

Troop 10 Times

September 2006

Scoutmaster Minutes

Well everyone, **Welcome Back**. I hope everyone had a great summer, because I know our family did. When we left for summer break we talked about all the place and things we were going to do. We talked about going to Camp Napowan, to the Boundary Waters and going to Sea Base. Well guess what; we did all of that and more.

Troop 10 started off the summer by having one of the most fun Court of Honors of the year. We talked about how the troop is a family of many different people. We talked about the achievements and the advancement we had completed. We watched Mr. George F. cook more food than the 82nd Airborne could eat and listened to Mr. Bill T. explain how to fish for walleye and trout. We watched as the Adult leadership of the troop was recognized for all the little things they do to help run the Troop. We talked about the fact 12 Eagle Scouts would graduate form the troop this year and how much they would be missed. Lastly we watched as one of the most deserving scout of the troop was named the "Howard Davis Scout of the Year" - Tom Z. We left that meeting and looked forward to seeing each other at Camp Napowan

Camp Napowan started with a bang. Mr. Ken S. and Ken set up and cleaned up camp before everyone else arrived. They set up 11 tents for the arriving Scouts only to find that the Saturday night storms flattened and broke four tents. Not to be dismayed, they reassembled and conquered. By the next morning repairs had been made and the arriving Scouts never knew what happened. Week one went without a hitch and the leadership of Mr. Tim G., Mrs. Jill H., Dr. Jeff B., Mr. Fred S., Mrs. Sharon W., Mrs. Luann M., (and myself) made the week seem like it was only hours long. We needed the special help of Mr. David K. for the in-between weekend. Without his help and the help of Mr. Thomas K., our "two-weekers" would never have been able to get to the Kalahari for the pizza and the pool party – Thank you Mr. K. and Mr. K. Week two was more fun than I could imagine. We had nine scouts who had never been to camp Napowan before. But with their great attitude and the help of ten experienced scouts, we not only had fun, but we did an exceptional job. Our Troop once again was named the Baden Powell Patrol winners. We collectively received over a hundred completed merit badges and over forty partials. This was after National had revised and improved (some say - made tougher) the merit badge requirements. The only regrettable thing I could think of was some boneheaded Scoutmaster burned a hole in a dining fly. **Somebody should dock his pay.**

We left camp and the next event was the arrival of the 72nd of Glasgow. Our Scottish scout friends once again visited from Scotland. This time 30 different scouts and 6 Adult Leaders stopped by to spend a couple of days with us. We met at the church for a pizza party and for a chance to get to meet each other. After a couple of hours we all went home to our respective families. The next day the Scottish scouts went to the Cubs game, unfortunately they didn't get to see a winning home team, maybe next time we'll try to talk them into going to a Sox game. The host families took our visitors to go shopping or to a pool or whatever the Scottish Scouts requested. Lastly we sent our visitors off to see another Troop from Wisconsin before they left for Scotland seven days later. Look for a new type of neckerchief worn by the Troop 10 Scouts this year.

Troop 10 Calendar

September

7	District Roundtable
11	Class A meeting
13	Committee Meeting
15-17	Biking Campout
18	PLC/BOR
23	Newsletter deadline
25	Red Shirt meeting

October

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

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 cont.

With the help of our super hostess, Mrs. Beverly R., our Troop awarded the Scouts of the 72nd of Glasgow and the scouts from Troop 10 who hosted their visit, a commemorative neckerchief. If you see a Troop 10 scout wearing a new type of neckerchief, ask him how he was awarded that.

The 72nd of Glasgow promised to come back in two years. If anyone is interested in visiting Glasgow and the United Kingdom, let me know, we have a great relationship with the 72nd of Glasgow and they have begged us to come back.

In less than two week after the Scottish Scouts left we headed off to the wilds of Ely, Minnesota, for a high adventure canoe trip to the Quetico Provincial Park. This year we took 33 Venture, Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders to one of the last true Wilderness area in the lower forty-eight. Our troop set out on four different courses all planned by the scouts. Each "crew" was responsible for the selection of their own food, the gear they packed, their duty rosters and the safety and well being of each member of the crew. Some crews were made up of Troop 10 scouts and some were made up of Venture Scouts and troop Scouts. This was once again a ground breaking event for our Troop, as we had a co-ed crew of mixed Scouts and Venture members. As is the case with our Troop, none of this would be possible with out the outstanding leadership of Jeff R., Mrs. Paula B., Mr. and Mrs. R., Dr. Vern K., Mr. Jeff T., Mr. Steve J., and Mrs. K.. At Quetico and the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area (BWCAW) a scout learns a lot about himself and his ability to develop a real crew. Crew members spend their day's crossing some of the most pristine and beautiful waters in North America. You pack every thing you need for the week and place it on your back and "portage" over sections of land that link you to the next body of water and a little closer to what Heaven must look like. If you are lucky you will see Bald Eagles, Loons, Moose, Beaver, Otters, Bass, Walleye, Pike and four legged Squirrels. During your time in the wilderness you will find a new appreciation for dessert and the amount of time it takes to boil water. You will learn the simple things like filtering your water and the pleasure of a pool of water cast off from a waterfall. We learned about a new thing to do with crayfish. Our crews learned the value of hanging "bear bags" and helping another crew member if their packs were too heavy. We also learned how to camp without the convenience of a trailer. Every Scout I have ever been with has a new value of the night time sky in the wilderness because of the star show that arrives every night. If you are a hardy bunch, Mother Nature will reward you with a special star show - the Northern Lights, but only if you can wake up really early.

Our last but not least trip took a crew of eight to Boy Scout's Sea Base station in the Florida Keyes. Troop 10 Venture Scouts learned the secrets of the old mariners and sailors. Mr. Michael L. and Mr. Robert H. directed the trip and maintained the proper adult guidance for an exceptional group of scouts. If I had a wish, I would wish every Scout would go on at least one high adventure trip in his scout career. For those that would like to go that extra distance and be like Jeff R., try to do all the high adventure sites, all three of them. And then remember, Jeff did at least four high adventure trips, the BWCAW and Philmont twice. The lessons learned at these sites will be with you forever. The memories from these high adventure trips will contain thoughts of old and new friends, beautiful scenery, difficult situations and the simple things you never thought of. You will have a new appreciation of your life in Barrington.

As we look forward to this year, we will miss the twelve members of our Troop as they are off to College. Please think of the Scouts who have gone on to difficult positions in life. Eagle Scout Nate H. ('06) has entered West Point and is starting his first and probably most difficult year. Say a prayer for Eagle Scout John M. ('01), he was shipped out to Baghdad, in July with the 101st Infantry Division. We will welcome our new Senior Patrol Leader Ryan F. and the two newly elected Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders Zach B. and Daniel B., Our trips this year will take us back to some old familiar places and some new exciting trips. We will modify our schedule to help with school and church. We will try some new ideas and we will prepare even harder for summer camp next year. Please remember none of this is possible with out everyone working together. We need experienced scouts as well as Adult Leaders. Please help where you can, don't wait to be asked, remember "**A Scout is Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, and Kind**".

Call me, write me emails, and let me know what you are thinking. Let us know how to get better.

Welcome Back

Troop 10 To Start the School Year Off Strong

Troop 10 knows how to put the “outing in Scouting!” We’ll be starting the new school year off with a campout **September 15 - 17**. Grab your bikes and join us as we bike the I & M Canal. Currently 61 miles in length, this crushed limestone trail offers scenic hiking and bicycling opportunities. The trail follows the historic route of the I & M Canal. The canal became the final link in an all-water route between the east coast and the Gulf of Mexico. Built between 1836 and 1848, the canal helped transform Illinois from a sparsely settled wilderness to a prosperous, populous state. While we won’t bike the entire length, Scouts should plan on biking at least 10 miles for the Second Class rank requirement.

A few Reminders from the Camping Committee...

- Permission slips are due to the camping committee on the Monday just prior to the campout.
- Cancellations will be fully refunded up until the Monday night just prior to the campout. No refunds will be given after that time, due to Troop expenses already incurred.
- Camping fees are to be paid by check made out to Troop 10, unless the Treasurer has signed your permission slip allowing the fees to be deducted from your Scout Account.
- When shopping for Patrol groceries, budget \$3.50 per meal per camper. There is a \$2.00 allowance per camper for Cracker Barrel.
- Grocery receipts are to be submitted to the Treasurer within 2 weeks after the campout. Please attach receipts to the requisition form found on the backside of the patrol shopping list. Receipts turned in after 2 weeks will be considered a donation. Any expenses beyond the budgeted allowance will also be considered a donation.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Sean McC., Mrs. Jill H., or Mr. Dave K.

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 and school

Troop 10 will be helping out at the Art In the Barn on September 24th. Art in the Barn is a fund raising art show held in the barn next to the Good Shepherd Hospital.

We need volunteers to help with parking direction. No drivers License required. We need 8 volunteers to help out from 9:30 AM to noon.

Please contact Mr. Jeff T.

Call soon there are only 8 slots available.

Needed: An assistant for the Advancement Chair (Mrs. Susan V.). This person would likely take over as Advancement Chair for 2007-2009. If interested and/or for more information please call Mrs V.

Needed: Recording secretary – take 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

Welcome back Scouts!

Until our OA Troop 10 scout Rep takes over this column, I will fill in with Order of the Arrow news. The Order of the Arrow is the Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order is focused on camping promotion, developing leadership skills and offering cheerful service and volunteerism to others.

This year the particular focus will be in promoting exciting high adventure scouting opportunities. The latest information packet is on its way to our Scoutmaster Mr. B. There will be 5 extraordinary service opportunities at 5 different national parks in the summer of 2008 spanning from northern California to Wyoming to Utah all the way to Virginia. The program is called ArrowCorps5, details at the national OA site of oa-bsa.org.

The immediate past lodge chief, Mr. Don H., will be heading up camp promotion.

I recently returned from the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University; over 8,000 Arrowmen attended. Our Lakota Lodge sent a record 35 delegates. The new Lakota Lodge Chief, Mr. Ritchie F., has made it his charge to encourage greater participation of Troop 10 (largest troop in the council) in Lodge activities. Look for lodge officers to come to some of our troop meetings in the near future.

Recently, we had a fun opening pool party in which Scoutmaster Mr. B. presented several 'positions of responsibility' within the troop. OA Troop Rep is one of these positions. It will be fun and Lodge officers pledge to train any and all who apply and are chosen. It is a great opportunity. Check out the position's description on the web site. Added bonus, you get to do a monthly column in our newsletter. Congratulations to our new Arrowmen!

Yours in Brotherhood: Mr. Brad E.

Thanks to all the special volunteer leaders this summer!

The events of this summer (as described in the Scoutmaster minute above) would not have gone so smoothly without the hard work and dedication of a few parents who stepped up to help out.

- Mrs. Luann M. and Mrs. Sharon W. did a great job in preparing us for Napowan. Getting the Scouts and parents prepared and organizing all the paperwork made the Scoutmasters' job so much easier.

- Mrs. Paula B. and Mr. Thomas R. planned and made sure all of the gear and training was set to make the Quetico trip a success.

- Mr. Michael L. led the Seabase trip and worked through all of the details.

Parents, if you're interested in leading a high adventure trip (backpacking, white water rafting, scuba diving, etc.), please let Mr. John B. or Mr. Tim G. know.

You'll have a great time.