

# Troop 10 Times

*January 2006*

## Scoutmaster Minutes

I started to write my newsletter article for this month but I was interrupted by my family. It seems that they lost my "Wish List" for Santa. I sat down and tried to find it on the computer. I thought I had saved it, but no luck I couldn't find it. So I quickly wrote out a new one. It has all the usual stuff, new insulated socks, a rechargeable flashlight, new waders and a bass boat (in camouflage). I finished the list and my family read it quickly, then began laughing and mumbled something about how this was the same as last year's list. Well, I tried. Some times Dad's are hard to buy for.

While I was at the computer I thought about another list. Maybe something with a Scout theme. How about this list I wish for:

- Another year at United Methodist Church and good health to all the Church leaders (it's a great home for Scouts)
- A new and huge Dining Hall at Camp Napawon
- Flush toilets at the Cherokee site (I said it was a Wish List didn't I, you can always wish)
- A year that I don't see another Scout in a cast, or stitches or in a hospital
- A few extra hours a day for a couple of committee members (knowing how hard they work for the Troop an extra hour might get them some sleep or a few quiet minutes)
- A perfect High Adventure trips for all this summer
- All the funding that Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts need
- 24 new Webelo Scouts (we would have 2 patrols of new scouts)
- An indoor archery range close by
- All the Eagle Scouts to be accepted at the college of their first choice
- A thirty foot trailer and a semi to pull it (that sound you heard is Mr. R. passing out)
- A great year of high school sports for all those who do both sports and Scouts,
- Safe passage for the Scouts from the 82nd of Scotland when they come to America
- An easy year in Math and Science for all our students
- Ten more assistant Scoutmasters just like the ones we have now (the more the merrier)
- A full head of dark hair and a much smaller waist line (yea right, like that would happen),
- Every campout to have sunshine, warm weather, open fields, no admission cost and not be any further than a twenty minute drive from Barrington
- Every Scout to finish all his merit badges, advancement, his project and his Eagle paper work by his **17th** Birthday (no need to mention any names),
- Just one campout where every Scout from Troop 10 attends and brings his family- wouldn't that be Great.

Wait until you see what we have planned for **2006!**

***Happy Holidays Every One!!!!***

## Troop 10 Calendar

### January

5	District roundtable
9	Class A meeting - BUMC
11	Committee Meeting
16	Red Shirt Meeting
21-22	Klondike at Tomo-chi-chi Knolls
23	PLC/Board of Review
23	Newsletter Deadline
28	Committee Dinner
30	Red Shirt meeting

### February

2	District roundtable
6	Class A meeting - BUMC
8	Committee Meeting
12	Scout Sunday
13	Red Shirt Meeting
17-19	Skiing Trip to Granite Peak
19	PLC/Board of Review
23	Newsletter Deadline
27	Court of Honor

## SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CALENDAR DETAILS

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

## **Fun in the Snow!**

## **Klondike Derby - January 21-22**

It's time for the annual Klondike Derby! As always there will be a number of challenging events in which each patrol competes. It's a lot of fun and a good test of Scout skills. Last year the foot of new snow just made this even more fun. The 2006 Klondike will be held at Tomo Chi Chi Knolls near Huntley. Mr. G. camped there many times as a youth as well as planted many trees as part of OA work weekends.

The Klondike Derby is a day activity with Scouts departing early in the morning and returning early evening. In addition, this year we will be camping out Saturday night (one night only!) for those of hardy constitution (or good cold weather gear). Details regarding times, directions, and costs will be handed out at troop meetings.

## **OA Elections scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> of February**

The Order of the Arrow serves as Scouting's National Honor Society. More than 176,000 members strong, the Order recognizes Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The OA can help strengthen troops by providing leadership training and opportunities for OA members and by assisting in summer camp promotion, camporees, Scout shows, and other activities.

Elections are held once per year; this year it will be at the first meeting in February. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members by gaining a majority of the votes cast. During the January troop meetings, the Scouts will be informed about who is eligible this year as well as the voting process.

To be eligible for the OA, a Scout has to be First Class and have fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

### **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 plan to attend.

### **Ski Trip to Granite Peak**

Start planning ahead for the annual Troop 10 ski trip. This year the troop will travel to Granite Peak, a great new expanded ski area with over 700 ft of vertical. More information will be forthcoming.

### **Ready to register?**

Troop 10's annual registration process will occur in January. Dues continue to be \$75 for the year. Beginning in 2006, OA dues will also be charged at the same time. Deductions from Scout Accounts will only be made with the approval of the Troop Treasurer, Mr. Nick W. **YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED IF YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT IS NEGATIVE.**

Please plan on attending one of the January troop meetings to complete the re-registration process.

### **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. G. for a registration form.

Are you ready for an adventure...?  
**NAPOWAN SUMMER CAMP 2006**  
 is gearing up!

Planning is well under way for our Napowan Summer Camp adventure this coming summer! Here is the information that you need right now regarding dates and payment schedules. Please add this information to your calendars:

**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.**

Please contact one of your Napowan Coordinators if you should have any questions. Watch for registration materials in early February 2006. Sign-up sheets will also be available on the Troop 10 website.

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**Help Wanted!**

Ever want to know what happens at the committee meetings? Now's your chance. Troop 10 needs a recording secretary. The recording secretary's job is to simply take the minutes of the meeting. The Committee Chair reviews the minutes before sending them to the committee for review before the next meeting. Please let Mr. Tim G. know if you can help us out.

**Start working on merit badges!**

These winter months are a perfect time for Scouts to complete a couple of merit badges. Not only do we have many merit badge counselors in our own troop, but Signal Hill District has its annual Merit Badge Clinic. This year it will be on Saturday, March 4, 2006. There will be counselors for many merit badges; here is the list from last year. More details – time and location – are forthcoming.

**ANTICIPATED MERIT BADGES TO BE REPRESENTED INCLUDE:**

Citizenship Community	Woodworking	Canoeing	Reptiles
Citizenship Nation	Fingerprinting	Swimming	& Amphibians
Citizenship World	Space Exploration	Electricity	Theatre
Family Life	Safety	Electronics	Chemistry
Camping	Home Repairs	Backpacking	Geneology
Aviation	Painting	Rifle Shooting	Collections
Cooking	Dog Care	Sports	Fish & Wildlife
Fishing	Art	Woodcarving	Architecture
Music	Photography	Pioneering	Traffic Safety
Reading	Bugling	Computers	Nature
Scholarship	Stamp Collections	American Business	Astronomy
Personal Management	Disability Awareness	Animal Science	Surveying
Pets	Public Speaking	Public Health	Mammal Study
Wilderness Survival	Salesmanship	Gardening	Indian Lore
Veterinary Medicine	Environmental Science	Snow Sports	Engineering
Fire Safety	Personal Fitness	Hiking	First Aid
Communications	Drafting	Emergency Preparedness	