

Troop 10: Meeting Highlights Nov 16th

For those of you who missed tonight's meeting or need a reminder here are the highlights from Nov 16th.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm with the pledge of allegiance and scout oath.

Opening Scoutmaster Announcements:

1. **Campout**-Remember the weekend of Thanksgiving we will be camping at Sondek Park. Currently we have two people signed up. If we don't get more people there will be no sense in having this campout. I really don't want to cancel this event. This is a good time for our younger scouts to get some of the precious skills in and possibly sign off should they show competency. This will be patrol camping. This means the patrols will be responsible to get their own food and supplies. We will be allowing for planning during the patrol meetings within the Troop meeting. Please take advantage of this time and choose your grub masters and decide on your menu. Remember to check the requirements for cooking and whatever you need to complete so you can get signed off for what you do. We will be having another Troop join us for this event. Troop 18 will be coming with 2 or 3 scouts and 2 leaders. They will also be bringing 2 or 3 Webelo scouts with them. **MEET AT THE TRAILER FRIDAY ON MAJOR ROAD AT 1PM.**
2. It is my understanding that during this **patrol time** there is minimal work being done. I am asking the Asst. Scoutmasters to please assist the patrols and keep them focused and on track. This is very important time and can not be wasted.
3. This announcement is to the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and all the Patrol Leaders. The **PLC meeting** is every second Monday of the month. This month's PLC was on Monday. We had in attendance the SPL, the two ASPL's, One Patrol Leader, and the Troop scribe (who should be in attendance to take notes). Minimal work gets done when we don't get a fair representation at the PLC. Remember this is your Troop. You make the decisions as to what we do and where we go. If you are not there how can we make decisions?

4. Andrew Rullo's **Eagle Court of Honor** is this weekend. It is Saturday the 18th. This event starts at 3:00 PM at Crossroads North Middle school auditorium. Scouts should be there at **1pm** to set up and practice. I expect a good turnout. Remember when it's your turn you will want the same.

Lastly I have a real issue that needs addressing. It appears that at the last meeting there was some poor showing of scout spirit. I am referring to some teasing and verbal abuse of some of our scouts. **THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** We are the Troop 10 family and as a family I expect you to treat each other with respect and understanding. These actions were done by only a small number of our scouts (who will be spoken to privately). If anyone of our scouts see's another scout not living up to the scout oath and law the scout in question should be reported to the SPL. If the action continues after the SPL addresses it I as the Scoutmaster expect to be informed immediate

Other announcements

1. **Thanks**-Christine, Director of the South Brunswick Senior Center, thanked Nate for a job well done playing the bugle at the seniors Veterans Day celebration.
2. **Elections**-Michael is no longer eligible to run for SPL. Elections will be held next month. Be thinking of who you want as your new leader as several scouts eligible.

Nights Activity--Patrol time Menu planning for T-Day campout. Tug of War.

End of Meeting Announcements-

1. **Popcorn**. Distribution is Sat. Nov 18th at the Court of Honor. If you have any questions contact Juliet P at julietpande@comcast.net
2. **Snuffy**-Sign up sheet at the meetings. Thompson Park, Jamesburg. Cost \$20. Date is May 4th-6th 2007. Currently 22 scouts signed up. Sign up sheet at the meetings or you can email Christine W and she will place your name on the list.
3. **Troop Shirts**-We have 6 small, 4 medium and 2 large red troop shirts. 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.

4. **Thanks**-James K thanked those who helped last weekend with his Eagle project.

5. **Parent Leaders Meetings**-The scoutmaster addressed the importance of the scout leaders to attend the Leaders meetings. Just as important the parents need to attend. At these meetings discussions and decisions are made that effect the troop. It is better to have these discussions, especially financial ones, with more representation than so few people. We value all the parent input and these meetings are held at 7:30pm the second Monday of each month at Miller Memorial Church on Ridge Road. Christine sends email reminders. Please try to attend to share your thoughts on issues discussed.

6. **Next meeting**-Reminder next Thursday is Thanksgiving so there is no meeting just the campout that weekend.

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.

Scoutmaster Minute:

OUR SPIRITUAL COMPASS

FOR SCOUTS ON A HIKE OR A CANOE TRIP, A COMPASS IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL. BECAUSE IT GIVES YOU A STABLE REFERENCE POINT (MAGNETIC NORTH), YOU CAN SET A COURSE AND FOLLOW IT. AS LONG AS YOUR COMPASS IS ACCURATE AND YOU DON'T DAMAGE IT, IT WILL SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY- IF YOU TRUST IT.

OUR FAITH OR SPIRITUALITY IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE HAVE A POINT OF REFERENCE THAT DOES NOT CHANGE: GOD. AND WE HAVE A COMPASS, SO TO SPEAK, IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE LEARNED AND CONTINUE TO LEARN ABOUT, JUST AS WE LEARN TO USE A COMPASS PROPERLY.

WE USE OUR SPIRITUALITY AND FAITH TO GET US THROUGH THIS GRAND JOURNEY WE CALL LIFE. IF WE ARE PREPARED TO TRUST THE THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT GOD, OUR SPIRITUALITY CAN GUIDE US THROUGH THE JOYS AND THE TEMPTATIONS OF LIFE. WE CAN USE IT TO SHOW US WHAT SERVICE WE CAN GIVE AND WHAT POTENTIAL DANGERS TO STAY AWAY FROM. WE CAN USE IT TO GUIDE US IN OUR FRIENDSHIPS, IN OUR WORK, IN WHAT WE SAY **TO** PEOPLE AND **ABOUT** PEOPLE, AND IN HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER AND OUR NATURAL WORLD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

** **Next meeting** is **November 30th** 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 scouts is for privacy as these highlights are posted on the website*

Yours in Scouting,

Christine,
Troop 10 Secretary

