

Troop 10 Times

September 2004

Scoutmaster Minute

Welcome back to the new Troop 10. Yes, the “new” almost 80 year-old group of intrepid youth that invite us adult leaders along on their adventures for guidance, counsel and transportation. We use the word “new” because each fall the troop renews itself. The patrols are reorganized. New friendships are formed. We greet new members and we also renew our commitment to the scouting experience.

Most of our newest members have a few campouts and possibly a summer camp experience under their belt. They rejoin us in the fall as experienced troopers. They know how to put up a tent, cook on a camp stove and have an equity share in the work of the patrol.

The second and third-year scouts are returning to us as First Class or Star scouts. This group through their additional experience, skill and maturity provide the leadership that leads to a successful patrol experience for the scouts.

The fourth-year and up group are our “Venture” scouts. These guys have done it all with the troop. They form one very large patrol in our troop. This year the Venture scouts will be taking on an enhanced role in aiding the patrol leaders with training the scouts on particular skills. They will also be leading the group in part or whole through various activities.

The above competencies are highlighted to provide some background. The Assistant Scoutmasters, the SPL and I met over the summer to discuss goal setting for the troop and plan the fall session. The overall theme was to continue to move in the direction of being boy run. You will see the scouts in more visible leadership roles. It is OK if a task or activity is not accomplished as efficiently as possible if there is some growth and development along the way. Remember, the best outcome is not always to accomplish the original plan.

We have some great outings planned for this fall. Please join us in September at nearby Chain of Lakes State Park for canoeing and lots of other fun activities.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the first meeting and getting the fall program kicked-off.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike L.

ALL REGULAR SCOUT MEETINGS AT BUMC

August

30	Class A Meeting - BUMC
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September

2	District Roundtable
6	School Holiday
13	Class A Meeting - BUMC
15	No school
17-19	Campout
20	PLC/BOR
23	Committee Meeting
24	Newsletter deadline
27	Red Shirt Meeting

October

2	Homecoming
4	Court of Honor
7	District Round Table
9	Rt 59 Cleanup
11	No School
11	Offsite meeting
18	Red Shirt Meeting
21	Committee Meeting
21	No School
22	Newsletter deadline
22	No School
22-24	Campout
25	PLC/BOR
30	BUMC rummage Sale

Check our website for further information –

<http://units.nwsc.org/users/troop10>

SMC = Scout Master Conference

BOR = Board of Review

PLC = Patrol Leaders Conference

BUMC= Barrington United Methodist Church

Hurricane Charley moves Seabase 2004 to Spring Break 2005

Just on the eve of Troop 10's planned Seabase adventure, Hurricane Charley forced the mandatory evacuation of the Boy Scouts Seabase in the Florida Keys. While our boys were not caught in the hurricane (the good news), their adventure had to be cancelled (the bad news). The new good news is that the troop's leaders, working with the Seabase staff were able to reschedule the trip for Barrington's Spring Break. While some of the details still need to be worked out, at this point, it appears that most of the original crewmembers will be able to make the rescheduled trip. The boys' (and their leaders') disappointment on losing their summer trip has been replaced by their anticipation of and planning for doing the trip in this coming Spring. We will keep you all advised as we continue to complete these plans

Webelos Transition **New Scouts** by Paula B.

Preparations are underway to welcome another new crop of 5th grade Webelos scouts and their parents. Packs that affiliate with Troop 10 will be contacted and invited to join us at troop meetings and campouts to learn more about Boy Scouts and Troop 10. Webelos scouts AND THEIR PARENTS are invited to attend the upcoming campouts in September (canoeing), November (White Pines) and January (Klondike). This would fulfill an arrow of light requirement and gives them a chance to experience boy scouting with Troop 10 in more depth. If you know any Webelos scouts please pass this information (and a permission sheet) on and have them contact Ron P., to register for campouts and Kathy B. regarding visits to a troop meeting. Please refer them to our website <http://troop10.nwsc.org/> for ongoing Webelos and Troop 10 information.

Troop 10 Order of the Arrow News by Ryan J.

September is a very busy month. We have the Order of the Arrow Section Conclave at Camp Ma Ka Ja Wan on the weekend of the Sept. 11-13. It is open to all OA members. If you would like more information, Contact Mr. Ryan J.

The Fall Fellowship is coming up on Sept. 24-26 at Camp Lakota. This is a great opportunity to complete your Brotherhood as well as have a great time with other OA members.

The annual OA sponsored Haunted Hike is coming up fast and will be on October 29 and 30. This is the weekend of Halloween. We are hoping to have a large turnout and will need all of the help that we can get. (A number of the Troop 10 OA members helped on this last year and had a great time.) This event is one of OA's most popular and all OA members are encouraged to get involved and to come and help work on it (and everyone is encouraged to attend).

Committee Chairman's Report

By Tom K.

A New Scouting Year Begins...

It was certainly nice to see so many of our scouting families at the recent Pool Party on Sunday. This is considered our official "kickoff", and first event, for the new Scout Year. I think the siblings have as much fun as the scouts, or maybe even more, since this gives them an opportunity to get together with their school friends. I heard the official headcount for this event was around the mid-90's. This is similar to the size group we usually get for the Michigan Dunes in May.

As I completed the Troop Calendar for the 2004-2005 Scout Season prior to distributing it at the Pool Party, I said to myself, WOW! We certainly have a lot of activities, meetings and campouts between now and by the next time Camp Napowan rolls around. In order to help for these many events to go smoothly, we will need many of our adult leaders, parents and volunteers to help out to make this an eventful and successful year. I had distributed a Parent Interest and Talent Survey so that our new scout parents could determine where they may help out in areas that interest them most. Initially, seven adults have asked for and received adult leader registration forms. These should be returned to Joni R., our troop's registrar. These new volunteers, and others forthcoming, will allow us to continue to build upon our base of adult leaders. Any level of assistance that you can provide will be greatly appreciated by all. I'll also bet you'll have fun and enjoyment in working with our troop.

If anyone has any questions regarding any of the upcoming planned events or, would like to know more about areas where you can help out, please contact me directly either via E-mail or by cell phone.

Welcome back from your summer to 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.

Deadline for next newsletter is September 24. Thank you!

TROOP 10 PERMISSION SLIP AND ACTIVITY FORM

Fox River Canoe Campout
September 17 - 19, 2004

Where: Chain O'Lakes State Park, Spring Grove, Illinois

When: Sept 17 - 19, 2004

Cost: \$45 per person, includes camping, all food, canoe, life preserver and transportation.

Activities: Take a leisurely canoe down the picturesque Fox River. Paddle quietly and see the various wildlife that this mini ecosystem supports. For those working toward a canoeing merit badge, this is a great time to address the skills portion of the requirements. Following a day of canoeing, we will work on a variety of other merit badges and enjoy some of the numerous activities available at this near-by State Park (hiking, volleyball, etc).

Transportation: Volunteering parents will provide round trip transportation

Leave: Friday, September 17th promptly at 6:00pm (assemble @ 5:45) at BUMC

Return: Scouts returned home late morning on Sunday, September 19th.

Directions: Northwest on Route 12 just past the town of Fox Lake. Turn right on Wilmot Road and follow the signs to the State Park entrance and proceed to the Youth Group camping area.

Items to bring: Water Bottle, Rain Gear, Sunscreen, Standard Camping Equipment/personal gear, Scout shirt, Scout Handbook, Scout Spirit. Dress in **LAYERS** and be prepared for all weather conditions.

Questions: Ron P.

***** **KEEP TOP PORTION FOR RECORDS AND DIRECTIONS** *****

Troop 10 Fox River Canoe Campout Permission & Waiver

As witnessed by our signature, we hereby voluntarily waive any claim against National Council, Northwest Suburban Council, Signal Hill District, Troop 10 or it's Charter Organization, and any leader connected with this troop function for any and all causes that may arise in connection with our son or ward.

_____ has permission to attend the campout and to participate in all
(SCOUT NAME) activities. We further do hereby authorize a doctor and/or medical institution to render emergency treatment for injuries sustained by our son/ward during this function. We will pay all expenses for said treatment in the event that these expenses are not covered by insurance.

_____ and/or _____

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

Emergency Phone #: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Permission Slip and Fees must be turned in **no later than Monday, September 13, 2004**

PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME OF PARENT ATTENDING _____

PORTION OF THE EVENT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING _____

CAN YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE EVENT? YES ____ NO ____

NUMBER OF SCOUTS YOU CAN **TRANSPORT** (including your scout) Scouts _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Amount? # _____ / \$ _____

Scout Account? Yes No Amount \$ _____

Signature _____