical, the boys had selected Troops where other boys in their dens had ties. This year it was for Troops 21 and 29. One of the den leaders had volunteered that the Troop their son was going to would supply the archer for the crossover ceremony. As is also typical in our volunteer organizations I received a late night phone message that there was a problem with the archer - THERE WAS NO BOW and ARROWS.

Another issue dumped in my lap.

First thing in the morning I got on the phone and left a message for Mike L. asking him if his son Mike could do the shooting as he had performed this service for Pack 183 the previous year. I did not get through to Mike and I thought it possible he might have still been away for spring break. Not wanting to leave things to chance, I then I gave a call to Bill T. who is part of both Troop 10 and Pack 183 and he suggested I give a call to John B. I caught up with John and within 1 hour he brought over a bow and arrows. Talk about turnaround! About 20 minutes later I heard from Mike L. and he assured me that his Mike would be able to make the crossover meeting and do the shooting.

All went well, Mike came and did the target shooting (he had to do rapid fire as our Scoutmaster was going pretty fast). Mike did a great job and should get double service hours for hanging around through the meeting.

I want to laud Troop 10 and especially John B. and both Mike's of the L's for their support of Pack 183 even when no Webelos were headed for Troop 10. Their efforts and response truly showed the Scouting Spirit.

All Hail Akela.
Yours in scouting,
Greg W
Pack 183

PLEASE NOTE EACH MEETING LOCATION AS INDICATED

**Any changes are communicated through the
patrol leaders**

April

4	Class A Meeting -Grove
11	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove
15-17	Biking Camp out
18	PLC - BUMC
21	Committee meeting
25	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove
26	Newsletter deadline
29-30	Plant Sale (see detail inside)

May

2	CPR class at B High School (see detail in next page)
13-15	Dunes Camp- out

OTHER MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS IN MAY TO BE DETERMINED

Check our website for
further information -
<http://troop10.nwsc.org/>

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

Outing Corner – The “In’s and Out’s”

by Ron Pacanowski - Outing Chairman

Spring has sprung, so get out your bikes, fill those tires, and oil up the chains in preparation for this month’s Biking Campout at Illini State Park (April 15 – 17). We will be biking along the Illinois/Michigan Canal trail and the Illinois river. A short “side” bike trip within the Park is to the Marseilles Lock, where you can see boats make their way along the Illinois River. Don’t miss this activity filled campout.

Then prepare yourselves for this year’s final campout at the Michigan Dunes (May 13 – 15), an annual favorite. Mark your calendars!!!

May 2nd Troop Meeting Will be held at Barrington High School

CPR class
for High Adventure and First
Aid merit badge

TIME: 6-10 pm

WHERE: Wrestling Gym at
Barrington High School (upstairs
from main gym)

No uniforms are necessary

Be Prepared for the April Camp-out Shakedown

Starting with the next camp -out, we will be doing a shakedown prior to every camp -out. This shakedown will occur in the BUMC parking lot before we start loading the cars. The Scouts will be asked to show the Senior Patrol Leader that they have the key gear for the camp -out. This gear will be listed on the camp -out form.

On the October 2004 camp -out at Devil’s Lake, even though the forecast was for rain all weekend, more than half of the Scouts did not have raingear, most did not have a second pair of shoes, and almost all only had cotton socks. Luckily, it was in the upper 50’s at night. If it was any colder, we would have had a significant challenge with hypothermia. Luck, not preparation, saved our Scouts, your sons, a couple of tough nights.

Parents, you can help. Monitor the weather forecast at a town near the camp. www.weather.com will give you a good idea of what your son should expect. And work with you son to make sure he packs the right gear.

Hi Scouts-

Though I'm normally not one to think and plan far in advance, I have already started thinking about a few campouts coming up in a few months: the Dunes and Napowan. The Dunes is the annual favorite of many. For those who have never been on this outing, we typically spend all day Saturday hiking and exploring sand dunes that are hundreds of feet high. There is sometimes a game of Capture the Flag, which is a blast at night in the sand. As for Napowan, I know Mr. L. will be urging all Scouts, especially the younger ones, to prepare for it by late April or early May. I received about 12 merit badges my first time at Napowan, and many first-timers have similar success stories. Napowan is an excellent place to earn several Eagle-required badges, such as Lifesaving and Environmental Science. Beyond merit badges, Napowan has many fun leisurely activities (like swimming) and adventure activities (like the high-ropes course). So, as spring is finally here, I encourage all Scouts and interested parents to start getting excited for these upcoming campouts. I know I sure am; I can't wait for the Dunes.

Jon S.

From the Advancement Corner

You are in Charge of Your Own Advancement!

Reading your book ahead of time saves time!

Reading the requirements for rank advancement ahead of time really does save time. When you get to a campout or meeting, you can plan ahead what you want to accomplish. This is particularly helpful when you need to plan and cook a meal, pick and set-up camp, learn to use proper tools, start fires, learn first aid, go on hikes, etc...

REMEMBER! Be sure a qualified person is signing-off your book. Have them fill out a complete date when signing your book, (i.e., month/date/year)

Service Hours Do Not roll over...

When you advance in rank, the date you become that rank is the day you need to start your service hours over for the next rank. If you exceed the "book required" amount of hours, that just makes you a better person! Also, if you are a high school student, those hours can be counted towards your volunteer service. The troop can sign those papers for you.

Positions of Responsibility are required from Star rank and up...

Be sure you read what positions count for advancement, not all of them do. If you are not elected to a position, you will need to ask the Scoutmaster or Patrol Leader for a position. The advancement team needs to know the position, so be sure you report it to us, so it can be installed in the Troopmaster Program to receive credit. If we change positions in mid-year, your position does not automatically rollover. Make sure you check with advancement to be sure you have fulfilled the required time. Again, when you advance in rank, only the amount of time you were in that position counts towards that rank. If you continue in a position of responsibility, you would start your position from the date of advancement for the next rank.

Signing In...

When signing in at Troop meetings- BE SURE YOUR NAME IS LEGIBLE. Unfortunately, illegible signatures will not be recorded.

Participation...

Although there is no national policy on Scout Spirit or attendance, each Troop is given the opportunity to set their own guidelines. Troop 10 uses the guideline of "60% attendance at Troop meetings and 60% attendance at campouts in the three (3) month period" before a Scoutmaster Conference for rank advancement.

Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews...

When you think you are ready to advance - **Check with the advancement team at least a week in advance.** DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! We need to check your records ahead of time to make sure all requirements have been met. That way, you're not wasting your and your parents time driving to a BOR that you are not ready for.

Board of Reviews are usually held the Monday night after a campout at the same time the Patrol Leader meeting is being held. When you arrive at the patrol leader meeting for your scoutmaster conference - be sure a parent/guardian is with you. This is very important, because *we need your parents to do other boys' Boards of Reviews. If there are not enough parents, this process can take a long time and be delayed!* **Don't forget- you need to bring your book and be in uniform for advancement - that means a tucked in shirt and a scarf with slide.**

From the Advancement Corner

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Merit Badge cards and Merit Badge books...

When filling out a Merit Badge application card, please make sure of the following before turning into advancement:

1. Your name appears on the application twice, once under application for merit badge and once under the applicant's record.
2. Your Scoutmaster has signed twice. Once on the application and once on the applicant's record.
3. Make sure your Counselor has signed, dated and filled out both the application and both sides of the applicant's record.
4. Make sure you fill out **What** merit badge the card is for.
5. Our District is **Signal Hill** NOT 220.
6. Our Council is **Northwest Suburban Council** or **NWSC** for short.

Once everything is filled out, return it to the advancement team. They will check it, and you are on your way to receiving your merit badge at the next Court of Honor.

The date the counselor signed and dated your merit badge application, is the date you earned that merit badge, *not* the day you receive it. Some merit badges can be completed with your counselor in one meeting, others require more. At camp, many of you earned partial merit badges. That only means you're *not* finished.. You can continue to work on a partial until it is finished or you turn eighteen years old. **IF YOU LOSE THE PARTIAL YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ON, YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER. SO DON'T LOSE YOUR PARTIAL!!**

Jill H. has Merit Badge cards and a list of Merit Badge Counselors. Daniel B. is the Troop Librarian. You can obtain books by calling him .

Teresa J is Advancement Chair. Our new Advancement Team that will be taking over Mrs. J's position is Susan and Thomas V. Mr. and Mrs. V

Shelving and racks needed! By Steve R, Quartermaster

When the remodeling is complete at the Barrington United Methodist Church, our troop will have a storage room in the basement. To organize and store our diverse inventory of supplies and equipment, pallet racks and shelves are needed.

Ideally, I am looking for:

- 4 pallet racks, 30" or 36" wide x 8', 8'-10' high
- wire shelves for racks
- 3-6 heavy-duty shelves
- 1 small desk
- 2-3 desk chairs

If anyone in the troop has connections to acquire new or used racks, shelving, and desks, please call me or write me.

Troop 10 Plant Sale!!!

Help boost your Scout account, become more involved with the troop, get more service hours, and have a good time!

What: the Troop 10 Plant Sale

When: Fri. April 29th, 3:00-7:00
Sat. April 30th, 9:00 AM -4:00
Sun. May 1st, 9:00 AM- 2:00

Where : the corner of Hough St. and James St. in Barrinton (the unused parking lot by the E J & E tracks)

For More Information Call Tom Z

We will have sign up sheets two weeks prior to the sale!

Save the date!!! See you there!!!

Tom Z

Signal Hill District Date Night Fundraiser

Troop 10 is one of the 64 Scouting Packs, Troops, and Venture Crews in the Signal Hill District of the Northwest Suburban Council of the BSA. Our former Scoutmaster, Ryan J, currently serves as the Chairman of the Signal Hill District.

This year, Signal Hill is introducing a new event to help celebrate our successes, have some fun, and help support our district's scouting program: the Signal Hill Date Night. You are invited to join in at 5 PM on Sunday, April 17th, 2005 at Mia Cucina Italian Trattoria in Palatine. The price of \$150 per couple includes an elegant five-course meal in the elegance of a four-star restaurant while supporting the Boy Scouts of America.

The "Date Night" theme was selected in recognition of the many spouses of our adult leaders throughout our scouting programs. This night is a great opportunity for us to spend some time together as adults celebrating and supporting our scouting youth. Please join us and help make this event a great success!!!

For more information, please call or check our website at:

<http://signalhill.nwsc.org/events/datenight.html> and get your reservation in soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

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