

# Troop 10 Times

November 2006

Hello Everyone,

Last month we camped at the Warren Dunes in the Fall for the first time in the Troop's history. This Troop has been going to the Dunes since May of 1995 and this is the first time we traveled to Michigan in October. Our Scouts and their families enjoyed a beautiful weekend in the countryside. We played games, camped in the sunshine, watched a couple of the adult leaders take naps, played on the dunes, enjoyed a great meal, and had a fantastic campfire. All of this was made possible by the Scout Leadership of Ryan and Zach. We would be remiss if we didn't thank Mr. and Mrs. F. for a great lunch and in addition if it wasn't for Mr. and Mrs. S., I wouldn't have been able to gain three pounds on this campout. We all enjoyed grilled chicken and burgers cooked to perfection along with the side dishes prepared by the patrol members. It should be against the law to have that much fun on a weekend.

Well, this month we are off to our annual trap and skeet shooting campout at Bristol Gun Club. Our Scouts will be at the range to shoot at the 16 yard trap range the same type of range that the Olympics athlete's compete at. If any of the older scouts would like a challenge I will take a group over to the skeet range to test their skills on a different set of targets. If our Scouts believe they can hold their own, we will shoot a course that requires both high and low house targets in addition to doubles targets sent from two different sides. I will personally help all Scouts and parents (Moms included) who wish to shoot, in any way possible. We would like everyone to have opportunity to try this sport at least once, and after you see how much fun this can be maybe you will try this on your own. Or you could call me any time and that will be the excuse I need to get out of "honey do" chores.

Unfortunately I have some bad news regarding shooting at Bristol Gun Range. The state of Wisconsin passed a law in February of 2006 restricting the use, or handling of firearms by youth. The state now requires all youth from the ages of 12 until the age of 16 to have their parent or guardian to be in their **immediate** vicinity while using or possessing a firearm. In addition the law also went so far as to prohibit the use or handling of a firearm by a youth under the age of 12. The restriction for youth under 12, will not allow a youth to use a firearm even with a parent in their immediate reach. We are in the process of setting up times at the range for each patrol; this will allow the parents that need to be there for their son's, to have an arranged time. After your Scout has completed shooting we may need some drivers to deliver the Scouts back to camp, and then if you are not joining us, you are free to go back home. However, you will miss a great campout and campfire ceremony if you don't stay.!!!

## Troop 10 Calendar

### November

2	District Roundtable
6	Class A meeting
8	Committee Meeting
10-12	Campout
13	PLC/BOR
20	Red Shirt Meeting
23	Newsletter deadline
27	Red Shirt meeting

### December

4	Class A meeting
7	District Roundtable
9	Signal Hill First Aid mtg
11	Red Shirt meeting
13	Committee Meeting
16	Patrol led event
18	PLC/BOR
21	Winter break starts

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

I apologized at the Court of Honor in October when I explained this new law to the Troop. I did not know of this law prior to requesting the shooting date with the club, and after the club called to inform me, I looked into making other arrangements for the outing. We considered trying a new club in Illinois; however what we found was almost a two hour drive away. We considered changing the weekend, but Mrs. H. had paid a deposit on the campsite and everyone had that weekend on their calendars. I am truly sorry for the Scouts that are not over twelve years old. I have taken my sons and daughters shooting before they were twelve and I truly do not understand this law. I have promised to make up this injustice with our younger scouts and I will find a way to right this wrong, I promise.

This new law has many leaders of youth groups totally confused. If we are to instruct youth in the proper use of a firearm, we must trust them. We, as Scout leaders, have instructed Scouts and other youths in the safety of firearms for years. We will continue to stress safety as the number one art form in this sport and I know our Scouts will do their part to maintain that. I was asked at the Court of Honor how this will affect Camp Napowan's shooting sport merit badge studies. We are still working on trying to resolve this however; everyone at Council is working on this. I am sure that by summer, we will have a workable solution. If you have any questions please call or email me. Until then we look forward to having fun and busting some clay next weekend.

See you there. Scoutmaster Mr. John B.

### **Campout November 10-12th**

The next Troop 10 Campout will be November 10th – 12<sup>th</sup> at **BSA Camp Crown, near Bristol, Wisconsin**. We'll spend Saturday at the Bristol Shooting Ranges practicing our rifle, shotgun, skeet, black powder and archery skills.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Due to a new Wisconsin State law, scouts must be 12 years or older to participate. In addition, a parent must be present during the time a scout who is 12 – 16 years old is shooting.

Please plan on joining us Saturday at the ranges and enjoy lunch and scout fellowship. If you'd like to bring a gun or bow and arrows, you must get approval from Scoutmaster John B. prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, please note that we will be meeting and departing from Station Middle School, near the center of Barrington, at 5:45 p.m. Scouts will also need to bring along extra funds for ammunition. \$15 is recommended.

## **Are you ready to go the Boundary Waters?**

Williams and Hall, the outfitters which we used for this past summer's trip, is having an information session for all potential crew leaders. The meeting is at the Park Ridge Park District on **6 November at 7PM**. It is in the South Park Building at 833 Talcott in Park Ridge. If you want to go, RSVP to [canoe@williamsandhall.com](mailto:canoe@williamsandhall.com)

## **Thanks for your help!**

Thanks to the Mr. and Mrs. S. for the great food at the family camp-out! It tasted great, especially after burning up all that energy on the dunes!

Thanks to Mrs. Sue O. and Mrs. Bev R. for coordinating all the food for the Court of Honor.

## **Want to go to Philmont in 2007!**

If 2007 is your year to experience Philmont, you can go with the Council contingent. They leave Chicago on **6 July and return on 21 July**. Spaces open for both youth and adult. All participants must be older than 14 by 1 January 2007 OR be 13 years old and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Cost is \$1300. This includes the Philmont fee, transportation, meals, shakedown training hikes, Philmont picture, T-shirt, side trips, and touring.

Sign up through Council as soon as you know you want to go.

## **Thanks from BUMC!**

Thanks to all of the Scouts that helped out at BUMC's rummage sale and the work day.

Rummage sale: Graeme W., Jon C., Kevin J., Zach B.

Work day: Ed T., Myles McC., Daniel H., Jordan I., Peter Scott S., David B., Adam P., Kurt J., Mr. Steve R., Robert C., Phillip G., Mr. Tim G.

Our help was very much appreciated on both of these activities.

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

This summer our high adventure group traveled to the boundary waters in Canada and enjoyed a week of camping and canoeing. Three adventures crews departed on Saturday, July 29 for Ely, Minnesota. Most of us returned on Sunday, August 6. But Mrs. B's group of high adventure girls out lasted the guys and stayed on until Tuesday, August 8.

We motor boated up Moose Lake and portaged at Prairie Portage to the Canadian Customs Station. Next we canoed up Bayley Bay and portaged to Burke Lake. A portage is a hike through the swamp/land while carrying your canoe and equipment to the next lake. We camped on Burke Lake the first night. Throughout the week we canoed and portaged through out the Canadian territory. On our last night we stayed on Sunday Lake and saw the waterfall and made one of our longest portage, 134 rods. A rod is a unit of measurement which equals 16 and ½ feet, much longer than you think when you are carrying a canoe. We finished the trip canoeing back down Bayley Bay. During the week we fished and swam every day. It was a great trip.

I can't wait to hear about the adventure trips for this summer. Remember to sell those wreaths, popcorn and plants to earn money for the camping trips!

## ***Where will Boy Scouts take you?***

The following is an excerpt from a CNN interview with Steve Fossett.

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/10/31/fossett/index.html>

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Adventurer Steve Fossett doesn't mind going it alone -- in fact going solo has helped him break and set records in sailing, aviation and ballooning. In 2002, he achieved the first solo balloon flight around the world, traveling 20,626 miles in 14 days. In 2005, he completed the first solo, non-stop, non-refueled airplane trip around-the-world in the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer. A year later he used GlobalFlyer again to break the world's flight distance record, traveling more than 26,000 miles in 76 hours.

INTERVIEWER: Where does your adventurous spirit come from?

FOSSETT: The Boy Scouts. When I was 12 years old I climbed my first mountain, and I just kept going, taking on more diverse and grander projects.

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Now, you have to ask yourself, if Steve Fossett went around the world in a balloon, where will I go?

## **Troop Committee Specifics training at BUMC**

Troop Committee Specifics training is being offered at the **BUMC on December 4th @ 6:30 p.m.** This will be a great opportunity for those who have taken New Leader Essentials training last May to be fully "trained" as a Committee Member. Please mark your calendars for this event.

This ONE SESSION training program is designed to help ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE TROOP COMMITTEE MEMBER better understand their roles and responsibilities. This training will also enable Troop Committee Members to support the troop, the Scoutmaster, and the Scouts. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are also welcome.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED THROUGH COUNCIL.

**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.

## **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/)