

Troop 10 Times

May 2007

Troop 10 display of the History of the American Flag

A long time ago, when your current troop leaders were scouts, one of the requirements for Tenderfoot was to know the history of the American flag. This requirement is no longer a part of Scouting. In an effort to bring some of that history back into the troop we would like to purchase a few of these historic flags for display and decoration of our meeting room. These flags will also be used for our Eagle Courts of Honor.

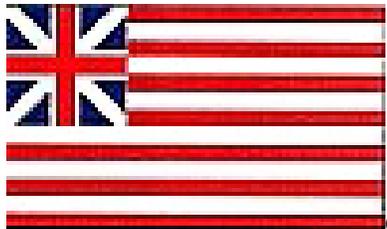
The flags of importance, again which we were required to know, are: The British Red Ensign, The Grand Union, The Betsy Ross (AKA: Old Glory), and The Star-Spangled Banner. A couple of other flags, which we are adding to our list, are The Civil War (34 stars) flag and what has now become known as the Old Glory (48 stars).

This important display of our history requires help from our families. Two of these flags have been purchased, the Betsy Ross and the Star-Spangled Banner. We are asking for volunteers to purchase one of the other flags and donate it to the Troop. They can be purchased, tax and shipping free, from a company in Tennessee through their website (www.americanflags.net/historic_flags.html) at a cost of \$36.00. Mr. Fred S. is coordinating the flag purchase so we don't get more than one of each flag. Please contact him before purchasing a flag.



British Red Ensign (1707 – 1775)

The British Red Ensign was designated by Queen Anne as the new flag for the United Kingdom. It was the first national flag for the colonies. It defined us as British colonies and not French, Spanish or Dutch.



Grand Union (1775 – 1777)

The Grand Union Flag 1775 is also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U.S. Flag. It combined the British King's Colours and the thirteen stripes signifying Colonial unity. George Washington liked this design so well that he chose it to be flown to celebrate the formation of the Continental Army on New Years Day, 1776. On that day the Grand Union Flag was proudly raised on Prospect Hill in Somerville, near his headquarters at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Troop 10 Calendar

May

3	District Roundtable
4-6	Plant Sale
7	Class A meeting
9	Committee meeting
14	Red Shirt Meeting
18-20	Campout - Canoeing
18-20	OA Spring Fellowship
19	BUMC Work Day
19	BHS Prom
21	PLC
23	Newsletter deadline
28	Memorial Day Parade

Help the Veterans at the Memorial Day Parade

All Scouts are requested to be an honor guard at the Evergreen Cemetery for the completion of the Memorial Day Parade. Please come to the cemetery at 10AM dressed in FULL Class A uniform. The cemetery is located in Barrington at Dundee Ave. and Monument Ave.

June

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

SCOUTS MUST BRING HANDBOOK TO EVERY MEETING

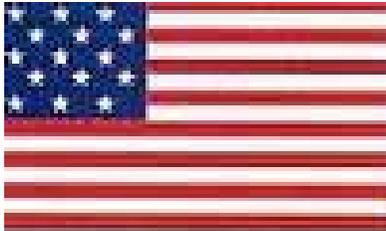
Check our website for further information – <http://troop10.nwsc.org/>

SMC = Scout Master Conference
 BOR = Board of Review
 PLC = Patrol Leaders Conference
 BUMC= Barrington United Methodist Church



Betsy Ross (1777 – 1795)

The Betsy Ross flag was adopted June 14, 1777 (Flag Day). The Continental Congress on this day resolved, "That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes alternating red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation". The circular design was by George Washington, Francis Hopkins and Betsy Ross. The Congress however did not specify an arrangement for the stars in the canton, as a result there are many variations in the flags that followed until 1912.



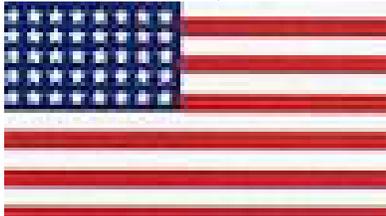
Star-Spangled Banner (1795 – 1818)

The Star Spangled Banner: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on May 1st, 1795. Two stars were added for the admission of Vermont (the 14th State on March 4th, 1791) and Kentucky (the 15th State on June 1st, 1792, and was to last for 23 years. The five Presidents who served under this flag were; George Washington (1789-1797), John Adams (1797-1801), Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809), James Madison (1809-1817), and James Monroe (1817-1825). The 15-star, 15-stripe flag was authorized by the Flag Act of January 13, 1794, adding 2 stripes and 2 Stars. The regulation went into effect on May 1, 1795. This flag was the only U.S. Flag to have more than 13 stripes. It was immortalized, by Francis Scott Key, during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Sept 13, 1814. The image above is representative of the actual flag that flew over Fort McHenry on that day and which is now preserved in the Smithsonian Museum



Civil War Flag (1861 – 1863)

The 34-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1861. A star was added for the admission of Kansas (January 29th, 1861) and was to last for 2 years. The only President to serve under this flag was Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865).



Old Glory (1912 – 1959)

The 48 Star Flag: On July 4, 1912, the U.S. flag grew to 48 stars with the addition of New Mexico (January 6th, 1912) and Arizona (February 14, 1912) Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established the proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward. This flag was official for 47 years through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world. Eight Presidents served under this flag; William H. Taft (1909-1913), Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921), Warren Harding (1921-1923), Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929), Herbert Hoover (1929-1933), Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945), Harry S. Truman (1945-1953), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961).

Note: This year, on June 14th, our official Flag Day, our current flag of 50 stars will become the longest unchanged flag in our history (48 years).

Troop 10 Back in Time

Alex G. – historian

5 years ago: Erik A., Mike M., Paul O., and Maury V. all received their Eagle Badges.

The Troop had lots of fun at the Dunes campout. All the meals were great. Over 50 boys attended the campout. The troop was planning on going to Devil's Lake for climbing in May.

Climbing Campout – Alex G.

In April, the troop went to Lakota for climbing. The campsite was very big. It was a combination of three individual campsites. In the morning, the younger scouts completed many requirements. The older scouts were already climbing. They had 3 different height walls. Once you made it to the top, you had the option of rappelling down. Rappelling made the campout fun for the more experienced climbers. The scouts had a sack lunch then continued climbing. Dinner was followed by a campfire ceremony. Every patrol had their own skit. Some Venture scouts performed "Wonderboy". The whole campout was a success and everyone had fun.

Training: An Opportunity to Prepare for Summer

The Signal Hill May 3rd Roundtable will be devoted to preparing you for summer camping and adventure activities and/or getting you started as a new leader. The evening begins promptly at 7:31 with a few announcements. Then leaders will have the opportunity to attend one of the following trainings:

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine
<http://www.ilcp.org/contact/map.html>

Safe Swim Defense – 40 minutes.

Safety Afloat – 40 minutes. This course will follow the Safe Swim Course. You may attend just one or both.

Climb on Safely – 50 minutes.

Youth Protection – 90 minutes. It is recommended that you renew your certification for this course every three years.

New Leader Essentials – This course is the first half of basic training for all positions. The course runs until **9:45 PM**. Cost is \$5.00. Sign up through the council office no later than May 1 or RSVP to 847-358-2314 to pay at the door.

If you have questions, contact Mr. Tom K.

Spring Fellowship!

On the weekend of **May 18-20**, the **Order of the Arrow** is hosting its Spring Fellowship at Camp Napowan. New members of the OA looking for a time to do their Ordeal or Brotherhood, this is the perfect opportunity. I encourage Scouts, Venture, and adults to attend the Spring Fellowship. If you would like more information or to know how to sign up, email Mr. Tim G.

If anybody is interested and doesn't have a ride, my dad and I are heading up there late Friday night. I plan to achieve my Brotherhood rank. You don't want to miss out.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Phillip G.
Troop 10 OA Representative

Help keep Troop 10 a climbing Troop!

There are two Climbing Instructor Course sessions this year:

- **May 19 and 20**
- **June 9 and 10**

Check the NWSC site for detail:

<http://www.nwsc.org/training/climbing.shtml>

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!

May 14, 2007 – Merit Badge Sign-up Forms due
June 3, 2007 – Last day to turn in adult and scout registration forms.
All medical forms in duplicate are due.

June 13, 2007 – Shakedown for Week 1, 6:30 pm at BUMC
June 20, 2007 – Shakedown for Week 2, 6:30 pm at BUMC

Any Scout new to Troop 10 must attend an overnight campout (last opportunity in 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.

Adults are also 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

Thanks to Mr. Jim O. and Mr. Bob H. for volunteering to jointly take over the Advancement Chair responsibilities from Mrs. Susan V.

A very big THANK YOU to Mrs. Susan V. for her dedication and patience. Not only did Susan keep track of all of the Scouts' advancement details but she also transitioned all records to a newer version of Troopmaster.

And thank you to Mr. Ryan J., Mr. George F., and Dan W. from Troop 32 for leading the climbing and providing a fun and safe environment for incredible climbing on an incredible day.

BUMC Work Day

Saturday, May 19 is BUMC Work Day from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** For those of you who are not going on the troop camp-out, climbing training, or the OA Spring Fellowship, we could really use your help.

Lunch will be provided. We plan to tackle numerous projects, both inside and out. Some will involve brains and some will only require brawn. Please plan to join us for all or part of the day on the 19th.

Memorial Day Parade

It has been Troop 10's custom to participate in the Memorial Day remembrance by standing guard at the Evergreen Cemetery on Memorial Day. We encourage all Scouts to join us on this solemn occasion.

Meet at the Evergreen Cemetery at 10 AM in full Class A uniform. The cemetery is located in Barrington at Dundee Ave. and Monument Ave.

Top 8 Reasons to become Troop 10's committee chair **(yes, we still need one!)**

- 8) You get to pick the night and location of the committee meetings.
- 7) You work with some dedicated hard working volunteer parents just like you.
- 6) You help set the course for Troop 10 for the next 2 years.
- 5) You get to recruit your friends into leadership positions since you know they'll do a good job.
- 4) You get to proudly share Troop 10 Eagle Scout service project stories at the Signal Hill Roundtable every month.
- 3) You get to talk to Mr. B. at least once a week.
- 2) You coordinate the Eagle boards of review and help these fine young men attain their goal.
- 1) You provide a great service to over 60 of our kids in making sure Troop 10 runs well.

Needed:

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.

Lessons From Geese

Editor's Note: "Lessons from Geese" was transcribed from a speech given by Angeles Arrien at the 1991 Organizational Development Network and was based on the work of Milton Olson. It circulated to Outward Bound staff throughout the United States.

FACT 1:

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

LESSON:

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

FACT 2:

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

FACT 3:

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

LESSON:

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

FACT 4:

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

LESSON:

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

FACT 5:

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.