

Troop 10 Times

March 2007

Scoutmaster Minutes

Hello Everyone,

I want to take this time to remind everyone, parents and Scouts of the events for the next five months. We will be going to new places, trying new things, and reminding ourselves of the traditions of Scouting. Get ready, here we go!

In March, we start the month with a special Court of Honor. We will recognize the Scouts and their accomplishments of the past four months. We will see Scouts who have advanced in rank and skills that they didn't know they had. We will see Scouts who have met with new Merit Badge counselors and completed merit badges for the first time. We will also welcome the new Scouts to our Troop who have completed their Cub Scout goals and now are playing on the "Big Field". Welcome Scouts we have been waiting for you!

After the Court of Honor we will hike the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest in central Wisconsin. This will be our first trip back to the Kettles since 1996 when we hiked a similar path to meet up at the Parnel Hiking tower. This tower stretches almost 75 feet above the forest floor and gives you a wonderful view of the center of the state. We will see the lights of Milwaukee, Madison and possibly Chicago. The Scouts will hike with their buddy, carrying their own equipment and food. Each pair of Scouts will cook for themselves, tent and experience a semi-wilderness setting. We have recruited the Venture Crew to join us as they have had these experiences before and they know how much fun it will be. See you there!

In April we will go to one of our favorite places, Camp Lakota. This year we will use the new climbing tower for the first time. The tower was build with the generous donations of a member of the Northwest Council who saw a need for an outdoor tower. Our Scouts will use our own climbing equipment, under the supervision of Mr. George F., Mr. Ryan J., Mr. Tim G. and the other adult crew members to ensure the best in safety. We have had climbing skills in our program every year as far back as I can remember and there never seems to be enough time for everyone to climb. See you there!

As we approach summer camp we will start to go over the list of merit badges that will be available for our Scouts at summer camp. We will begin the last week in April and then follow up in May to help the Scouts select the task they would like to do at camp. We are asking the Scouts to look at the list of merit badges and consider what their interests are so we can get a good list into Council well in advance.

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Troop 10 Calendar

Court of Honor date change

March

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

April

2	Class A meeting
5	District Roundtable
9	Red Shirt meeting
11	Committee Meeting
16	Red Shirt meeting
20-22	Campout
23	PLC
30	Red Shirt Meeting

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....

This practice of preselecting the merit badges the scouts would like to do helps the camp staff put the correct people and resources in place. In years past we would sign in on Sunday and then select the merit badges for the week. This resulted in log jams with 90 scouts at a particular place and 2 scouts at another. One can imagine how frustrating that was to everyone involved. As adult leaders we will monitor the Scouts progress, check up on the Scouts midweek and follow through at the end of the week to make sure the scouts have received the completed or partial merit badges for the week. Parents, if your son comes home after camp and says he thinks he finished a badge, please check with us. Mistakes can and will happen, but we want your Scout's experience at camp to be a great one, and if we can help eliminate a misunderstanding we will. See you there!

In May we will go canoeing in the Fox River somewhere close to home. We are looking at a number of facilities and we will make the decision once we see the condition of the water and the level of safety we are comfortable with. We will be recruiting a contingency of Big Scouts, Adults and equipment to help with camp set up. While last year Mr. Fred S. and Ken helped me clean up the site, (and the story about me and a chain saw are not completely true) we could use some more help. I am asking Venture Crew members, and Troop adults to meet us up at Camp Napowan the week before camp starts. We will clean up the site, go out to dinner at the troop's expense and have a quiet night next to a camp fire, before leaving the next morning. The camp staff will have their hands full and if we can do our part it will only help everyone. Mr. Fred S. will be the contact person for the trip, please give him a call, and let him know what tools you have for the weekend. We could also use a couple of schleppers (people that can go for sandwiches, gas, tools, Gatorade, etc.), so if you can help we and the Scouts would appreciate it. See you there!

Lastly and speaking of helping, at the Court of Honor we will have the annual Friends of Scouting presentation. As a reminder, FoS is the council-based fund raising campaign for the members of the Northwest Suburban Council to help raise much needed funds. Since the Congress of the United States of America chartered the Boy Scouts in February of 1916 Scouting has operated as a nonprofit organization. With that recognition came another little known rule, Boy Scouts cannot charge an admission fee, a membership fee, or any type of participation fee. When Congress granted us a nonprofit charter the Scouts are to operate as a stand alone entity. I know we all pay \$7.00 to register and that is to not to pay for our local Council. That money goes directly to Texas to keep the database for our address and important information intact. Our council serves us in the capacity of professional staff members that keep the local records. It operates the Scout store for us to get everything from badges to uniforms to guidelines as to how to run the Troop. Without that facility we would have to drive to Highland Park or West Chicago or other councils' headquarters. We are blessed because we have had good leadership over the past fifty years at Northwest Suburban Council to maintain fiscal responsibility. However, without the help of our members the council will not have the needed resources to stay "in business". Remember if each family of Troop 10 gives \$75.00 and we have 100% participation we will have a much brighter future. See you there!

Scoutmaster Mr. John B.

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

Please be there promptly or even early to help set-up



Scouts making snow angels at the Klondike Day

SCOUTS : BRING YOUR HANDBOOK TO EVERY MEETING

The Klondike

This year, the Klondike was different. Instead of joining the District Klondike, we decided to host our own at Ron Beese Park. The Klondike was very fun. There was an exciting rugby game before lunch. After lunch, we did a partner race on tarps, snow snakes, ice rescues, and a very tiring capture the flag game. The people who arranged this Klondike did a good job combining fun and learning. Ryan F. did a great job teaching us ice rescues and about backpacking with sleds. He also did a great job making sure the games went smoothly. The lunch was good too. There were hotdogs, chili, chips, and lots of cookies. I am sure that everybody who attended this Klondike had lots of fun. I hope to do that again.

Troop 10 Back in Time Alex G. - historian

5 years ago: Even though it was very warm, the Troop still had a lot of fun at Devils Head skiing. Some scouts were even wearing shorts and t-shirts. Michael R. said that the snow was icy then turned to slush. The Troop was already planning their first outdoor camping trip at the Silos.



The Citizens for Conservation (CFC) organization presented appreciation awards to Troop 10 scouts who completed projects for them during the past year. They are (from left to right) Jeff R., Tom K. Jr., Spenser W. and Mrs. Edith A., CFC President. Kirk B. (not in picture) also received an award.

Are you ready for an adventure...?

NAPOWAN SUMMER CAMP 2007

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

Please watch the due dates for registration so as to take advantage of the available discounts.

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.

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.****

Mark your calendars!

April 30, 2007 - Napowan Informational Meeting for Parents & Scouts, BUMC*
May 14, 2007 – Merit Badge Sign-up Forms due*

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

June 20, 2007 – Shakedown for Week 2, 6:30 pm BUMC

Please remember that 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!

For all **adults** attending more than 2 nights, they must be registered and trained.

1. Register
2. Safe Sanctuaries
3. Online Youth Protection Training

These adults will also be strongly encouraged to attend the Scoutmaster Specific training we are arranging for May. 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.

Committee Chairman's Corner

THANK YOU's

Thanks to Mrs. Kathy B. for collecting all the dues and completing the Troops rechartering process for 2007. The troop has 67 registered Scout and crew members!

Thanks to Mr. Rich R. and Mr. Mike H. for coordinating Scout Sunday. The Troop had good representation with scouts participating as welcome hosts, ushers and

Thanks to Mr. Fred S. for arranging the yearly committee dinner at Millrose. Great food and great company! A good time was had by all.

Philmont 2008 Information Session

Saturday 7 April, 1-3 pm
BUMC Troop 10 meeting area

Topics

- Trip itinerary
- Trek choices
- Crew selection ideas
- Typical day at Philmont
- Training Plan
- Cost and payment schedule

This is an information session to help you decide if this is something that you would like to do. Final commitment will be due by October 2007. Mr. Tim G. will be accepting \$50 deposits to secure your place on this exciting trip.

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.

Is your son ready for something more than 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. Tim 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.