

Troop 10 February 1st 2007:

For those of you who missed tonight's meeting or need a reminder here are the highlights from February 1st.

Meeting called to order promptly at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance and scout oath. Please be on time.

Opening Scoutmaster Announcements:

1. Remember Saturday February 10th is Klondike at Thompson Park. Wear warm clothing. We will be meeting at the trailer at 7:30 AM or at the park at 8:00 AM. Please advise Mrs. Parrinello where you will meet the Troop. We also need permission slips filled out for this event.
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2. Remember, February 15th we will be doing Engineer Activity badge for Pack 107.
3. Reminder from March 31 to April 7th we will be going to D'Iberville Miss. again. We will be doing Katrina clean up. I need to know who is going. Remember you need to be 14 yoa. Have a current BSA Medical form and a parental permission slip. Please let me know by mid February if want to go so I can prepare the budget and National Tour permit. Currently the cost is free.
4. The next campout will be on February 23rd through the 25th. It will be at Pouch Scout Camp in Staten Island and it will be cabin camping. We have 2 cabins so the mothers can come. I would like to see some of the new scouts come since this is a great opportunity for them to advance. The sign up sheet is on a back table. Permission slips are also needed. The cost will be \$20.00 for the food by next week. Please notify Mrs. Parrinello if you want to go and have not signed up yet.
5. The calendar of events is either on the web site or will be soon. If you are wondering when the troop events will be look it up at njtroop10.com.
6. The Spring COH and the Crossover ceremony will be on Thursday April 12th here in the cafeteria.

7. Mrs. Monticchio will be unable to attend tonight's meeting. If you need a BOR please contact her. BOR will be occurring next meeting.
8. Summer camp sign ups are on the back table. Please start thinking about summer camp. We are going back to Henson Scout Camp located in Maryland. It is a great experienced for the boys. Any parent is welcome but we need to know your going as soon as possible. You also don't have to stay the whole week. You can come and go as you please. Cost is \$275.00 per scout. A payment plan will be coming soon.
9. This Sunday is Scout Sunday. If your church doesn't participate in Scout Sunday St. Cecelia's Church will be having a scout mass at 11:30 AM. Any scout wishing to participate needs to be in full uniform. Please assemble down stairs no later than 11:15 AM. A Troop flag is needed
10. Remember Medical Forms for 2007 are needed. Please get them in to Mrs. Parrinello as soon as possible.

Other announcements--

1. Feb 22nd we will meet in the aux gym so enter the front of the school and aux gym is at the end of the first hall on your left.
2. The scout patrol leaders meeting is 7:30pm at Miller Church on Monday, February 12th.
3. The next parent meeting is at 7:30pm at Crossroads on February 15th.

Nights Activity--Klondike Prep

Important Dates--Please note on your calendar or check the website calendar

Feb 10th-Klondike

Feb 10th-Semeos Merit badge Fair Spotswood

Feb 11th-Semeos Merit badge fair East brunswick

Feb 12th-Scout Patol Leaders meeting 7: 30 at Miller church
Feb 15th-Parent meeting at 7:30pm at Crossroads
Feb 15th-during regular meeting teach cubs engineering badge
Feb 17th-Mercer County Merit Badge Fair--Mon Jct
Feb 18th-Mercer County Merit badge Fair-Princeton
Feb 22nd--Meeting in the aux gym
Feb 23rd-25th--Pouch cabin camping
March 31-April 7-Mississippi trip 14 years and older
April 12th-COH and crossover

Past Reminders--(that are still important to know)

1. Full class A **uniforms** are required for all those in 1st class rank or above. Shirts are to be tucked in, scout socks, no sneakers. Uniform inspections are being conducted at meetings. Plus this counts to the incentive program.
2. **Calendar** is posted on the website so please review that for upcoming events. These highlights are also available under the Leaders tab. www.njtroop10.com Also Paul G will be working on developing the on line registration for fundraisers now.
3. Tom Mc. has signed up as the troops **music merit badge** councilor so if interested in this badge can contact him.
4. All scouts when sitting for Board of Review, First Class and above, scout **must be** in Full Uniform, this includes scout socks, scout belt, neckerchief, dress shoes or boots(no sneakers). If not First Class, only shirts, neckerchief required.
5. **Troop Shirts-**We have 6 small, 2 medium and 1 large red troop shirt remaining. The cost is \$17.20. If you are a new scout and need a red troop shirt (class B uniform) please see Bob R or Christine W at meetings to purchase one.

6. **Parent meetings** are the **3rd Thursday** of every month at Crossroads rather than Miller Memorial Church the 2nd Monday.
7. Paul G has signed on as Photography and Swimming **merit badge councilor** should anyone want to work on those.
8. **SEMEOS merit badge fair** Feb 10th and 11th. Registration now open. Go to their website.
<http://www.cnjbsa.org/SemeosDistrict.shtml>
9. **Mercer County merit badge fair** Feb 17th and 18th registration open go to <http://mercerarea-bsa.org/index.html>
10. The troop is looking for all parents to share their talents and knowledge and sign up as a **merit badge councilor**. Please email Donna P at d.parrinello@verizon.net if you are interested. They do not take alot of time and do not happen that often and really help the boys advance. Review the requirements and choose one you can do.

Scoutmaster Minute: A Turkey Experience

A FLOCK OF TURKEYS HAD A TRAINING MEETING. ALL THE TURKEYS WENT, AND THERE, THE HEAD TURKEY TAUGHT THEM HOW TO FLY.

AT FIRST THEY WERE TAUGHT HOW TO MAKE SHORT FLIGHTS OFF THE FENCE TO THE GROUND. THIS WAS CERTAINLY NEW TO THEM, AND IT WAS VERY FUN. THEN THEY'D GLIDE FROM THE TOP OF THE SHED. WOW! THAT WAS EXCITING!

EVENTUALLY, THEY LEARNED HOW TO TAKE OFF FROM A RUNNING START, GLIDE AND FLAP, AND SLOWLY LIFT. THEY LEARNED HOW TO CATCH THERMAL WIND CURRENTS, SOAR UP AND FLY HIGH INTO THE SKY! AND EVEN DO SOME FANCY ACROBATICS.

THEY COULD LOOK DOWN AND SEE THE WHOLE FARM IN GREAT DETAIL. THEY COULD SEE WHAT WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF HILLS AND WOODS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BLOCKED THEIR VIEW. THEY COULD SEE VAST HORIZONS THAT THEY HAD NEVER KNOWN.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL AND EXCITING AND EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE. AND AFTER THE MEETING, ALL THE TURKEYS WALKED HOME.

MORAL OF THE STORY: PUT TO PRACTICE THE SKILLS THAT YOU LEARN.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

** **Next meeting** is **February 8th** at Crossroads North Middle school reminder full uniform is required and for first class and above that means scout socks and no sneakers too.

Note the BCC address is at the request of members for privacy of addresses and the lack of last names for people is for privacy as these highlights are posted on the website*

Yours in Scouting,

Christine,
Troop 10 Secretary