

Troop 10 Times

October 2006

Hello Everyone,

Troop 10 has started the year off with a bang. We camped at the Illini State Park last weekend and biked the I&M Canal Trail through the central part of the State. We found the weather just perfect and the companionship even better. Our lunch was catered at the Big Rock State Park by Dr. B. We found plenty of Gatorade, water and sandwich fixin's for a great meal and a beautiful site. Thanks Dr. B., we couldn't have done it with out you. **A Scout is Courteous.**

In October we will try some new things and keep some thing the same. We are going to have our annual Family Campout, and we are going to a familiar site, the Warren Dunes in Sawyer, Michigan. The troop moved the Family Camp-out to October last year because we wanted more families of our Scouts to participate and the idea was that October's weather would help facilitate that idea. In the past we have camped at the Warren Dunes, however we usually went there in May for our end of the year campout. Last year we had to try and schedule around High School Prom, Mothers Day, and Graduation and Memorial Day all in the same month. So, we elected to have the troop visit Warren Dunes at a time of the year that was new to us. **A Scout is cheerful.**

Our Scouts have decided to use this campout to show off their Scout skills. There will be a flag pole lashed together by one of our patrols. We will have a "camp gadget" built by another patrol. In addition we will have patrol set up a number of beach type games, such as volleyball, bean bag toss and the always competitive chess and checkers matches. Your sons have chosen to host your evening with a camp fire program that would make Mr. G. feel like he is still at camp Tomo-chi-chi Knolls in the eighth grade. If you need any help with camp type equipment please feel free to contact me or Mr. Steve R. (Quartermaster of the Year 1996 -2006), because this is an event you don't want to pass up. **A Scout is Helpful.**

In addition to all the scout type activities we have found that the area around Warren Dunes is a special place to be in the fall. We know that some of our families travel to Michigan and Wisconsin to view the changing colors of the season. Well we took that into consideration when we schedule this trip. This part of the state will have a number of fall-type events for you to participate in while you are there. Mrs. H. has found a number of these sites and you may be interested viewing the Yahoo site for more information, we know you won't be disappointed. However I wouldn't leave camp for too long, we are a busy Troop. Don't forget Sunday morning our Scouts will present a Scout Service for all to participate in, don't miss it. **A Scout is Reverent.**

Starting in October our two ASPL's, Daniel B. and Zach B. will work with Mrs. W. to develop multiple numbers of service projects to help accomplish the "Community Service" portion of the Scout's advancement. In the past the troop participated in the Highway 59 cleanup project, and while that helped in the scheme of community service it presented a few headaches of its own. We would like the scouts to help with program near to their home and their hearts. The Barrington United Methodist Church our sponsor has compiled a list and we will start to help in the completion of their needs. BUMC has never asked us for a dime and has given us every thing we could imagine, it's our turn to help out. **A Scout is Loyal.**

Lastly, I would like to appeal to our parents. The Troop would like to start and end our Scout meetings on time. If you could please have your son in uniform and at the meeting no later than 7:25pm, it would help us start on time. The Scouts chose who does the flag ceremony at the PLC meeting a month in advance so they know ahead of time which patrol will be doing the opening Flag ceremony. In addition, I remind the Patrol Leaders when I send them the meeting agenda. The patrol that does the flag ceremony should be there no later than 7:20pm. The patrol that does the flag ceremony is also asked to put away the flags and they should be able to leave a few minutes after everyone else. If we start on time, get our announcements completed at the beginning, and finish on time, our program will benefit all of us. **A Scout is Trustworthy.**

See you at the Dunes! Scoutmaster Mr. John B.

Troop 10 Calendar

October

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| 2 | Class A meeting |
| 5 | District Roundtable |
| 6-8 | Family Campout |
| 9 | PLC/BOR |
| 11 | Committee Meeting |
| 13-14 | BUMC Rummage sale |
| 16 | Red Shirt meeting |
| 23 | Court of Honor |
| 26 | Newsletter deadline |
| 30 | Red Shirt meeting |

November

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| 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 |

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

Fall Family Campout October 6th – 8th

Families are invited to join Troop 10 on our October Campout at Warren Dunes State Park. This is a favorite campout location for all ages. Hike through the woods, stroll along Lake Michigan, climb the huge sand dunes, slide down the slippery sandy slopes. We'll enjoy a BBQ cookout on Saturday night followed by an entertaining campfire. Harbor Country Harvest Days are occurring that weekend, along with lots of other local activities. See the link on the Troop 10 web site for the Harvest Days schedule of events and information on U-Pick farms and museums. With no school on Monday, October 9th, you can stay and play longer in beautiful Michigan. Campout information and permission forms are available on the Troop 10 web site and at the Monday night Troop meetings. Forms and fees are due to Mrs. H. by **Monday, October 2, 2006**.

Scouts- go out and sell popcorn!

Remember that the orders and the money are due on **Monday October 16th**. The popcorn pick up is on **Sunday November 19th** at Mrs. McC's house.

THANK YOU

Eddie T. wishes to thank everyone who showed up to help him with his Eagle project on August 27th. Over 40 people participated. The project included, removal of invasive species of trees, improving drainage and rerouting a portion of the J trail in the Deer Grove Forest Preserve. This improvement and maintenance will help the trail be useful for skiers, hikers, horseback riders and bikers for years to come.

Troop Brochure Contest

We need an information brochure about Troop 10 for the Webelos II Scouts and their parents. To accomplish that, there will be a contest for designing the best brochure. The winner will receive a prize to be announced at the first regular Scout meeting. All contestants that create a brochure can count it as part of the Communications merit badge requirement 7c. After the contest, the troop scribe will take the winning brochure as a starting point and make a final brochure to be used as a recruitment tool.

The contest starts now and ends at the Scout meeting on Monday 16 October. The winner will be announced at the Court of Honor. Please give your brochure (with your name on it) to Mr. Tim G.

To get ideas on what should be in the brochure, check out a couple of examples from other troops on our website.

Service hours for scouts

BUMC is holding their **Fall rummage sale** in October & are looking for help in setting up & taking down.

Saturday 7th October 9am onwards to help set up.

Monday 9th October (no school) 9am onwards to set up & take in donations

Saturday 14th October 11:45am until finished (usually no more than 2 hours)...to box up any unsold items & take down clothes racks, etc

It is important that everyone tries to give some of their time (parents welcome too)

Please contact Zach B. or Daniel B. to sign up.

Needed: First Class to Life advisor – encourages the Scouts during the middle portion of their rank advancement. Works better for a parent of an older Scout.

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.

Order of the Arrow News

The recently completed Lakota Lodge Fall Fellowship @ Camp Lakota saw ASM Jared E. complete his Brotherhood and his Dad complete the repair on the new Kybo.

Past Lodge Chief Don H. is now head of Camp Promotions. Mr. John B. is setting up a visit from the OA team to speak to our Troop about new camping opportunities.

Once again the OA is hosting the **HAUNTED HIKE on Methodist Camp Grounds in Des Plaines on the 27 & 28 of October**. Our medical team will sponsor the medical tent/morgue; please bring any spare body parts.

The OA Winter Banquet is set for Wednesday, December 28, 2006. Annual awards and entertainment is available.

Yours in Brotherhood: Mr. E.

SAVE THE DATE Life to Eagle Seminar Monday, October 30 at 7:30 pm

For Whom:

- **Scouts with Life Rank**
- **Venture Scouts**
- **Parents of Life Scouts**

Topics to be covered:

- **Milestones that need to be completed by the Scout's 18th birthday**
- **Eagle project process - from project selection to write-up**
- **The "Potholes on the Road to Eagle" - making sure everything gets done right**

Where:

- **BUMC at the regular Scout meeting**

Eagle is a journey, not just a destination!

Wanted High Adventure Leaders!!

Ever wonder how the Philmont, Sea Base, or Boundary Waters trips get organized? Parents just like YOU say, "Hey that would be fun!"

And then it's all down hill from there. Think about what your son would like to do in the summer of 2007. And get ready to make it happen. We're here to help; just ask.

A gentle reminder to parents about Boards of Review, again.

On the night that your son is having a BOR, we need YOUR help on other Scout's BOR. This makes the BoR evening run smoothly (we're not looking around for adults to help) and quickly (we can get more done at the same time). So next time, come on in with your son (in his Class A uniform of course) and have a great discussion with another Scout during his BOR.