

# Troop 10 Times

February 2007

## Scoutmaster Minutes

Hello again every one, I am sorry to report that I had to miss two meetings in January due to scheduling conflicts. For the first meeting I was stranded due to a blizzard in Wyoming. It was a bit ironical that I went snowmobiling out West and of course, we got stuck in a blizzard. The second meeting I missed was to attend a meeting with the city Board for my new project. The only time this board meets is on Monday nights. I will have to appear before that group again so some where in the future I will have to miss another meeting. We'll talk about that some more later.

For now I would like to talk about the past three months. We had another busy schedule in December. We had a "semi-emergency" at the Church when a small child fell and drove a scissor through her arm, another young man spilled hot water on his chest and lastly a young lady was struck by a car at the entry. As you may have heard or remember, these incidents were staged by friends of Troop 10 to help prepare our scouts for the District First Aid Meet. This annual event is held at Station Campus and our Tyronic Raiders took home the second place ribbon. Patrol Leader Kurt J. led his patrol to almost a perfect score as we found the difference between first and second place was a fraction of a point. Congratulations to the Tyronic Raiders, good job gentlemen.

Secondly each of the Patrols participated in a charitable event. Each patrol chose to help a charity of their interest. One Patrol helped with the Barrington Giving Day at the middle schools. This patrol helped collect items to be delivered to the needy in our area. A second and third patrol, with the help and guidance of Jim and Kathy M., collected some of the highly desirable items for John M.'s squad stationed in Baghdad. John M., an Eagle Scout from Troop 10, has been stationed in Baghdad since his first deployment. As we learned from Mrs. M. the soldiers of the 82 Cavalry have the basics but the little things make a difference. Pens, paper, snack, games, cards, and a couple of hackisacks put a smile on their faces. Troop 10, you were responsible for shipping over 185 pounds of happiness to a group of people that we owe a great deal to. Hopefully John M. will be able to stop by and see us when he is home on leave. More about that later. Good job gentlemen.

Next we went on a Troop 10 Klondike outing. We rearranged our original thought of going somewhere to find snow, because we didn't have a lot of choices at the time. Our thought was to go to Camp Napowan for a weekend of winter sports except that Wild Rose didn't have as much snow as we did and the lake weren't frozen so no ice fishing was available.

## Troop 10 Calendar

### Court of Honor date change

February

1	District Roundtable
5	Class A meeting
11	Scout Sunday
12	Red Shirt meeting
14	Committee Meeting
16-18	Campout
19	PLC
<b>26</b>	<b>Red Shirt Meeting</b>

March

1	District Roundtable
3	Merit Badge Clinic
<b>5</b>	<b>Court of Honor</b>
9-11	Campout
12	PLC
13	Committee meeting
19	Red Shirt Meeting
23	Newsletter deadline
26-30	Spring Break

**Note change in BOR procedure on next page, BORs will not be done during PLC meetings**

### SCOUTS MUST BRING HANDBOOK TO EVERY 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

Scoutmaster Minute Continued....

Our decision was to try something local so Senior Patrol Leader and newly trained Okpik graduate Ryan F., developed the Beese park day trip. We arrived to a snow covered park with tons of options. We played some rugby /football scrum game, then ultimate frisbee game, followed by dogs and chili for lunch. After that we went out for some ice rescue demonstration, some sled packing examples and the snow snake challenge. We followed that up with a unique capture the flag game and finally a few moments of reflection. Upon the completion it was determined that if the weather won't cooperate we will design our own Klondike's so be prepared for next year. More on that later. Good job on the Klondike.

Looking forward, we have the Ski Trip and the Scout Sunday for the Month of February. March has a Merit Badge Clinic, a High Adventure Campout, a meeting at the climbing wall and a Court of Honor. We will probably have at least two guest speakers and plenty to do. As a word of warning I have my son Patrick's wedding on Saint Patrick's Day so I will probably need some help with the scheduling. As we go forward, Ryan F., Zach B. and Daniel B. have done a great job as this year's SPL corp. They have been everywhere almost all the time. They have been a pleasure to work with and I hope their attitude will be an inspiration to everyone, Scouts and Adult leaders. We develop the meeting plans by looking forward and trying to prepare everyone for what's next. In March we will be hiking with back packs and camping in a "semi wilderness" environment. This will require scouts to be able to hike, pack, cook and camp without the use of the trailer.

We would like the scouts to be able to walk a mile in 45 minutes or less so that we know they will be able to hike for the campout. We will begin practicing that distance by using the parking lot at the Church.

We will begin that in February so please ask your son's to dress appropriately for some time outside. We will work up to our goal gradually so there will be no pressure. We aren't expecting anyone to try to compete with Mr. G.'s or Mrs. H.'s triathlon-type abilities; we are just going for a hike. Lastly, some of the scouts have been reminding us that at times they get bored with the meetings; we understand, some times we get bored too. Lord Baden Powel wrote, "Scouting is a game with a purpose". We try to fit program into everything we do because that is what Boy Scouts is all about. We understand that you may have finished everything in your book and there is little we can help you with at a troop meeting. But our thought are that if you are completed with a rank or a task, possibly you could help explain that to some one else. Teaching is learning and in order to say you truly know how to do something, I would like you to teach that skill to someone else. If you have finished everything you can do in the book look up some Merit Badge counselors in the area and start on a new merit badge. Every year we find an Eagle candidate that has forgotten or missed a merit badge; start completing merit badges early, it will take a lot of pressure off of you when the time gets short. We know that each of you has sat through a class where the teacher has no idea of what they are talking about. We know Scout Skills, can you say that? If the meetings don't hold your interest, please don't spoil it for others, send Ryan, Zach, Daniel or me an email or a note. We are looking for ways to improve the program, and if we have disappointed you in the past, we just may not know that, and if you could let us know, we will improve. Good Luck this year.!!!

Scoutmaster Mr. John B.

## Change in Board of Review procedure

We will no longer be holding Boards of Review on the same night as the Patrol Leaders Council meeting (typically the Monday after a camp-out). Instead, **Boards can be done at any meeting or camp-out when Scouts are ready (see next paragraph)**. More parents are available on those nights to sit on the Board. This change will make the BOR process easier and less stressful for all.

Remember Scouts, you cannot have a BOR without first having a Scoutmaster Conference and after the Advancement Chairperson (Mrs. V.) says that you are ready. (The BOR is the last requirement for a rank to be completed.) As always, you have to arrange a time with Mr. B. for a Scoutmaster Conference.

**Court of Honor**  
**Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm**

Scouts, get all your advancement and merit badges up to date with Mrs V.

**SCOUTS :**  
**BRING YOUR**  
**HANDBOOK TO EVERY**  
**MEETING**

**Scout Sunday February 12**  
**Troop 10 says Thank you to BUMC**

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.**

**Merit Badge Clinic on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

One of the best secrets in scouting is the annual merit badge clinic. This year it will be held on Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>. With over 60 merit badges offered, you could walk out with 2, 3 or even 6 to 7 completed merit badges. All you have to do is to have the written and other required work prepared. When you arrive at the clinic there will be a sign-in sheet for each badge. Simply sign in and wait for your name to be called. The counselors are wonderful volunteers who are there to help you succeed. They will review your work and talk about the badge with you. Having a deadline is a great incentive to get a task completed. **So focus on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and get to work!**

If you or your parents have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Steve R. or Mrs. Beverly R. or go to the Troop 10 website for detail information.

**Troop 10 Back in Time**

Alex G. - historian

This article reflects what the troop was doing five years ago.

5 years ago: The Troop attended the District Klondike. The lack of snow did not stop the Klondike. Everybody still had fun and they had to race their sleds across the grass. They thought it work well anyway. Six scouts formed the "Campout Committee" whose job was to come up with new activities and locations. The Troop is also planning its ski trip to Devil's Head. They hope that the snow machines will provide enough snow for their trip.

**From the Quartermaster**

**Mr Steve R.**

Several troop items are missing following our fall campouts.

Sleeping bags, ground cloths, and blankets were used and taken home for airing out but still have not been returned.

Please drop off any troop equipment you have at home to the troop storage room on Monday nights.

Are you ready for an adventure...?

**NAPOWAN SUMMER CAMP 2007  
is gearing up!**

Camp Napowan is 400 acres of wilderness located in the wilds of Wisconsin 10 minutes away from the town of Wild Rose. Napowan provides your son with the opportunity to earn many Merit Badges, work on rank advancements and have a memory making camping experience with other Boy Scouts from the Northwest Suburban Council! This opportunity is open to ALL Boy Scouts, even Webelos joining the troop this spring!

Please add this information to your calendars:

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>June 17-23, 2007</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>June 24-30, 2007</b>

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

**Early Bird Fee: \$250 if paid by Monday, March 5, 2007**  
**Regular Camp Fee: \$275 if paid by Monday, April 9, 2007**  
**Last Minute Fee: \$300 if paid after April 9, 2007 – No Exceptions.**

\*\*Webelos who join the Troop in time to attend Napowan pay the “Regular Camp Fee” of \$275 unless meeting the “Early Bird Fee” deadline whereby they will pay \$250.\*\*

**HOW RECENT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION DO I NEED FOR CAMP?**

**Within 6 months of camp:**

- **Scouts** – who are currently under medical care, take a prescribed medication, require a medically prescribed diet, had injury or illness during the past 6 months that limited activity for a week or more, lost consciousness during physical activity or suffered a concussion from a head injury – the scout must have a Class 2 physical exam prior to attending Camp Napowan.
- **Adults** – who are over 40 years old need a Class 3 physical.

**Within 3 years (36 months) of camp:**

- **Scouts** – who are otherwise healthy need a Class 2 or copy of school physical
- **Adults** – who are 40 years old or younger need a class 2 physical

All participants need a Class 1 form (personal medical history) every year.

Please contact one of your Napowan Coordinators if you should have any questions. Registration packets will be handed out at the February 5, 2007 regular Troop 10 Meeting. Sign-up sheets will also be available on the Troop 10 website.

Mrs. Luann M.  
Mrs. Sharon W.

## Committee Chairman's Corner

### District Award of Merit

Please join me in congratulating **Mr. Ryan J.** upon winning the **distinguished District Award of Merit for Signal Hill District.**

This award is in recognition of his many contributions to Signal Hill, especially his time as District Chairman. He follows in the footsteps of Mr. John B. and Mr. Mike J. who won the award MANY years ago.

### Change in the camping committee

A big **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Jill H.** for all of her hard work in coordinating our camp-outs over the past year and a half. She has done a ton of work in making sure we are organized for every camp-out. She also made many changes to improve the sign up process and forms needed to make our camp outs more enjoyable. Probably the greatest untold story of 2006 is all of the work she did to switch last May's canoeing camp-out to Lakota so we could be covered and dry!!

Welcome to Mr. Bob K. to the camping committee as he takes over for Mrs. H.

### Mr. B. is an author!!!!

Check out his article in the current issue of Quintessential Barrington about how he became a volunteer!

<http://www.qbarrington.com/pdf/JF07-24-34.pdf>

Don't forget to turn in your annual dues by the first meeting in February!  
If you did not receive your dues invoice please contact Mrs. Kathy B.

### Check out the new calendar!

**Court of Honor is now 5 March** due to a conflict with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at BHS.

The **February committee meeting was moved to Tuesday 13 February** so as not to conflict with Valentines' Day.

### Needed:

**An assistant for the Advancement Chair** (Mrs. Susan V.). This person would take over as Advancement Chair for 2007-2009. If interested and/or for more information please call Susan.

**Recording secretary** – takes the minutes of the monthly committee meetings.

Please let Mr. Tim G. know if you can help in these positions or can recommend one of your fellow parents.

### Latest phone roster on the Yahoo site

Look for the new phone roster on the troop Yahoo site. You will have to log in to see it.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Troop\\_10\\_Barrington\\_IL/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Troop_10_Barrington_IL/)

## Is your son bored with Napowan?

If your son has been to Napowan a couple of times, he may be ready for something more. Similar to Blue Goose in the past, Napowan Adventure Base is coordinating a number of different high adventure trips. If you are interested in leading your son and some of his fellow Scouts on one of these adventures this year, please see Mr. G..

Other than SCUBA, all of these high adventure experiences are intended for the older Scout, 13 or older by January 1st and at least a First Class Scout.

**FLAMBEAU CANOE TRIP:** Five days and five nights (Sunday - Friday) canoeing in the famous Flambeau Wilderness Area of northern Wisconsin. Travel through wetland areas, the Flambeau Flowage, and brave the white water of the north fork of the Flambeau River. See nesting areas of Eagles and Osprey. Hear the haunting melodic call of the loon at sunset. Experience a plethora of wilderness flowers and birds. Fishing for walleye, bass and muskie are abundant in these waters.

**PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS AREA TRIP:** Five days and five nights (S-F) backpacking in the famous Porkies Wilderness Area of Michigan's upper peninsula. Hike one of the few remaining large wilderness areas of the Midwest. Towering virgin timbers along the shores of Lake Superior provide a setting for the trails leading to secluded lakes, wild rivers, waterfalls, and across an escarpment offering breathtaking vistas.

Plan on a minimum of five hours of backpacking each day and at least 20 miles over the extent of the trip. The requirements for the Backpacking and Hiking Merit Badges plus some of the 50 miler requirements can be fulfilled with this opportunity.

**DEVIL'S LAKE ROCK CLIMBING TRIP:** 3 days 2 nights of the challenging cliffs of Wisconsin's Devil's Lake State Park. These mountain cliffs have been tempting individuals for hundreds of years and now you can try your hand at reaching the top by learning how to use various types of equipment. Participants will be able to enjoy the tranquil setting of Devil's Lake after a hard day conquering the parks various canyon walls. The requirements for the Climbing Merit Badge can be fulfilled with this opportunity.

**SCUBA CERTIFICATION AT DEVIL'S LAKE:** 3 days and 2 nights at Devil's Lake undergoing qualification and certification for the SCUBA experience. Through a contract with a local PADI firm, we offer this unique opportunity to learn how to experience life under the water. This high adventure experience is intended for the older Scout (14 years or older by April 1st, and must be at least a First Class Scout.)

**BIKING / KAYAKING:** What better way to explore the heart of Wisconsin than by traveling the quiet country roads or paths on a bike with little or no motorized vehicles. Over 120 miles of selected routes await the challenge of this two day trip. Follow this experience with a day of kayaking the waters in and around the Sparta, Wisconsin area. These waters include some minor falls and whitewater opportunities.

This trip will take place out of the Sparta, Wisconsin area where you will be camped every night providing a chance to ease your sore limbs and recount the exploits of the day. This trip is not for the faint of heart (or legs) and will be more of a challenge than it sounds.