



News of the Troop #10

- **The 2008-2009 Program Year:** The Patrol Leaders' Council has prepared another year's worth of exciting Big Events and activities. Now is the time to put these items on your calendar so you won't forget. Please note that I am looking for adult coordinators for the Big Events and activities.
- **Troop Elections:** Elections for SPL and PLs will take place during the Sept 15 troop meeting. Scouts should review Troop Policy & Procedures on the website for election guidelines. Handing out of "campaign items," such as candy, is not authorized. ☺
- **Dues:** This is a reminder that each scout is responsible for paying \$1 per month which the patrol leader should be collecting during troop meetings. Per the Troop Policies & Procedures, scouts must be current in their dues in order to have a Board of Review. You can contact the Troop Scribe to determine what you might owe.
- **Troop T-shirts:** We have a troop t-shirt! All scouts and adult leaders are required to own at least one shirt. The shirts will be available for purchase at troop meetings. See Mr. Rick Burke (and in the near future the Troop Quartermaster) to get your shirt. We received some nice compliments during summer camp about the color and design that the PLC selected!
- **New Uniform:** August 15 was the release date of the BSA Centennial Uniform. This is a redesign of the current 1980s era uniform (designed by Oscar de la Renta). There is no requirement that scouts run out and get the new uniform. BSA policy is that any version of the scout uniform is acceptable until it wears out. In the past, the only restriction was that mixing uniform versions was not allowed (i.e.: pre-1980 uniform with de la Renta uniform parts). This is not the case with the Centennial Uniform. Scouts can mix & match uniform parts, i.e.: wear the "old" switchback pants with the new shirt; or the new hat with the "old" uniform. Personally, I see the new uniform as a good improvement (except for the unnecessary sleeve pocket).
- **Philmont 2009 Crew:** The troop has a full crew plus a "wait list" for our 2009 Philmont trek. The adult crew leaders are Bob Thurman and Anthony Zaita. An initial organizational meeting will take place in the next few weeks. It is critical that all crew members (to include the "wait list") and a parent attend this meeting.
- **Northern Tier 2009 Crews:** The troop has two crews for our 2009 Northern Tier trek. Crew dates are Jul 5-13 and Aug 4-12. There are still a few slots available for both crews. An initial organizational meeting will take place some time in the next few weeks. It is critical that all crew members and a parent attend this meeting.
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree:** The BSA National Centennial Scout Jamboree is just around the corner. A Jamboree is a great opportunity and for most a once in a lifetime event, that every scout should try to attend. Our council is sending 12 Jambo troops of 36 scouts each. There are also opportunities for older scouts and adults to be part of the Jamboree staff. Visit the BSA Jamboree website at: <http://www.bsajamboree.org/index.html> for information and to register. To register, you must have a BSA member number which is on your membership card – see me if you don't have your membership card. Scouts from the same troop are grouped together in Jambo troops. The Reeds are planning to attend...

YiS, Dwight Reed, Scoutmaster