

# Troop 10 Times

February 2005

## Scoutmaster Minute

District level events are usually planned and lead by the troops that make up the district. This year Troop 10 was one of the three host troops for the Klondike derby.

The process of planning the event began a year ago with Brad E. and I taking a ride out to Big Timber Camp to do a site survey. As Brad had promised the site was beautifully wooded, provided some interesting terrain and was located conveniently nearby to the district. It was a winner. Brad and I met with the ranger that same day, which is a campfire story all by itself (see Brad) and secured the reservation.

For the past year Brad and his son Jared have been working with the other two troops planning and coordinating the event. As the time grew near Brad and Jared recruited other adult volunteers in the troop and put the final touches on the plan.

A Klondike derby draws its name from the experience of miners during the gold rush in Klondike region of Alaska. The theme for this year's Klondike was "The Siberian Express". To really do the event right snow is a requirement, so Brad invoked the secret snow calling ritual known only to OA Vigil members. To leave nothing to chance he did the 1" chant on Monday, but it did not snow. He did the 2" chant and dance on Tuesday and it did not snow. Frustrated, Brad got out the Vigil scroll and did the 3" chant, dance and spit into the sky on Wednesday and still no snow. Thursday he was discouraged about the lack of the white stuff, but still came to the committee meeting. Friday morning Brad gave it one more try. He did the 1" chant, he did the 2" chant and dance, he chanted, danced and spit the 3" ritual - finally exhausted and looking skyward he asked the Lord for just a wee bit of snow. Well, just in time for the event we got first 1", then 2", then 3" and it went on until the camp was covered with 10 inches of snow. The Siberian Express had arrived.

Friday's 25 minute ride out to camp took over an hour. We were rewarded with a blazing hearth in the post card setting of a warm cabin in the woods. After settling in we met with the leaders of the other troops to ensure everyone knew their roles and all events were covered.

Saturday morning the snow stopped, the sun came out and 186 scouts participated in one of the best Klondike derbies in memory. Troop 10 had enough scouts to have two patrols in the competition. We were fortunate to also have several Webelos in attendance. The scouts burned a significant amount of energy pulling their dogsled from event to event. Events included orienteering skills, woodcutting, fire starting/boiling water for time, pioneering, an obstacle course, etc.

The final event of the day is the traditional dogsled race. The sleds are lined-up 14 wide for an uphill start in the snow. After a long day filled with activity and a lot of cold fresh air, the dogs (scouts) were so anxious to get going that a false start occurs. "Back to the line..." "On your marks, get set, GO!" The herd of sleds and boys surged uphill to the spot where the path narrows to a double sled width. "Passing on the left, Passing on the left", the slower teams yielding to the swift on the way to the first turn. At the turn the course levels, but the snow is deep and marred only by a couple sets of tracks. The lead teams are exhausting themselves blazing the trail. "Passing on the left, Passing on the left", the tortoises are catching the hares. The second turn is in sight. The course turns onto a plowed road for a downhill finish. "PULL". The first sled sprints down the hill and crosses the finish line. "Where is the rest of your team?" A lone scout runs back up the hill in search of his sled mates. The second team crosses and the confusion continues. Finally, all sleds and all the dogs have crossed the finish line and a winner is declared.

The event closed with the presentation of awards followed by flags. Like a gracious host Troop 10 placed well, but did not win the contest. Opting for comfort over machismo we spent Saturday night in the cabin rather than camping out. Hats off to troop 335 for braving the single digit temps.

Hosting the Klondike was a good time. It is a district event where the troop could develop a leadership competency. A sincere thank you to all of the adult volunteers and especially Brad and Jared for your pioneering effort. The spirit of the Klondike is in you.

Yours in Scouting, M. L.

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**Our apologies for the meeting dates  
and locations confusion**  
*The Troop 10 Committee*

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**EACH MEETING LOCATION AS INDICATED**  
**Any changes are communicated through the  
patrol leaders**

*February*

3	District Roundtable
7	Class A Meeting – BUMC – OA election
11-13	Ski trip – Devil’s Head
14	Red Shirt Meeting - BUMC
17	Committee Meeting
18-21	Venture Ski trip
20	Philmont training Hike
21	No Meeting – no school
24	Newsletter deadline
27	Philmont training Hike
28	Court of Honor

*March*

7	Class A Meeting - Grove
11-13	Silo climb and Philmont training
14	PLC - BUMC
17	Committee Meeting
21	No meeting – Spring Break
26	Newsletter deadline
28	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove

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

Well, the winter is well underway and many enjoyed January’s snowy Klondike outing. My thanks to Mr. E. for his total coordination of this successful outing. And the winter fun is not over! For our February outing (**Feb 11 – 13**) we will be “cabin camping” on the Castle Rock flowage near Mauston, Wisconsin, and downhill skiing/snowboarding at Devil’s Head Ski Resort. This campout will be culminated with a pizza party at Devil’s Head Resort – this is always a popular outing!

As the early spring buds begin to appear, we will resume out tent camping outings. The March campout will feature an exciting day of wall climbing in silo’s in Bloomington, IL. This campout will be **March 11-13**. **NOTE: This date has changed from the original Troop 10 calendar!**

The April campout (**Apr 15-17**) will include a bike trip along the I/M canal with camping at Illini State Park in Marseilles, IL. Then this year’s camping season will conclude at the Michigan Dunes on **May 13-15**. Don’t miss this ever popular campout!!!

**Scouter’s Swap Meet**

Sponsored by the NW Suburban Council  
Feb 19-20, Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-4 & Auction  
Table Rental \$20, Admission \$2  
Location: 1796 Sherwin, Des Plaines, IL  
The area’s oldest and original Boy Scout Flea Market and Auction is back. If you wish to buy, trade, sell or donate any Scout Stuff, this is the place to do it. So dig out those old Scouting books, photos, autographs, posters, patches, neckerchiefs, stamps, coins, O/A flaps, mugs, slides, belts, buckles, BS uniforms, Foreign scout items, Jamboree items, etc., etc. Donations (tax deductible) should be dropped off at the Council office at 600 Wheeling Rd, in Mt. Prospect. To sell (order table rental) or for further info please call Betty Wurster at (847) 699-0449 or (847) 989-3746.

## **CPR TRAINING**

Carol K. collected this info for those needing CPR training for First Aid merit badge or a refresher for Philmont.

There is an American Red Cross Certification class at the **South Barrington Community Center - 5:00pm-9:00pm on Monday, March 7, 2005** (847) 381-7515. Upon completion of both a written and skills test, you will receive American Red Cross Certification. #7040 CPR For Infants and Children, Ages: Teens and Adults, \$25 Residents, \$29 Non-Residents.

In addition, the Barrington High School will offer a class run by their PE dept in April 2005, but you'll need to call them for details.

**CPR training at Council** – check NWSC website for details

CPR Recertification                      April 16, 2005

CPR and First Aid Course              February 19, 2005

CPR and First Aid Course              May 21, 2005

### **Barrington Park District**

Red Cross Community CPR

Monday 31 January 6-10PM \$36 in-district/\$46 out

Review and Re-certification - for those who have gotten certified in the past 5 years- **Monday 25 April 6-8:30PM** \$26/\$33

## **Something good can happen out of all this snow!**

There are many winter oriented merit badges that scouts can earn this time of year. The Snow Sports merit badge can help you learn to ski and snowboard or help you sharpen your skills. The Bird Study merit badge has a requirement to get the annual Christmas Bird Count for our area and analyze the results. Another requirement is to identify 20 species of birds. This can be done in your backyard at a bird feeder or by going to a place like Crabtree Nature Center. Crabtree Nature Center will give you a checklist of birds. The Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge has a requirement to build a bird feeder and observe the birds that visit it. The Nature merit badge has a choice of requirements that include identifying mammals and making a cast of mammal tracks or photographing the tracks. Even in the cold, snowy weather, mammals can be found. They tend to stand out against the white, snowy background. The leaves are off the shrubs and trees, so you can see them better. This is the time of year to focus on the winter-related merit badge requirements. Use this time wisely.

Brent R. - Historian

## **How to be a Napowan Counselor in Training** by Justin B.

Although it seems so far away, now is the time to begin thinking about Camp Napowan. Napowan is a great place for scouts to earn merit badges and to have a great time, but is also a great place to work. Being on Napowan Staff is something you will never forget.

At age 14 you can be a CIT, or a counselor-in-training. When you are a CIT, you can work in every area except the Trading Post and the Ranger Station. Being a CIT is great fun, but you do not get paid. So you are thinking, 'Why should I be a CIT at all?' Well... first off it is an experience you will never forget and one that will make you want to come back to the Napowan staff for years to come. Secondly, if you do come back to work on staff the next year, you start at a higher pay than if you did not CIT. Also, being a counselor in training counts as community service. This is a great way to advance in rank and earn credit towards high school (I earned one full credit in only two weeks). But overall, I think the experience alone is enough incentive to make someone go."

**Positions of Responsibility** By Nate H.

Once a scout reaches the Star rank, he is required to serve actively in a position of responsibility. As soon as he obtains the Star rank it would be best if he looks into this right away. Usually at the beginning of the year we elect new scouts to fill the various leadership positions that are available. There are quite a few different positions that a scout can take on: scouts who make every meeting, and are likely to be at all of the campouts make good Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders. For those with more time constraints, historians can turn in one article per month into the newsletter to fulfill this requirement. Anyone who is an aspiring Star or Life scout should talk to their patrol leader about what job would fit them best, and to see what positions of responsibility are likely to be open next year.

**YOUR HELP GREATLY NEEDED**

**New and Experienced Scouters:**

The Spring Program is ahead of us. We have been seeing you at the meetings. We have shared good times on a campout or two. We need your assistance in working with the scouts in mentoring, encouraging, and sharing.

The requirements are stringent:

- You are kind of familiar with the way the Troop does its thing.
- You know what the trailer looks like.
- You only get lost sometimes on the way to the event.
- You don't burn yourself too often or don't make a lot of noise about it.
- Think only other people snore.
- Want to share your energy and ideas.
- Enjoy being out with your son and his friends.

Please sign-up to be an Assistant Scoutmaster. We are putting the plans for the Spring program together and would like to get you involved in time to incorporate your ideas too. Please contact me and let's make it official.

Thank you in advance for your support, M. L.

**NEEDED Person to Take over Advancement Position**

- No Experience Necessary
- On the Job Training , Training starts ASAP
- Starting Date: 06/01/05
- Will work with applicant thru Napowan
- Great Benefits

Please Contact Teresa J. or Tom K.

## Mr. R and Mr. K honored at the Signal Hill District Dinner

Two of Troop 10's adult leaders were honored at the annual Signal Hill District Awards Dinner held on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Mr. Rich R. was honored as the Charter Organization Representative of the Year for his work as a liaison between our troop and our charter Organization, the Barrington United Methodist Church. Mr. Tom K. was honored as Committee Chair of the Year for his work with his Venture Crews as well as Committee Chairmanship of Troop 10.

The Signal Hill District includes over 60 Scouting units from Lake Zurich, Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Inverness, Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows, including Cub Scout, Boy Scouts and Venture crews. It is part of the Northwest Suburban Council of BSA.

They are a great part of the Troop 10 philosophy of "many hands make light work." It's always gratifying to see our Troop 10 leaders recognized by their peers. **Congratulations from all of us to Rich and Tom!**

## Committee Chairman's Report By Tom K.

### **The Winter Klondike... Wow! What a fun event!!**

First of all, "Hats Off" and "Congratulations" to **Brad E.** for taking the lead role and representing Troop 10 for this very successful event. He worked along with a number of other adult leaders and scouts in our troop as well as leaders from two other troops to make this one of the best Klondike's I have been too. I had the pleasure of being there for the day to see it all come together. Although I was planning to work the "Snow Snake" event that day, it was already well staffed and I ended up overseeing the Obstacle Course (Event #5) that the older boys from Troop 10 had designed, made up the rules and, were judges for the patrols and Webelos groups that stopped by to do their best to get a good score. This event included activities of running up the hill with the starting point of a tree about 25 yards away, "Army crawl" under two picnic tables, run to two split benches, grab a rope and simulate swinging across a river, run to a snow mound and vault over it. Then the scouts would get up, the first two would run down the hill with their patrol sled and the others would run to the end point as fast as they could. Needless to say, the scout participants got a good workout on this one. Believe it or not, at least two troop patrols and one Webelos group requested to do it a second time. Special thanks to scouts **Kirk B., Jared E., Vincent H. and Tom K. Jr.** for designing and running this event. Great job guys!

At lunch break **John B.** provided us all with a great hotdog and chili lunch and, for those of us who stayed for dinner, we were all treated to an excellent pot roast dinner where John provided the pre-prepared Dutch ovens with all the ingredients assembled and then cooked by **Paula B.** Thanks to both of you for a wonderful dinner that night after a cold but fun day of outdoor activities.

Although we were well represented by scouts and adults at this years Klondike, let's try to get even more of us out there next year to make it even better. Best wishes to all!

In closing, if anyone has any questions regarding our upcoming trips, volunteer positions or training, please feel free to call me directly or via E-mail

## 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.

SIGNAL HILL DISTRICT MERIT BADGE CLINIC  
Saturday, March 5, 2005  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Rolling Meadows Community Center  
3705 Pheasant Drive  
Rolling Meadows, IL  
Contact: Kathy Ryan, 847-259-0256

It's that time of year again, again and once again!! All Scouts are reminded to come prepared to discuss with a counselor the work **they have done** on (a) merit badge(s). Every Scout should bring documentation supporting previously completed work. This is the chance to review, present, discuss and have requirements signed off. *It is not the time to work on them!!* All Scouts must bring their **merit badge card(s) properly signed by their unit leader**. The relevant **merit badge book** might be useful as well. PLEASE NOTE: Any scout arriving **after 11:45 a.m.** cannot be guaranteed that he will see a counselor due to time constraints of the facility!! But we will DO OUR BEST!

For those badges requiring two visits with a counselor, please make certain the first visit has occurred prior to March 5. NOTE: **Scouts are expected to be in FULL UNIFORM!!**

SAFETY TRAINING IS ALSO PLANNED FOR THOSE ADULTS NEEDING CERTIFICATION!

**Youth Protection** will be presented from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Safe Swim Defense** will be presented from 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**Safety Afloat** will be presented from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Climb on Safely** will be presented from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*All seminars will be held in the Card Room at the Community Center.*

Directions to the Community Center:

**\*From southbound Route 53:** Exit Euclid, east. Turn south (right) at Rohlwing Road (first traffic light) Turn east (left) at Kirchoff Road (first traffic light). Turn south (right) at Meadow (third traffic light, Taco Bell on corner). Turn right at Martin (one block) which turns into Pheasant at the R.M. Library. Continue 5 blocks to the Community Center on the right.

**\*From northbound Route 53:** Exit Kirchoff Road, go east (right) at the bottom of the ramp. Proceed to Meadow as stated above.

**ANTICIPATED MERIT BADGES TO BE REPRESENTED INCLUDE:**

Citizenship Community	Woodworking	Canoeing	Reptiles
Citizenship Nation	Fingerprinting	Swimming	& Amphibians
Citizenship World	Space Exploration	Electricity	Theatre
Family Life	Safety	Electronics	Chemistry
Camping	Home Repairs	Backpacking	Geneology
Aviation	Painting	Rifle Shooting	Collections
Cooking	Dog Care	Sports	Fish & Wildlife
Fishing	Art	Woodcarving	Architecture
Music	Photography	Pioneering	Traffic Safety
Reading	Bugling	Computers	Nature
Scholarship	Stamp Collections	American Business	Astronomy
Personal Management	Disability Awareness	Animal Science	Surveying
Pets	Public Speaking	Public Health	Mammal Study
Wilderness Survival	Salesmanship	Gardening	Indian Lore
Veterinary Medicine	Environmental Science	Snow Sports	Engineering
Fire Safety	Personal Fitness	Hiking	First Aid
Communications	Drafting	Emergency Preparedness	