

# Troop 10 Times

February 2006

## Scoutmaster Minutes

As we start off this New Year, I would like to remind everyone of our schedule. In February we will be having Order of the Arrow elections, new Patrol Leader elections and we will be welcoming new Scouts transferring from their Cub Scout Packs. We will go to a newly remodeled Granite Peaks Ski Resort in Wausau, Wisconsin for a weekend of down hill fun. Also, we will go to Life Time Fitness Club for a chance to climb the walls. We will bring in a guest speaker that is a past member of Troop 10 for an interesting conversation about his life after High School and growing up. In addition, we will be attending Scout Sunday at Barrington United Methodist Church and we hope that will act as a reminder to all that a "Scout is Reverent". If you do not attend this church service, talk to your parents about your family's religious preference. We all need a little religion in our lives.

Early in January, I invited a group of Scouts to a Troop Leadership Development program at the scout Cabin in Barrington. Our troop has run this program since 1998 at least once a year. We use this as a foundation for the future leaders of the Troop. This one day program is very similar to the program Council administers at Camp Lakota in June. Our one day session is a full day of real life and practical solutions to many of the situations a young man will encounter. Skills learned at TLD will be used multiple times in Scouting and in your daily routine. We help Scouts understand some things about themselves and the people around them. TLD helps with the simple solutions in a conflict and shows some options for more the difficult occasions. This program will be offered again in the early summer or possibly in the fall. We will look for the best possible times and invite the next group of Future Leaders. If at all possible try to fit this in your schedule; I think you will enjoy yourself.

Lastly we have just returned from one of the best Klondike Camp outs ever. We got buried in snow right on time. The location was perfect (Huntley), the events got everyone moving and the food and clean up was excellent. I even did the KP on Saturday night, how good was that? I know some of the Scouts think we are stressing out some of these basic skills, like fire starting, first aid, and knotting. Yes, we as adults understand we can be difficult when it comes to actually using these skills. But you will need to be able to do these tasks some day. We will continue to try and make it fun when it comes to teaching these skills, so please bear with us. Starting a fire easily or helping someone that needs first aid will only be a complement to your personality. Being able to tie a knot will help after your friends stuff has just dumped on the highway because he never learned how to tie two half-hitches. Remember a "Scout is Helpful".

And finally, I would like to set the record straight about something. On the Klondike this weekend, Mr. G. and Mr. S. both slept in the same tent with me. To no surprise to me (I always knew they were making this stuff up) Mr. G. went to sleep and stayed asleep through the entire night. Mr. S. also told me he never heard me snore and he didn't wake up from any snoring either. I believe I have been maligned. I have never heard myself snore and since Mr. G. and Mr. S. were not disturbed, slept through the night and never heard me snoring; I think this should dispel that rumor. Since both of these fine gentlemen are Eagle Scouts, I know they will tell the truth. Just ask them when you see them next, did they hear me snore? (I knew they were making up that story.)

## Troop 10 Calendar

### February

2	District roundtable
6	Class A meeting
8	Committee Meeting
12	Scout Sunday
<b>13</b>	<b>Off site meeting ***</b>
17-19	Skiing Trip to Granite Peak
19	PLC/Board of Review
23	Newsletter Deadline
27	Court of Honor

**\*\*\* Feb 13 mtg , 7:00 pm :  
Climbing @ Life Time  
Fitness in Algonquin.  
Permission slip required, see  
Troop's web site.  
Charges paid by the troop.**

### March

2	District roundtable
3	Merit Badge Clinic
6	Class A meeting
8	Committee Meeting
13	Red Shirt Meeting
17-19	Camp out -TBD
20	PLC/Board of Review
23	Newsletter Deadline
27-31	Spring Break

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

### **Scout Sunday February 12**

Every year Troop 10 Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday with the BUMC congregation by participating in the 10:30 AM service. Our attendance is just one small way to say Thank You for the great facilities that we enjoy and the overall support of the church. Please arrive at the church by 9:45 am in full uniform.

### **Don't forget that your dues are due on February 6<sup>th</sup>!!!**

By now, all of you have received the dues invoice either in person or by mail. Thanks to all of you that have already paid their dues. For those of you that have not, please bring them to the meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> or mail them to Mr. Tim G.

### **Troop 10 Order of the Arrow News**

Monday, 6 February 2006, marks the night of our troop elections to the Order of the Arrow. The elections will begin after opening ceremonies and announcements. Our Scoutmaster, Mr. John B., has reviewed eligible Scouts to be placed on the ballot. Make sure that you attend this most important meeting to choose those Scouts worthy for the honor of entering the O.A. I request that all current 'ARROWMEN' show up in full uniform and sashes to assist the election team.

This year's announcement of Ordeal Candidates chosen (those elected on the 6<sup>th</sup>) will be different than in past years when they were announced at the annual February Court of Honor. This year, the candidates will be "Tapped Out" at the Spring Camporee on 21-23 April 2006; so all potential "ordeals" should plan on attending!! Finally, all Arrowmen, Ordeal, and Brotherhood candidates should plan on attending the 30th anniversary work weekend at Camp Napowan on 19-21 May 2006

WWW- Mr. E., Troop 10 OA advisor

### **Ski Trip to Granite Peak February 17-19**

This year the troop will travel to Granite Peak, a great new expanded ski area with over 700 ft of vertical. For more information and the permission slip, refer to the Troop's Web site.

### **Klondike** By Joey S.

Troop 10 had a great time at the Klondike! Mother Nature blessed us with a huge snowfall and we all had a blast. We had to pull logs from one end of the area to the other, competing with other troops. Let's just say we had fun and enjoyed the log pulling...we tried to take two logs at a time...and perhaps should have tried a speed strategy instead. We also competed in first aid: splinting, head trauma, and the pressure points in the arms and the legs. A final first aid competition had us treating a victim who was kicked by a horse and suffered a broken arm. We all improved our first aid skills. Our troop faired well in this competition. Our fire building skills were tested as we tried to build a fire in less than ten minutes. Our attempted fire needed to burn through a string dangling three feet above the flames. It is safe to say, we won't be starting any forest fires soon. The competition moved on as we crossed a ravine with all our gear, and saved a plastic frosty the snowman from drowning. The best event was saved for last...The Klondike Race. Our team acted as mush dogs, pulling our sled with all our might. Unfortunately, we tripped and the sled actually ran over some of us. Everyone had a lot of fun. We drank lots of hot chocolate and enjoyed the snow!

### **Help keep Troop 10 a climbing troop!**

Rock climbing is one of the most challenging activities we do as a troop. This is a rare Scouting activity as very few other troops have their own gear AND trained leaders. To keep this fun activity going (and to make sure we use our gear before it "expires"), please consider becoming a certified climbing instructor. A minimum of 2 instructors are needed for any climbing activity and right now we have only 2 of us in the troop!

NWSC is offering 3 opportunities for **Climbing Instructor training – 8-9 April, 6-7 May, or 10-11 June**. This is a fun two days of training at Camp Lakota in Woodstock. Please mark your calendar now. Ask Mr. Tim G. for a registration form.

## **Family Life Merit Badge**

By Joey S.

The Family Life merit badge is a long and hard merit badge to get but it changed my thinking of things forever. Many of the things I did to achieve the Family Life merit badge were very rewarding. There are many requirements for this merit badge. You are to prepare an outline about your family unit and list reasons why you are important to your family. Additionally, you prepare a list of duties and chores you do for your family and chart this out for 90 days. My chores including pet care, house keeping and kitchen clean up...none of my strengths. But I did improve as time went on! Several family projects are involved. One is a family project where you and your family accomplish something together. My mom suggested a major garage clean out and garage sale. In the second project you do something for your family. I chose to do something for my younger brother, Johnny. I helped Johnny learn his way around Barrington and how to travel safely to his favorite places...Blockbuster and McDonalds. There are many family discussions and 7 requirements in all for this merit badge. I encourage everyone to get started working on this very worth while merit badge. Mr. Ryan J. is one of our troop counselors and can help you get started!

### **A fun and successful way to raise funds!**

2005 was a great year for our wreath and popcorn sales. Close to \$4800 was made from wreath sales and over \$1500 from popcorn. This is true "pay for performance" as nearly all of the profits go directly into the accounts of the Scouts that earn it. Both of these fundraisers are excellent ways for Scouts to earn money for high adventure trips as well as the regular troop activities.

Thanks to Ms. Lisa McC. for being a fine "popcorn colonel". And thanks to Mr. Fred and Tom Z. for smoothly running the wreath sale. With volunteers like this, ALL of us benefit.

If you love the smell of popcorn or pine and have good organization skills, 2006 could be your year to help our Scouts. Please let Mr. Tim G. know if you would like to run either of these fundraisers this year.

### **Adult leader training – why is it important?**

Adult leader training keeps the troop going. How? By making sure that each of us knows how the troop functions and how each of the leaders fit within it. Training provides us the knowledge which leads to confidence in leading our boys to manhood.

The "negative" impact of NOT having training:

- The BSA tour permit which must be filed with (and approved by) Council before any camp-out requires one leader with a valid CPR certification. Without that leader, no tour permit. Therefore, no trip.
- If we want to use our climbing gear, we need two certified climbing instructors. We only have two now. If one of us can't make it on our next climbing trip, no climbing.
- And we all need the BSA youth protection training and BUMC's Safe Sanctuaries training. It's the right thing to do. This is good for all parents, not just leaders.

A couple of "positive" reasons:

- We need to develop the next generation of leaders. This could be you.
- You have a better clue of what is going on and how a troop should be run.

Mr. Tom K., our training chairman, is always up-to-date with the training available from Council. Please see him or check out the NWSC training page at <http://www.nwsc.org/training/boyscoutleadertraining.pdf>

## NAPOWAN SUMMER CAMP 2006

### WATCH FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS!

By now everyone who is a registered scout in our troop should have received their color "Napowan Times" brochure from the Northwest Suburban Council. If you have not had a chance to look at it, we encourage you to read about all of the great things going on at camp!

Registration materials will be handed out at the **February 6, 2006** troop meeting. Each scout will receive a packet with their name on it. If your son is not at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, he will receive it at the next meeting, or please contact one of us.

The packet will contain a sign-up sheet and medical forms for your son. It will also contain a new for this year, adult sign-up sheet and medical forms for parents attending all or part of a week at Napowan. **ALL** adults **MUST** be Registered Leaders in our troop **BEFORE** staying over night at Napowan. If you are not a Registered Leader, please contact Mr. Tim G. to get registered, it is a simple process!

Here are the dates again for your calendar:

**Session 1**                    **June 18-24, 2006**  
**Session 2**                    **June 25 – July 1, 2006**

Once again this year, boys may choose to stay either one or two weeks.

**Cost:**                    **\$205 if paid by Monday, March 6, 2006**  
                                 **\$230 if paid by Monday, April 10, 2006**  
                                 **\$260 if paid after April 10, 2006 – No Exceptions.**

Register early to take advantage of the savings! Please contact one of your Napowan Coordinators if you should have any questions.

Sign-up sheets and medical forms will also be available on the Troop 10 website.

Ms. Luann M.  
Ms. Sharon W.

### Ready for high adventure but can't go canoeing this year?

Looking for something this summer more challenging than Napowan but not ready for Boundary Waters or Seabase? Check out the Blue Goose High-Adventure Base. Blue Goose is a high-adventure opportunity run by our council that offers SCUBA diving, climbing, canoeing, hiking, kayaking and biking. You don't need to go with Troop 10, just get a couple of friends together and sign up. You can find an overview of the activities at [www.nwsc.org/camps/2006BlueGooseOverview.pdf](http://www.nwsc.org/camps/2006BlueGooseOverview.pdf) or look at the Troop 10 website for the link.

NWSC has sent out a brochure about Blue Goose in the past week, so check that stack of mail you still need to go through!

### Wanted High Adventure Leaders!!

Ever wonder how the Philmont, Sea Base, or Boundary Waters trips get organized? Parents just like YOU say, "Hey that would be fun!" And then it's all down hill from there. Think about what your son would like to do in the summer of 2007. And get ready to make it happen. We're here to help; just ask.

From the Quartermaster:

### Wanted!

Volunteer needed to embroider 6 or 7 blankets with "TROOP 10, BARRINGTON" to identify troop property. Please contact Mr. Steve R.