

Troop 10: Meeting Highlights Nov 30th 2006

For those of you who missed tonight's meeting or need a reminder here are the highlights from Nov 30th.

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

Opening Scoutmaster Announcements:

1. Remember that next week we will have nominations for the new SPL. This goes into effect on January 1, 2007. It is really important that you think about who you want to be running the Troop for the next 6 months. Eligible Scouts are:
 - A. Andrew Rullo
 - B. James Kaminski
 - C. Christopher Hurley
 - D. Shaun Pande
 - E. Hayden Germano
2. The holidays are fast approaching. I am looking to the Troop leadership to give me ideas as to what you want to do for the holiday party. I have looked into laser tag and have information here for you to look at. If you don't make a decision soon I will meet with the Troop Committee and we will discuss going to the movies like we used to do. No matter what you choose all decisions must go through the Troop Committee for approval.
3. I would like to thank all the Scouts who were able to attend Andrew Rullo's Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday November 18th.
4. For those Scouts who need the Heimlich for advancement I will have a certified instructor for the meeting on the 14th. I tried to get him for tonight but he was busy. He will be here in two weeks to certify everyone who needs it on this important life saving technique.
5. Next week we will be hosting Webelo scouts to the troop. They will be working on an activity badge that I want you scouts to teach. I will be meeting with Mrs. Hurley to discuss this event over the weekend. I would like to see the scouts come early next week (NO LATER THAN 6:45 PM) to help set up and so we can go over what you will be teaching at your station.

6. Pack 98 has invited us to come to their next Pack meeting. This will be on Friday night December 15th at Crossroads North in this room. I need a group of scouts (preferably Star scout and above) to go to the meeting and teach them a skill. This is very important for us in the hopes that we can get some scouts to come to our Troop.

Other announcements

1. **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.
2. Brendan M. was presented with his totem chip.
3. Pack 107 is having their pack meeting Dec 15th at Brooks Crossing Den Cheifs need to attend.
4. The next Board of Review will be Dec 14th. Week later due to the packs visiting next week.
5. The scoutmaster will be emailing soon the engineering stations that will need to be taught to the webloes at next weeks meeting and then you are to email him which station you want to work out.

Nights Activity--Advancement night so some scouts worked on advancements, rest of group met and discussed skills and fire, then some ball games were played.

End of Meeting Announcements- None

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. **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.

6. **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.

Scoutmaster Minute:

WHY ARE YOU IN SCOUTING?

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MORE THAN A MILLION SCOUTS IN OUR COUNTRY. I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM WILL STAY IN SCOUTING AND CLIMB TO THE TOP, DON'T YOU?

TELL ME, WHY ARE YOU IN SCOUTING? SO MANY BOYS ENTER SCOUTING FOR JUST ONE REASON – TO HAVE FUN. IF YOU THINK THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE IN SCOUTING, BELIEVE ME, THERE ARE OTHER GOOD REASONS, TOO.

SURE SCOUTING IS FUN. BUT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS ARE FUN, TOO. IF YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR FUN, YOU CAN PLAY ALL KINDS OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES, GO TO THE MOVIES, WATCH TELEVISION – OR A THOUSAND OTHER THINGS.

SCOUTING MUST BE MORE THAN JUST FUN FOR YOU. IT MUST BE A WAY OF LIFE, A LAW AND AN OATH TO WHICH YOU ARE LOYAL.

UNLESS YOU TRY T O *LIVE* SCOUTING, YOU'LL FIND -THAT OTHER KINDS OF FUN ARE EASIER AND YOU'LL QUIT. THE LOYAL SCOUT IS DEDICATED TO THE SCOUT OATH AND THE 12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW. HE HAS A DEEPER REASON FOR STICKING THAN JUST HAVING FUN. HE SEES THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING THE SCOUT SKILLS, OF DEVELOPING HIMSELF SO THAT HE CAN *BE PREPARED* TO FACE ANYTHING THAT COMES. HE WANTS TO GROW TO BE A REAL MAN. THAT'S WHY HE'S LOYAL. THAT'S WHY HE STICKS.

I HOPE YOU WON'T EVER QUIT UNTIL YOU'RE UP BEFORE A COURT OF HONOR SOME DAY TO GET YOUR EAGLE SCOUT BADGE. THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST DAYS OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE – AND MINE, TOO.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

** **Next meeting** is **December 7th** 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

