

Troop 10 Times

January 2005

Scoutmaster Minute

We have finished the Fall session and are looking forward to a very busy Spring and Summer. Yes, it is time to start the Summer planning so let's work our way backward.

Napowan! Troop 10 has the best campsite (Cherokee) locked in for the last two weeks of June. This is really a resort built to a youth's scale. Come and spend meaningful time with your Troop 10 buds. Whether you choose a one or two week program this year plan on fun, adventure and getting some serious advancement work done. It is normal to gain a rank and possibly two with a little focused effort. Adults; we will be needing Scoutmasters and Assistants so please make your plans now to spend a few days or the full week. The experience is truly rewarding for all involved.

For the guys who have done a couple of years at Napowan and would like to try something different there are several different high adventure programs offered each summer at Camp Napowan. These include backpacking the Porcupine Mountain trails, SCUBA Certification at Devil's Lake, rock climbing at Devil's Lake and canoeing the Flambeau River. The camp provides trained adult leadership for each experience. Group sizes are limited by location and insure that each group experiences a maximum of safety and fun. To participate in a high adventure program, a Scout must be age 13 by January 1 of the camping year and be a First Class Scout. Fees for these programs are individually priced.

We would encourage a few of you who are looking for a new adventure and not quite up for the Philmont trek to buddy up and try one of the high adventure trips offered through Napowan and report back. The Napowan Blue Goose adventure trips are very reasonably priced so your risk is low and the fun could be big. See www.nwsc.org for details. If you are interested, have questions or need some additional information to move forward please see us and we will assist you.

Philmont! We have secured reservations for three full crews (36). Six open spots remain and are going fast. This is a once in a lifetime experience backpacking in the mountains of New Mexico. Okay twice is a lifetime for some very lucky scouts. Yes, alumni are welcome. Please contact Jeff S. to reserve your spot.

Back to the present...

We have just returned from the annual cabin campout or if I may, the Cabinout™. Thank you Mike R. and Dan W. for being Launchmaster and Food Dude respectively. A special thank you to Mr. Bob H. for contributing his energy and expertise to expedite the rocket assembly process. 25+ rocket kits and custom craft were hurled at the sky and the laws of physics battled 1.000 against our best efforts. We will get em' next year.

Have a safe and very blessed holiday season.

PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Starting January 10 Troop meetings will be held at Grove School

January

3	Class A Meeting - BUMC
6	District Roundtable
9	Philmont crew hike
10	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove
17	No school
20	Committee Meeting
21	No school
21-23	Winter campout
22	Klondike Derby
24	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove
25	Newsletter deadline
31	Red Shirt Meeting - Grove

February

3	District Roundtable
7	Class A Meeting - Grove
11-13	Ski trip
14	PLC/BOR - BUMC
17	Committee Meeting
21	Court of Honor - no school
24	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

2004 was another successful wreath sale for troop 10. Sales were about 10 % above last year's sales. 35 scouts participated and added funds to their scout accounts.

Great job Guys!
Jeff T.



Congratulations to the new Eagle Scouts:
Aaron B, Kevin K., Michael R., Brian R.

Sports and Scouts By Nate H.

For most of us in the troop, scouting isn't the only extra curricular activity that we do. It is very hard to find a balance between scout meetings and after-school clubs, and sports games, and the myriad of other things that we do. It is important that you participate regularly in both scouts, and any other activities that you do, but it is impossible to be fully committed to both. Sometimes you can find ways to overlap the two, for instance if you participate in a sport, the three month long season is the perfect time to fulfill the requirements for the Personal Fitness merit badge. Being in the band is a surefire way to get the music related merit badges. Another important thing to do is practice using leadership skills, as well as other skills that you learned from scouts, while doing any other activities. The lessons that you learn from one activity will overlap and carry you further in whatever other extra curricular activities that you choose to do.

NOTE: The BUMC Church will start construction to complete the Fellowship Hall. During this time, Monday's Troop meetings will be held at Grove School starting on January 10th. Patrol Leader Conference and Boards of Review meetings will continue to be held at the Church.

Outing Corner - The "In's and Out's" by Ron P., Outing Chairman

Klondike Derby/Winter Freeze-out at Big Timber -- January 22nd
Devil's Head Ski Trip -- February 11 - 13
Bloomington Silo Climb -- March 18 - 20
Illinois River Bike Ride -- April 15 - 17
Michigan Dunes -- May 13 - 15

Troop 10 Sea Base 2005 Update

Our Seabase 2005 Trek Crew is set:

Kirk B, Dan F., Ryan F., Chris J., Tom K., Ryan J., Dan P., Mike R., Jeff R., Spencer W., Daniel W., Tom Z.

The adults will be Mr. J. Mr. P., Mr. R. and Mr. W. We leave Chicago on March 18th, 2005 (the Friday before BHS Spring Break) and will return the following Thursday. We are still maintaining a waiting list in case there are any last minute cancellations

Over the next few months before we depart, we will be busy finalizing the make up of the 2 crews. We will also have several crew meetings and events. These will include a movie night, a practice swim test and a few "activities to be named later." We are all looking forward to a great trip

If you have any questions or want more information on this trek, talk to the Crew Advisor, Mr. J. or the Scout Crew chief, Dan F. or his assistants, Jeff R. and Ryan J.

PHILMONT GROUP will be having their first practice hike on Sunday January 9th at Moraine Hills Forest Preserve in McHenry IL. We will be stepping off at 11:00am. Please be there at 10:45am so we can get organized and start the hike at 11am. If you have any questions or need directions, please call Mr. S. at 847.490.5655. Also a quick note, the February 20th hike will be changed to Feb 13th or 27th due to conflict with the Venture ski trip to Upper Michigan

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 January 15, 2005 (CPR cert. must still be valid (<12 months)

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

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.

Presenting the 2005 Klondike Derby for NWSC-Signal Hill.

Hosted by TROOPS 10,35, & 91 on 21-23 Jan2005.

Camp Big Timber in Elgin. IL

Scouts, it is time to show the frozen tundra of the north who rules!! That would be us.

Troop 10, along with troops 35 & 91 are sponsoring this year's Klondike Derby. This is a great scout camp of 80 acres only 20 minutes from our home. Troop 10 will camp the entire weekend as this will be our troop's winter campout. The actual day of the Klondike Derby activities is Saturday, 22Jan2005. We will not be camping alone! There are other tough guys out there! If you like fire, if you like keeping warm, then bring firewood!

This year's Klondike features many exciting and challenging events:

- *Arctic water boiling contest with bonus points for starting fire w/o matches [flint&steel].
- *Eskimo compass treasure hunt
- *Siberian prison walk
- *Snowsnake race dare
- *Gulag obstacle course
- *Winter first aid survival
- *Blinding snow storm tent pitch a.k.a. tent set-up blindfolded/in the dark
- *Ice flow rescue [rope throw]
- *Pioneering skills
- *Woodcutting skills
- *Survival shelter construction challenge
- *Klondike Sled Race Finale

Jared Epstein, along with his leadership team from our troop and troops 35 & 91, will be supervising key events. Leadership positions are still available. He will need both scouts and adults to volunteer to run and judge events. Give Jared a call, e-mail, or letter for these honored positions.

The preliminary schedule for Troop 10's Klondike weekend is as follows:

Friday, 21Jan2005, the first wave of scouts will arrive at Camp Big Timber in the late afternoon to establish boundaries and set-up events. The second contingent will arrive approximately 1830hrs to complete camp set-up and build our fire ring.

Saturday, 22Jan2005, day of the KLONDIKE DERBY:

0600= Reveille
0700-0830= check-in
0830-0845= judges meeting / P.L.C. meeting
0845=Opening ceremony & instructions
0900-1200= morning competition
1200-1300= lunch
1300-1600= afternoon competition
1600 = Klondike Sled Race
1630-1730= awards & closing
1730-1900= dinner
1930= campfire & IMPROV talent search

Sunday, 23Jan2005

0700=Reveille
0800=break camp

This year we had a spirited patch design contest with 12 submissions but only 1 survivor. The winning design came from a member of our troop and the winner will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Finally, guess what? BE PREPARED!!

Troop 10 will have at least one cold camping seminar during our troop meetings this month. Stay warm, stay dry, stay layered-if you want to live!

p.s.= costs including Klondike Derby fees for the whole weekend will be \$30-35. for the klondike only - considerably less

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.

Committee Chairman's Report By Tom K.

2004 Comes to a Close – Reflecting on our Eagle Boards of Review

As I write this newsletter letter and think of all the activities and camping trips that our troop has completed during the year, I reflect on this past year thinking most about the Eagle Scouts who have completed their rank in 2004. What a fine group of fine young men that we have seen come through our troop. For whatever reason, we seem to have most of our Eagle Scouts finish closer to the end of their high school careers and their 18th birthday. As Committee Chairman for the troop, I have the privilege to chair the Boards of Review (BOR) and seek out 3-5 other committee members to participate in each session. We hold the BOR's at the Scout Cabin or at the BUMC church. After hearing what these scouts have had to say during their individual sessions, I think our scouts are typically older because they are usually involved with a variety of school, community or church activities. Our Eagles are typically involved with enough things to rival a full time job with significant overtime. And don't forget their homework. These scouts are definitely a committed group. They also all came with excellent Letters of Recommendation, about 7-12 for each scout.

One thing that seems consistent and comes across is that these scouts have a good sense of "stick-to-it-'tiveness" and direction. They have a very clear understanding of what they want to do and what they want to be. Although somewhere during their scouting careers their involvement may have tapered and then later comeback with fuller participation, they never lost sight the Eagle rank and the importance of what this could mean, not only now but, later in life. Obviously, their decision was a good one to stay with it and complete this rank. Although most of our Eagle scouts will be leaving the state to attend college, we hope to see them return to our troop as their time and schedules will permit. Then when they attend their fellow scouts Eagle Ceremonies, they will also be able to stand up in the front of the room with all the other lifetime Eagles when a new Eagle takes his pledge for the first time.

Finally, I would like to thank our four Eagle coordinators, **Ken L.** – Eagle Coordinator Chairman, **Tim G., Craig H.,** and **Tony C.**, for the excellent job they have done in keeping our Eagles on track during the final stages of completing their rank. As we see these Eagle scouts complete their college training and enter their new careers, I firmly believe that our country will be in good hands with them in charge!

Best wishes and Happy New Year to all the families of Troop 10.

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.

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