

Troop 10 Times

November 2004

Scoutmaster Minute

First I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Mr. John B. and most especially Mr. Tim G. for stepping up to make sure that the meeting and campout went off without a hitch when I was not able to attend. The depth of leadership along with the willingness to serve is part of what makes Troop 10 a great experience for all.

This past month we have completed our first menu planning session involving live cooking. Mr. George F. took an idea and in his hands it went from a plan to reality. The Scouts benefited from training and through experience in Dutch Oven cooking during a meeting. They were able to employ this new skill during the campout the following weekend. Look for more of these opportunities in the coming months.

Our Venture crew has completed its kick-off meeting with a presentation by Mrs. K. on the opportunities and the process of Venture scouting. Crew 10 must now take the next step on their own. We are looking for a couple of additional adult leaders to provide guidance and support for the crew. If you are interested in spending some time having adventures with a group of incredible young men please contact either Tom K. or myself to get started.

November's theme is first aid. We will be utilizing the scouts who have previously earned the first aid merit badge to share those skills with the rest of the troop. The project will culminate with the one or two teams taking part in the district first aid meet in December. Troop 10 placed first in last year's competition and is looking to repeat. The overall benefit is we sharpen this most critical life skill.

November's highlight is the annual family campout. This year we are returning to White Pines State Park in Oregon IL. White Pine is a particularly beautiful place to hike and enjoy other outdoor activities. While every parent in the troop is always welcome at any troop 10 event, the family campout is open to younger members of the troop 10 families with an accompanying adult. A number of WEBELOS are usually present as well. We encourage everyone to attend either for the day or the entire weekend.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. L.

ALL REGULAR SCOUT MEETINGS AT BUMC

November

1	Class A Meeting
4	District Roundtable
6	Junior TLD
8	Red Shirt Meeting
15	Red Shirt Meeting
18	Committee Meeting
19-21	Family Campout
22	PLC/BOR
23	Newsletter deadline
24-26	Thanksgiving
29	Red Shirt Meeting

December

2	District Roundtable
4-5	Trap Shooting
11-12	Campout
13	Class A Meeting
13	PLC/BOR
16	Committee Meeting
17	Newsletter deadline
22-1/2	Winter break

January

3	Class A Meeting
6	District Roundtable
8	Klondike Derby
8-9	Venture Campout
10	Red Shirt Meeting
20	Committee Meeting
24	Red Shirt Meeting
25	Newsletter deadline
31	Red Shirt Meeting

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



Everyone had a great time at the Devil's Lake Campout

Update from the October Climbing Camp-out

By Tim G., Scoutmaster for the camp-out

We always hope for great weather on our camp-outs. For our recent camp-outs, the weather has been great. But not this time. Rain was in the forecast and rain it did. Be prepared is the Boy Scout motto. As Scouts, we live this everyday, especially on camp-outs. About half of the 32 Scouts did not have proper rain gear. Most of them did not have a second pair of shoes. And almost all of them had cotton socks which lose all insulating capability when they get wet.

Parents, how can you help?

- 1) Just like we do for Napowan, you can go through your own shake-down with your son.
- 2) A rain suit is the preferred rain gear. Ponchos are not as useful.
- 3) Get Smartwool, Coolmax, or other synthetic socks instead of cotton. Two good places to buy them cheap is Play It Again Sports or TJ Maxx.
- 4) Monitor the weather at weather.com. The ZIP code is included on the camping permission form.

Other than the rain and not being able to climb, the Scouts did have fun.

Now that winter is on its way, stores are stocking up on new and improved outdoor winter supplies. Stores like Galyans, the Great Outdoors and LL Bean are full of exciting winter wear, camping and sports equipment. Galyans offers a 10% discount on camping equipment to Boy Scouts. Wherever you shop, ask the store clerk if it's possible to get a Boy Scout discount. It would be a good idea to think about the winter camping and sports supplies you need or want. By doing the wreath sale, you can use the money to get yourself situated for the upcoming winter campouts or for winter sports.

Brent R.

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

by Ron P., Outing Chairman

Our November campout (Nov 19 - 21) is another "tradition" - the Family Campout at White Pines State Park. Unfortunately, there were no cabins available at the park, but I have several rooms on **HOLD** at the Paddlewheel Hotel in nearby Oregon, IL (about 15 minutes from park). Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in one of these rooms (\$99/night for 2 double beds).

Future outings:

December: Cabin Outing: Dec 11th - 12th

January: Klondike Jamboree: Big Timber on Jan 8th

Winter Campout (Venture): Big Timber: Jan 8th - 9th

February: Devil's Head Ski Trip: Feb 11th - 13th

How can I help my son with his Boy Scout advancement?

1. Ask him what he worked on at the last troop meeting or camp-out.
2. Have him show you the sign-offs in the back of his Boy Scout Handbook.
3. When your son is done with his homework (and he's had "enough" Game Boy etc.), suggest that he work on some advancement.
4. Ask him when the last time was that he showed his progress to Mrs. Johnson at a troop meeting. It doesn't have to be a full rank advancement, but it should be significant progress.
5. Help your son find Mrs. Johnson at a troop meeting. She is usually sitting in a separate room.
6. When your son goes for a Board of Review, come go along also to be on a Board of Review for another Scout.

How can you help Mrs. Johnson?

Make a readable copy of the advancement pages (scanning on a home PC works). Have your son put his name on top and give it to Mrs. Johnson. This way your son can keep his Handbook and it lightens Mrs. J's load.

Service Hours

Many thanks to all those who turned out to pick up litter from the sides of Route 59. The small group did a great job, worked very hard & accumulated many orange bags of trash for pickup by IDOT crews.

Also, a big "Thank you" to the scouts that got up early on a non school day to give the members of BUMC a hand in setting up for their rummage sale. Your help was greatly appreciated.

There is still a need for scouts to help to box up unsold rummage sale merchandise on Saturday 30th October at 1045am at the church. The more helpers we have, the quicker the task is, so please consider coming to help with this.

As always, service hours are earned for helping in these situations.

Thank you, Stella W.

Historians

Please submit your articles to Mrs G. via email. Email should include:

- short sentence requesting article to be placed in newsletter
- title for the article
- your name
- article should be a minimum of 8 sentences with good grammar and spelling
- article may be edited by Mr L. or Mrs G.

You should be responsible to keep a record of your articles to show to Mrs J.

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....

REMEMBER! Be sure a qualified person is signing off your book.

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 exceeded 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 you 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 voted into 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 so it can be installed in the Troopmaster Program so you receive credit. If we change positions in mid-year, your position does not automatically roll over- 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 meeting- be sure your name is legible- print if necessary. Unfortunately, illegible signatures cannot be recorded.

Scout Master Conferences and Boards of Review....

When you think you are ready to advance- be sure to check with the advancement team at least a week in advance. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!** We might not be home!

When you arrive at the PLC meeting for your conference- be sure a parent/guardian is with you. This is very important because *we need your parents to do other boys' SMC's and BOR's. If there are not enough parents, this process takes a long time and may even be delayed!* Don't forget- you need to *bring your book and be in uniform* for advancement- that means a *tucked in shirt with a belt and a scarf.*

Merit Badge books and Merit Badge cards:

Kevin J is the Troop librarian. You can obtain books by calling him. Mrs. E. has Merit Badge cards and the list of merit badge counselors. **? Mrs. J. is Advancement Chair.**

THANK YOU SCOUTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL POPCORN SALE!

Thanks to you, we sold \$4000+ (302 pieces) in popcorn sales this year!

The top salesmen were:

Jared T. (\$617)

Clay H. (\$430)

Daniel H. (\$412)

Vincent H. (\$331)

Jon C. (\$318)

POPCORN PICK-UP: Sunday, November 14th from 1-5 p.m.

Please pick-up your order at this time! If this is a problem please make other arrangements.

Committee Chairman's Report

By Tom K.

Get ready for our next family camping trip outing... Hopefully we'll have another great turnout!

It seems like the scout season just started a short time ago with only two camping trips behind us and we are already looking forward to our November family camping trip soon before Thanksgiving. After that trip, the holidays will soon be upon us. The trip to White Pines and, the Dunes in May, are the largest attended trips with a good time typically had by all. We usually setup for a great dinner feast with a variety of events for scouts, siblings and adults. White Pines is a great place to be in November. Be sure to mark your calendars for this one. If some of the adults with siblings would like to reserve a hotel room nearby, please contact our Camping Chairman, Ron P., to find out about reserving a room.

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.

Deadline for next newsletter is November . Thank you!

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