

Time to pass the baton... from Mr. Tim G.

It's hard to believe that two years have passed since I took over the position of Troop Committee Chairman but here we are. I think we've provided a lot of great programs and activities for our troop of 60+ scouts and 30+ registered adult leaders. This was made possible by the hard work of many people.

The following excerpt explains the importance of helpers very well. I heard it at a recent BUMC meeting and modified it for the Boy Scout troop context.

Helpers assist others to accomplish the work of the troop. These unsung heroes work behind the scenes and attend to details that others would rather not be bothered with. Helpers function faithfully, regardless of the credit or attention they receive. Helpers provide the framework upon which the troop is built.

The key to effective leadership is empowered followers who can offer support and organization to the front line. Without gifted helpers, few troops have what it takes to maintain growing effective program. Helping should be regarded as a valuable gift in and of itself.

Original excerpt from Equipped for Every Good Work by Dan Dick and Barbara Miller.

I would like to use this article to highlight the work of these "unsung heroes" in our troop.

- Mrs. Paula B. and Mr. Tom R. led the trip to Quetico last summer. Lots of great memories from that trip.
- Our troops Life to Eagle coordinators Mrs. Paula B., Dr. Jeff B., and Mr. Fred S., were an excellent team to make sure that our Life Scouts who desired to become an Eagle were on track to do so.
- Another successful wreath sale was led by Mr. Dave K.
- The always fun popcorn sale was led by Mrs. Lisa McC.
- Mrs. Kathy B. made sure we registered our Scouts and Venturers and paid our dues.
- Mrs. Susan V. came into the Advancement Chair role as a new parent and did a great job. Now she is bringing her replacements up to speed – Mr. Jim O. and Mr. Bob H.
- Mr. Jim O. helped encourage Scouts from First Class to Life.
- Our troop newsletter publisher, Mrs. Silvia G., who brought you our newsletter every month.
- Mrs. Stella W. reminded us of the community service project opportunities.
- Once again, Mrs. Luann M. and Mrs. Sharon W. are doing an awesome job in keeping everything straight for Napowan.
- Our Courts of Honor and pool party were coordinated by Mrs. Sue O. and Mrs. Beverly R.
- First year Scouts were encouraged by Mr. Bill R. and Mr. Tom K.
- Our camping committee made sure we were prepared for every camp-out – Mrs. Jill H, Mr. Sean McC, Mr. Dave K., and Mr. Bob K.
- Our Venture Crew has made a lot of progress through the direction of the Crew's Advisor Mr. Jeff T.
- Mrs. Kathy S. did a great job as Webelos Transition Leader.
- Mrs. Anne H. organized a very successful plant sale!
- Mr. Jim M. redesigned the troop website and populated it with all sorts of great information. And kept it up-to-date!
- Mr. Nick W., as Treasurer, did an amazing job in reconciling all the troop accounts. There is a lot of work that goes behind the scenes in maintaining the financial accounting for the troop.
- Mr. Rich R., our Chartered Organization Representative, kept the lines of communication between BUMC and the troop open and flowing.
- Mr. Tom K. organized the adult training information so we could keep track of who has what training. Really useful for our planning!

- And of course our Quartermaster Mr. Steve R. To repeat what my predecessor Mr. Tom K. said 2 years ago - Steve would say to me “I don’t know how you guys (meaning Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman) can do that job”. Quite frankly Steve, I don’t know how you can do the job you do. You’ve done great! The trailer has always been flawlessly prepared, not only for every camping trip in the last two years but, for the entire five years that I have been in the troop. We have always been ready to go on our next trip.
- And finally, I would like to wish the best to Mr. John B. in his third year as Scoutmaster and his first without me! It is critical that Scoutmaster and Committee Chair work closely together for the Troop to run smoothly. I think some days I talked more with John than I talked to my wife. We are very lucky to have a Scoutmaster as dedicated as John!

I’ve always believed in the philosophy that Scouts should leave a campsite better than how they found it. I’ve tried to do that with my role as Committee Chair. I look forward to working with my replacement to ease his or her transition to this job. I’m not going away, just moving onto a new role as the Chartered Organization Rep.

Best wishes to all and have a great summer! Mr. Tim G.

Canoeing Campout - Alex G.

This month, our troop went to Camp Lowden for its canoeing campout. Camp Lowden is a Boy Scout summer camp like Napowan. The campsite was spacious with a large cabin in the center. Not many people could attend because of the Prairie 8th grade dance and the OA Spring Fellowship. There were only 3 people each from the Peanuts and Power Rangers’ patrols. On Saturday, everyone got up and finished breakfast early. We worked on advancement before leaving to pick up our lifeguards, paddles, and canoes. Since we had only one car that could tow and the entrance point to the river was far away, we did not start canoeing until 1:30. We were canoeing along with the current but there was a strong wind blowing the other way. We were going very slow and had to end our trip early before the dam. We got back and quickly started making dinner. The food was very good. We had a campfire program in which Jeff R. played many songs on his guitar. The rest of the campout was nice. Canoeing would have been better if the wind wasn’t as strong.

Troop 10 Calendar

June

3	Court of Honor
7	District Roundtable
13	Napowan Shakedown 1 st week
14	Committee Meeting
17-23	Napowan 1 st week
20	Napowan Shakedown 2 nd week
24-30	Napowan 2 nd week

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

Spring Fellowship!

Over the weekend of May 19-21, Eddie T., Myles McC., Dan H., my Dad, and I went up to Spring Fellowship in Napowan. We all had a great time and all accomplished our goals. Eddie and Myles achieved their Ordeal membership. Dan H. and I advanced to Brotherhood membership. An OA work weekend is one of the best ways to help Napowan through our cheerful service. We were extremely lucky to not have to cook our own meals since there was a kitchen staff that prepared all the food. We were also lucky to have nice weather for most of the morning but a light drizzle broke out in the afternoon that lasted for about an hour. I would highly encourage any Scout to attend the Summer Fellowship. And a tip for all attending Napowan, beware of the mosquitoes, there are millions.

Yours in Brotherhood, Phillip G.
 Troop 10 OA Representative

Are you ready for an adventure...?

NAPOWAN SUMMER CAMP 2007

All registered scouts in the troop should have received their registration packet for Napowan Summer Camp 2007. If not, all registration materials are available on the Troop 10 Website.

Session 1	June 17-23, 2007
Session 2	June 24-30, 2007

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

Last Minute Fee: \$300 per week if paid after April 9, 2007 – No Exceptions.

(An additional fee will be due for the Saturday activity for Scouts staying 2 weeks.)

****Webelos who join the Troop in time to attend Napowan pay the “Regular Camp Fee” of \$275.****

Mark your Calendar!

June 13, 2007 – Shakedown for Week 1, 6:30 pm at BUMC

June 20, 2007 – Shakedown for Week 2, 7:30 pm at BUMC

Any Scout new to Troop 10 must attend an overnight campout (last opportunity in April or May) with their parent prior to attending Napowan.

All adults staying 3 or more nights must be registered and trained. Just:

1. Register with Troop 10.
2. Complete the BUMC Safe Sanctuaries program through Mr. Tim G.
3. Complete the online BSA Youth Protection Training.

Ask Mr. Tim G. if you have any questions about registration or training.

Please contact one of your Napowan Coordinators if you should have any questions:

Mrs. Luann M.
Mrs. Sharon W.