

Troop 10 Times

December 2005

Scoutmaster Minutes

I hope this newsletter finds all the Scouts and their families in good health. My Family and I would like to wish everyone a great Holiday Season. I would also like to extend a huge welcome to the newest members of the Troop: The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Venture Crew. This Venture Program will have a slightly different look. This Venture Crew with the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Paula B. and Mr. Tom R. will include female scouts for the first time in the history of Troop 10. These Venture Scouts have agreed to follow the Venture Code of Conduct and complete the required training to attend this event. The BWCAW trip charter will have at least three crews and possibly a fourth. You are about to see and experience one of America's last true wilderness areas, and you will live in a place that hasn't changed since the Native Americans and voyageurs camped centuries ago. We all wish the Venture and Scout members "good luck" and we hope you have the time of your life.

Since our last newsletter our Troop has had a Court of Honor and two troop meetings. We worked on advancement, Patrol flags, meal preparation, cold weather camping and proper packing for this time of the year. We would like to thank Barrington Fire Chief Jim A. for discussing Emergency Preparedness with the Troop. I am pleased to say that by judging by the campout evaluations, the Scouts appear to be having a good time. Our Advancement is tracking well and as a reminder, experienced Scouters remind us that in the first year after joining a troop a Scout should be close to having his First Class rank. Remember - First Year, work to become First Class. With the skills learned during that first year you will be on the road to your Eagle Badge by the time you're in High School. Follow in the foot steps of Kirk, Dan, Nate, Matt, Jeff, and many others - **KEEP GOING.**

On the November Camp-out as I'm sure everyone has heard about, we went Trap shooting at the Bristol Gun Club in Wisconsin. I have been involved with shooting event since it was first developed. I have witnessed hundreds of Scouts shoot for the first time, and I am proud of our Troops safety record and the maturity of our sons at this event. I was informed by the club that on Saturday, November 19th, the Bristol Gun club sold more shells, than at any time in their history. As close as I can tell we shot over two thousand rounds in a six hour period. With the exception of a few sore shoulders there wasn't a single worry all day. Great job Troop 10.

However there is a story I would like to tell. At the end of the day, I make a late night walk through camp. I am checking to make sure the Scouts are in their tents and the site is "buttoned" down. During my late night rounds on this campout I heard something and moved towards the sound to see if it was, what I thought I heard. As I got closer to the strange sound I thought I heard someone that was upset and the closer I got, I believed I heard someone possibly crying. Now I thought every thing went well at the range so this sound disturbed me a little. I zeroed in on the tent where I believed the sound came from and I realized that there was two separate voices and both were very upset. I knelt down next to the tent door and quietly asked the scouters if there was something wrong, if there was something I could do, and what were they upset about. The scouters said they tried very hard all day to score more hits at the range. They thought they did every thing right but couldn't hit many of the targets. Both believed that even though there was no pressure on them, they should have done better. I explained that shooting is a sport and requires practice, timing, and experience. It all plays in to the success of a shooter. The Olympic marksmen spend years perfecting their shooting skills. Very few people can shoot high scores their first, or second or even their third time out. The first voice that was upset asked if I had seen Phil G. shoot, he was almost perfect, very few mistakes. The second voice said he watched Nolan W. go almost five out of five without a miss. They wanted to know if Tom Z. had private lessons he was so good. They both thought the "camo'ed" gun made a difference. Both of the voices from the tent said they watched Moms shoot better then they. I did my best to console them, and I promised that next year I would spent more time with them and help them both score better. I found that they seemed to calm down and the distress in their voices went away. They assured me they would be alright, and I thought I should just look into their eyes to give them the personal reassurance that could help a young person over this trauma. I asked them to open the door so I could see that they were alright and to my surprise I found two adult members of the committee sitting there. I gave them my best Scoutmaster look and left them for the night. So if you see a couple of adult members who have sore eyes or a red nose, please give them a pat on the back and let them know we are all there for them. They'll have another chance next year and they could get better with a little practice.

Have a Great Holiday Season everyone.

December Cabin Campout

Neither rain, sleet, snow, or hail will keep Troop 10 from camping on **December 2 – 4 campout to be held at Camp Big Timber, in nearby Elgin.**

We'll sleep in cabins, spend Saturday morning doing conservation work with the ranger, and hone our First Aid skills for the upcoming First Aid Clinic. The service project will be Saturday morning from about 9am to 11:30am. All service workers should bring work gloves- all other equipment will be provided. All service hours will be credited and appreciated.

Barrington Giving Day

Each December the Barrington Community invites local disadvantaged families from CUSD 220 to a Giving Day. Here they receive food, warm coats and gifts. Last year 313 families needed help but there were only enough coats for the first 100 families. Please help to collect enough items this year so that more families receive the help they need .

This year, Troop 10 would like to help this worthwhile project. We ask that you look through your closets for any gently used & clean coats for both adults and children. In addition, please consider buying some new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves (or donating any "gently used" items). **Please bring these to the Troop meeting on Monday 12th December.** If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Stella W.

December

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| 1 | District roundtable |
| 2-4 | Camp-out |
| 5 | PLC/Board of Review - BUMC |
| 10 | First Aid Meet (see next page) |
| 12 | Class A meeting - BUMC |
| 19 | Winter Break starts |
| 23 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 26 | O.A. Winter Banquet |

January

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| 5 | District roundtable |
| 9 | Class A meeting - BUMC |
| 11 | Committee Meeting |
| 16 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 20-22 | Klondike at Tomo-chi-chi Knolls |
| 23 | PLC/Board of Review - BUMC |
| 23 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 28 | Committee Dinner |
| 30 | Red Shirt meeting |

Order of the Arrow

Winter Banquet at Chateau Rand, Arlington Heights on Monday 26 Dec2005; deadline for registration is 19 Dec2005.

Troop O.A. election tentatively scheduled for first Monday in February, 2006

NEWSFLASH - New CPR Guidelines

"Push hard, push fast" next time you give CPR to someone having cardiac arrest, say new, simpler guidelines in a radical departure from past advice.

Putting the emphasis on chest compressions instead of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, the American Heart Association now urges people to give 30 compressions instead of 15 for every two rescue breaths.

Check out all of the new guidelines at:

<http://www.americanheart.org/downloadable/heart/1132621842912Winter2005.pdf>

Cold Weather Camping By Joey S.

This weekend I went on a camping trip to Wisconsin to do shot gun shooting and archery. I also finished my wilderness survival merit badge, by sleeping outside in a shelter I made myself. The materials I used were two tarps, some rope and a lot of leaves for insulation on the ground. I also used my air mattress to keep me off the wet ground and I wore three layers of clothing: my pajamas my jeans and long-sleeved shirt, and a sweatshirt with my raingear. This merit badge is required boundary waters trip this summer. On the range for archery we got to make our own targets, I made one out of a bunch of playing cards and hit two of the cards. We drank a lot of hot chocolate and apple cider. This was a very fun campout for me and the rest of the troop. Cold weather camping and skiing/snowboarding are on the calendar for January and February. Both promise to be great trips!

Do you have what it takes to save a life?

Find out at the NWSC First Aid Meet

Date: December 10th, 2005, 9:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Place: Barrington Middle School (Station Campus)
215 Eastern Avenue, Barrington**

Scouts will be exposed to realistic first aid scenarios to test their First Aid skills. Skill sets should include all First Aid skills learned during advancement from Tenderfoot to First Class and may include skills required for earning the First Aid Merit Badge. Be sure you study!

Patrols should bring their First Aid kits as per the Scout Handbook, page 290. (Materials needed to perform the scenarios will be provided so patrols will not have to use their patrol First Aid kit.) A written quiz will be given to each patrol and will be used as a tiebreaker if needed.

Scouts may bring a sack lunch; however, NO refrigeration is available for lunches. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase at the event.

Help Wanted!

Ever want to know what happens at the committee meetings? Now's your chance. Mrs. Faye S. has been recording our meetings for the past number of years and has done an incredible job. Her son, Robert, earned his Eagle with Troop 10 in 2002. Faye has decided that December's committee meeting is her last and she is willing to turn the reins over to someone new.

The recording secretary's job is to "simply" take the minutes of the meeting. Faye has successfully done this by typing directly into her laptop while keeping up with the discussion. The Committee Chair reviews the minutes before sending them to the committee for review before the next meeting.

High Adventure Canoe Trip Summer 2006

Tremendous interest has resulted in the formation of four crews for the Summer 2006 High Adventure Canoe Trip. A total of 33 deposits have been accepted. If you are interested in attending this trip but did not sign up you may put your name on a wait list and if cancellations or openings appear you will be notified. Please contact Mrs. Paula B. or Mr. Tom R. for more information.

First Aid Training for the new Venture participants by Dr. K. began in late November and early December. More extensive training and planning meetings for all participants will begin after the New Year.

Committee Chair's Report

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts – Dan F. and Brandon R.! Well deserved.

Thanks to SM John B. and QM Steve R. for a great time trap shooting. No matter how many clay pigeons you hit (or mostly missed in my case), we still had a lot of good safe fun.

It takes many people to make these camp-outs a success. Thanks to our Camping Committee for pulling together our camp-outs. Mr. Sean McC. sorts out the location details, Ms. Jill H. gets the Scouts signed up and their patrol menus approved, and Mr. Dave K. makes sure we have the adult meal shopping and duty roster completed. Many hands make light work, but they all are very busy with our outings!

We've already had a number of Webelos visiting our troop. Thanks to Mrs. Kathy B. in coordinating these visits. As you all remember it is the memory of your visits to various troops that made you pick Troop 10. Let's all do our parts to make sure that our visitor go away with a great impression of our Troop!