

# Troop 10 Times

*November 2005*

## Scoutmaster Minutes

**WOW**, have we been busy !!! We started out in September with two troop meetings then a fabulous Rock Climbing campout. I would like to extend a Thank You - from the entire troop, to Mr. Tim G., Mr. Ryan J. and Dr. K. for their help in setting up the course and insuring a safe climb. We would also like to thank Matt K., Dan F. and Nate H. for getting up at 5:30 on a day off of school and hauling the equipment up to the site. With out them we may not have been able to get everyone a chance to climb. The scouts stayed and climbed until almost dark, then came back to camp and cooked a great meal. We finished with a camp fire, good fellowship, and every one went to sleep easily.

We followed up with the Family Campout at Rock Cut State Park in Rockford after just two troop meetings. Our activity was orienteering and with the help of the Venture Scouts we introduced the troop to a new concept. Remember some of us old guys had to learn Semaphore signaling and Morse code when we were Scouts. (Talk about a lost art, Boy Scouts finally removed that from the manual in 1995.) The Venture patrol set up a "geocaching" course, requiring the participants to use the Global Positioning system to locate a "target" and find and retrieve the treasure at that location. We know some scouts may have been tested using this new technology, but global positioning is currently available on phones, mobile units and cars. Even though it may be seem difficult now, some day it will be second nature. The Scouts helped by cooking the side dishes and the Mr. Steve J. brought out an old fashion barbeque for dinner. The campfire concluded the day with special presentations by Jeff R., Mike L. Jr., Kevin J., Chris P., the Future Venture Patrol, the Federal Penguin Society and the Flaming Flamingos. Lastly the new Troop choir of Mrs. Stella W., Mr. Fred S., Sean K. and Jon C. closed the ceremony perfectly - "the day is done". A great start for the year.

Now going forward. We will be introducing the Patrols to a cooking theme for each campout. November's theme will be "Dutch Oven" cooking . The Patrols will be asked to make a majority of their meals in the dutch ovens. We may even bring new styles of cast iron cookware for the Scouts to try. I know Mr. Tim G. will enjoy the adult's breakfast of highly nutritious, dutch oven beignets. We will help guide the scouts with instructions and ideas at a troop meeting, maybe even a few tasters.

We have posted a list of Positions of Responsibility for the scouts on the board downstairs. A few of the positions have been filled however; there is room for more participation. Parents please check with your sons, ask if they are going to be advancing and if they need a position. We do not want to frustrate any one when they ask for a Scoutmaster conference and then realize they need a Position of Responsibility before they can advance. Also Parents, please make sure your son has his Dress uniform shirt and his Boy Scout handbook for all campouts. We need the shirts during transportation and it makes for a great Troop picture, and if the scout has his book he can easily advance during campouts, that is when we work on outdoor skills.

Lastly, since Boy Scouts work on the Patrol structure and we would like to make that a little easier on the scouts. From October on, we will close the campout registration at 9:01pm on the Monday before a campout. If you are not listed with your patrol, your money is not turned in, your permission slip is not completed by the end of that meeting, we will ask that you stay home. We cannot keep asking Mrs. Jill H. to scramble for drivers, hope for enough food and pray that she hasn't forgotten something until 11:30 on Thursday nights, that's not fair.

We are the Boy Scouts, **"Be Prepared"** - we can do it.

## PLEASE NOTE EACH MEETING LOCATION AS INDICATED

**Any changes are communicated  
through the patrol leaders**

### November

3	District roundtable
7	Class A meeting - BUMC Life to Eagle meeting
9	Committee meeting
14	Red Shirt meeting - BUMC
18-20	Camp-out
21	PLC/Board of Review - BUMC
23	Newsletter Deadline
28	Red Shirt meeting - BUMC

### December

1	District roundtable
2-4	Camp-out
5	PLC/Board of Review - BUMC
10	Activity Day
12	Class A meeting - BUMC
19	Winter Break starts
23	Newsletter Deadline

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

## November Shooting Skills Campout

*Have you earned your shotgun merit badge yet? Enjoy blowing clay pigeons to smithereens?*

Join us on the November campout (Nov. 18-20) and hone your shooting skills with Scoutmaster John B. We'll be camping at Richard Bong State Recreation Area, just over the Wisconsin border, and spending Saturday at Bristol Gun Club. Please refer to your Scout Handbook for guidelines on packing for cold weather. There will be no shelter at Bristol Gun Club, so you will need to dress in warm layers. The permission slip is available on the Troop 10 website and is due to Mrs. Jill H. by November 14, 9 p.m.

ADULTS: If you would like to bring a gun on the campout, you must get permission from Mr. Steve R. or Mr. Sean McC. prior to the campout. All adults in attendance should be registered with the NWSC and Troop 10. Contact Mrs. Joni R. to get registered.

### Reminders and New Guidelines from the Camping Committee

1. Permission slips are due to the camping committee by **9 p.m. of the Monday prior to the campout**. No late reservations will be allowed.
2. Cancellations after 9 p.m. of the Monday prior to the campout will not be refunded.
3. Camping fees are to be paid by check unless the Troop Treasurer has signed your permission slip to allow the fees to be deducted from your Scout Account.
4. If you show up for the campout and we haven't received a permission slip and payment, you will be sent back home.

### Seabase is looking for a few good leaders!

Parents, time is running out on our reservation for Seabase 2006. The cruise is called "Coral Reef Sailing" and can be seen on the Seabase website <http://www.bsaseabase.org/adventure/coralreef.html>. This is high adventure at its easiest. The dates are arriving at Seabase on 7/22 and departing there on 7/28. We need to get a firm set of leaders identified so we can follow through with our reservation. Please let Mr. Mike L. or Mr. Tim G. know if you are interested in going on this trip!

### Boundary Waters Trip 2006

Deposits have been accepted and reservations for several crews are planned at the Williams and Hall Outfitters in Ely, Minnesota. Although the deadline for deposits was September 24<sup>th</sup>, there may still be spots available depending on space availability and cancellation. The age requirement has been changed to 13 yrs old by trip date accompanied by a parent with scoutmaster and trip leader approval or 14 by trip date with scoutmaster and trip leader approval. If you are interested in joining this high adventure trip but did not get a deposit in, call or email Mrs. Paula B. or Mr. Tom R. for more information. The trip will depart July 29th, 2006, and return either August 6th or 8th. The total cost of the trip not including personal spending is \$470-\$530. Complete information including training requirements and fee schedule is also available upon request.

### Boundary Water Canoe Trip By: Joey S.

Mark your calendars for the summer's boundary water canoe trip. This high adventure trip sets off in Ely Minnesota on Saturday, July 29. You can return on Sunday, August 6 or Tuesday, August 8. This is one adventure you don't want to miss!

On this trip you pack everything you need in your canoe and set off for adventure. You will explore the waters of Minnesota, canoeing, swimming and fishing.

You must be a minimum age of 13 by trip date, and have the rank of first class. You must also complete the following merit badges prior to trip date: first aid, wilderness survival, canoeing, and swimming. The cost is about \$500.00, but the two to three extra days we stay may cost more. To register for the trip, or for further information, please contact Mrs. Paula B or Mr. Tom R.



*Save the Date*  
**Nov. 7, 2005**  
*7:30 pm*

## **Life-to Eagle Seminar**

- For whom?
  - Scouts with Life rank
  - Venture Scouts
  - Parents of Life Scouts
- Topics to be covered?
  - General process for getting the Eagle rank
  - Expectations on doing the Eagle project
  - Tips
    - How to make the process smooth & efficient
    - How to avoid pitfalls that slow projects
- Where?
  - BUMC, at the regular Scout meeting

### **Rock Cut Family Campout**

Troop 10 enjoyed a beautiful Fall weekend at Rock Cut State Park. The weather couldn't have been better for our annual family campout. We had parents, siblings, former Troop members, and a new female Venture Crew join us for a GPS orienteering activity led by the Venture Scouts, and then followed by a delicious BBQ buffet highlighting the culinary skills of Mr. Steve J. and the patrols. The Saturday night campfire ceremony brought out hidden talents in the troop. This campout on the lake will be a memorable weekend for all who attended.

### **Committee Chair's Report**

I'm sure glad we moved the Family Camp-out to October so we would have warmer weather than in Novembers past! OK, maybe it wasn't that warm, but it was dry and the full moon on the lake was spectacular. I know I slept well Saturday night after a lot of great food courtesy of Mr. Steve J's mobile smoker (and excellent recipes).

I would like to thank all who helped with the Court of Honor, specifically Mrs. Sue O. and her helpers (Ms. Diane K. and Ms. Laurie W.) for getting the appetizers and desserts served and cleaned up so well. Thanks for Dan W. for helping put the program together. And Ms. Paula B. flew around Fellowship Hall with that vacuum cleaner.

The calendar for Winter and Spring 2006 is now posted on the troop website. Please put these dates in your home calendar. Thanks to Mr. Jim M. for keeping our website so up to date.