

Meeting Highlights March 15th 2007 Troop 10:

For those of you who missed tonight's meeting or need a reminder here are the highlights from March 15th

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm with the pledge of allegiance and scout oath.

Scoutmaster Announcements: (made at the end of the meeting)

1. **Sign ups** on the back table for
 - Snuffy May 4th-May 6th;
 - Joyce Kilmer District Merit Badge Fair – April 21, Crossroads North **Complete details at:**
www.joycekilmerdistrict.org/JK_events.html
 - Cub Olympics April 28th (you can get service hours).
 - Aqua June 23rd in Yardscreek.
 - Henson summer camp July 8th-July 14th.
2. For Adults:
 - Council Dinner March 25th
 - District Dinner April 22nd
3. Cubs are thinking about what troops they may like to join. This is an important time to remind Weblows II that Troop 10 is:
 - **A Scout led troop.** This is what the Boy Scouts of America says is the best way to instill the character and leadership skills
 - **Successful track record of eagle scouts**
 - And above all else, fun must be a big part of the Troop 10 experience
4. Troop 10 should be receiving Paul R (Nate's brother) from Pack 98. The **Webelos graduation** from the Pack is on **March 23rd** at 7:30pm. at South Brunswick High School - Blue cafeteria. Would members of Troop 10 be available to meet him on the other side of our bridge to welcome him into Boy Scouting?
5. Remember **Medical Forms** for 2007 are needed. Please get them in to Donna P as soon as possible.

6. Reminder that when need a **Scout Master Conference** must got to SPL first for review then the SMC then to the BOR. You may not have a SMC and BOR in same night.

Other announcements-- (made at the beginning)

1. Following from Donna P:

***Summer camp** installments were 2/15, 3/15, and 4/15. Cost is \$275. If you need financial assistance scholarships are available speak with the scoutmaster.

*Looking at April 13-15 for **new scout scout campout** but date will be confirmed with SPL and then willlet all know.

***Cub Olympics** 4/28 can be used for service hours and helping is part of the scout law.

*Have been several sign ups for **Snuffy** but final one is on the table and that is the one you must be signed up on so if signed up previously please sign up again on this form.

*June 23rd for **Aqua** in Yardscreek need two adults to be leaders and adults to drive additional scouts.

*May 31st opportunity for **Rosary Badge** see flyer on table or Donna P for more information

*April 7th is the **Bird study merit badge** at Plainsboro preserve sign up directly with the preserve.

*Opportunities for Middlesex County **conservation service hours** and even job opportunity. Flyers on table or see Donna P

*Will be working on board to just bring in with all the info rather than the flyers on the tables.

2. **OA Elections** were held and Sandeep, Shri and Joey were elected. They now have to pass the ordeal.

Patrol time-None tonight

Nights Activity-Learned various carries and then played games using the carries. Chris H taught the cravat bandage. The Leaders/Parent meeting was also held (minutes will follow separately)

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
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.
7. Paul G has signed on as Photography and Swimming **merit badge councilor** should anyone want to work on those.
8. The troop is looking for all parents to share their talents and knowledge and sign up as a **merit badge councilor**. We would like each parent to sign up for one badge. Please email Donna P at d.parrinello@verizon.net if you are interested. They do not take allot of time and do not happen that often and really help the boys advance. Review the requirements and choose one you can do.
9. April 21st Joyce Kilmer **Merit badge fair** packets were available. Or go to Joyce Kilmer district site and click on events then click merit badge fair <http://joycekilmerdistrict.org/>
10. All scouts please go to the troop website and look at the new rank and advancements section. Please review what is listed for your name and compare to what you have. Please let Patti M, Advancement Chair, know if something does not match your records.
11. Steve K is available for personal fitness, personal management, and all the Citizen badges as he is the **merit badge councilor**.

Scoutmaster Minute: The StarFish

Once upon a time there was a wise man that used to go to the ocean to do his writing.

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean."

"I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?" "The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die."

"But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down picked another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, "It made a difference for that one."

In closing, there is something very special in each and every one of us and we must each find our own starfish. We have all been gifted with the ability to make a difference and if we throw our stars wisely and well -- the world will be a better place!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

** **Next meeting** is **March 22nd** 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

