

Troop 10 Times

March 2006

Scoutmaster Minutes

In July of 1992 we loaded 4 adults and 6 scouts onto an American Airlines jumbo jet and took off on a 14 day trip to the "Fatherland" of Scouting. This was the farthest I had ever traveled from home and the length of the flight didn't seem to bother the scouts, they slept for most of the trip. Unfortunately the airlines don't always have the best seats or arrangements for big people, most of the adults just tried to get comfortable. After a twelve hour flight over Canada and the North Atlantic we arrived in London's Heathrow Airport.

Our first experience showed us the true spirit of Scouting. We were met by Mr. Jim P. at the airport as we deplaned. Mr. P. is the Scoutmaster of the 82nd of Glasgow and has been for almost 30 years. He is now in the position of Scoutmastering the sons of scouts he had as youths. Mr. P. greeted us with open arms and we started our 4 days in London with him at our side.

After leaving Heathrow, Mr. P. took us to a Scout camp in downtown London where we stayed for the duration of the London trip. While we were there we toured the London historical spots (The Castle at Westminster, the London Tower, and Madame Tussaud's Museum) and other memorable places. We learned how to get around town on the "Tube", the British subway system. We had fish and chips and Burger King, McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken. We left London for a trip up the east coast on the British Rail System.

We next visited the town of Dover for a castle tour then onto Edinbrough with a stop in the walled town of Leeds. We stood on the walls of the city, built by Roman soldiers (talk about a great warranty) walked the streets of those city's and ate the unique foods served there. We toured the famous Castle of Edinbrough with its mighty walls over looking the North Sea. We saw where the "Chunnel" leaves the shores of England for the trip to France. Mr. P. stayed with us for the most of the trip aside from a short business appointment. After those four days we went on to Glasgow, my favorite place.

Glasgow is famous in many regards; one of their most well known diplomats pulls the wagons for the Budweiser Company. Yes, the Clydesdales horses are descendants of the original stable of horses used to pull wagons through the marshy lands around Glasgow. How did they get their name - the River Clyde runs through the town of Glasgow and flows to the sea. Our stay in Glasgow took place before and after we hiked the famous Highlands, staying at youth hostels for the time on the hike. After our hike we came back to stay with the families of Mr. P.'s troop. The families welcomed us and allowed us a place to stay and visit with their children. These same families may now be sending their sons to Barrington this year for a visit.

The opportunity to welcome these families and their sons is now upon us. The 82nd of Glasgow will be here for a few days this summer. I would like our families to reciprocate the friendship and warmth they showed us almost 14 years ago. I would like to help Mr. P. and his scouts just as he did with us, he was there for almost every step. We should also begin to plan a return trip. They speak the same language, we have two families in our troop currently that are from that part of the world. They play soccer from birth and have email addresses just like us. What do say, can we do this? Let me or Mr. Tim G. know what you think, we will need your help. This is one of the many opportunities that Scouting offers us through our world representation. We should take advantage of this. What do you think?

Troop 10 Calendar

March

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| 2 | District roundtable |
| 4 | Merit Badge Clinic |
| 6 | Class A meeting |
| 8 | Committee Meeting |
| 13 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 18-19 | Camp out |
| 20 | PLC/Board of Review |
| 23 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 27-31 | Spring Break |

April

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| 3 | Class A meeting |
| 6 | District roundtable |
| 10 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 12 | Committee Meeting |
| 17 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 21-23 | Spring Camporee camp out |
| 23 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 24 | PLC/BOR |

May

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| 1 | Class A meeting |
| 4 | District roundtable |
| 8 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 10 | Committee Meeting |
| 12-14 | Camp out |
| 15 | PLC/Board of Review |
| 22 | Red Shirt Meeting |
| 23 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 29 | Memorial Day Parade |

June

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| 1 | District roundtable |
| 4 | Court of Honor |
| 6 | Committee 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

March 18th – 19th Wilderness Survival Camp Out

Do you secretly dream of being on Survivor? Are you working on your team for The Great Race? Here's your chance to hone those skills and have a great time with your fellow Scouts! Join us for the next campout – Wilderness Survival. We'll be meeting on Saturday morning at BUMC, dropped off on the outskirts of civilization, and work in teams to reach the final destination. Everything you need must be packed in a school-size backpack. You may want to check out the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Book for some helpful tips.

Camporee

Be sure to set aside **April 21 – 23** for the Spring Camporee. This is the time to beat the other local BSA Troops at some serious orienteering events, meet Scouts from the area, and have lots of fun. It's also the OA call-out. If you're in OA or were eligible to be elected into OA, this is the weekend event for you.

Troop 10 OA Elections a Success!!

On 6 February 2006, our troop held Order of the Arrow elections to identify and honor those scouts who demonstrated the qualities of leadership and cheerful service to others.

The elected Ordeal candidates will be "Tapped Out" at the **Spring Camporee 21-23 April of 2006**. This will be done at a special campfire ceremony on Saturday night. Since those chosen for the ordeal honor have their names held in strict secrecy, we encourage all Scouts and Scouters to attend the Spring Camporee to see if you or your buddy next to you is "a chosen one".

Once tapped out, the ordeal candidate will be able to complete their Ordeal at the Order of the Arrow Work Weekend at Camp Napowan 19-21 May 2006 or at Napowan summer camp in June 2006.

WWW- Mr. Brad E., troop OA advisor

P.S.= current ordeal Arrowmen, don't forget to complete your brotherhood at the May work weekend.

Skiing Campout By Joe S.

The skiing campout was the best winter trip ever. We survived the cold and had a blast snowboarding and skiing. But it goes with out saying that I am glad I listened to my mom and brought my long underwear and heavy winter gear!

The runs were long and fast. I loved going over the jumps with my snowboard. We all enjoyed being together....and as far as I know there were no reported injuries. Mr. John B. came home happy! We were at a different place this year. Instead of Devils Head, we went to Granite Peaks in Wisconsin. This place was much better and much larger than Devils Head, and our campsite was closer to the action! The cabins were actually heated, and the beds comfortable! The Skiing campout was cold but a lot fun. I hope we go back to Granite Peaks again next year.

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.

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 was handed out at the **February 6, 2006** troop meeting. Each scout will receive a packet with their name on it. If your son was not at the February 6th 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.

Mrs. Luann M.
Mrs. 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 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.

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