

BOY SCOUT TROOP 10  
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# Troop 10 Times

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- Troop Meetings are held Tuesday nights @ 7pm
- Monthly Dues: \$6.00 per scout.
- Class A uniform is to be worn by all Scouts, at the first meeting of the month, ALL outings and certain other special functions.
- The less formal Scout Class B uniform consists of any scouting T-shirt; This may be worn at all other times NOT specified above.

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## Winter Camp 09 ... Awesome!!

By Mike Willis

Winter camp 2009 had some cold nights, sunny days and even some rain but none of the campers let that dampen their spirits. The first day started with us all loading up our gear at the church and saying goodbye to mom and dad. The drive to Camp Strake was a short one and we soon were at the campsite setting up. We had little time to rest as we had our first service duty assignment that night which was serving "A" shift dinner. The best part about serving dinner is you get to be the first in line when your shift gets to eat. After dinner we all went back to camp to add additional layers because once the sun went down it got COLD! Mr. Banks provided a perfect example of bundling up using layers however no one was even sure he could see out! The next morning got off to a balmy 29 degrees start and it is true what they say about cold weather slowing the metabolism because nobody was moving out of their sleeping bags! We finally got ourselves moving and once we had breakfast the sun was out and setting us up for a beautiful day. This day was the most confusing day as all scouts had to find their way around the camp to all their various merit badge classes and some were a long ways apart. Troop 10 scouts had no problems though and found all of their classes. One of the best part of each day was the activity period. This was free time that let the scouts take a break from the merit badge classes and play games like football and dodge ball. James, Nico and Jaret liked the dodge ball a lot but did not seem to grasp the concept of dodging (maybe it was the cold weather slowing them down). Another favorite pastime was using hand held GPS units to locate "Gator Gus" who was hidden somewhere different every day. Brandon found him every day and received a special patch for this difficult task. Our first full day finished with "Movie

Night" where we watched "Transformers 2".



# Christmas Party 2009

FRIENDS!!!



FUN!!!



FOOD!!!



## YAY!!! NEW SCOUTS!!!

- Jason Perkins
- Dalton Campbell
- Eric Roberts
- Eliot Roberts



## Calling All Adults!!!!

Ever wonder how you help your troop run smoothly? Here are some open adult position waiting for you....yes **YOU**....

- Troop Secretary.
- Assistant Scoutmasters.
- Medical Forms/Health & Safety Coordinator.
- Assistant Advancement Coordinator.

Attend the next parent meeting to get the details.

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Our second full day started just as warm as the previous day (29 degrees) however we all seemed to move a bit faster (we were either getting acclimated or had found the bottom of our footlockers because we were wearing every stitch of clothing we had with us). This day went smoother as by now all scouts knew where their classes were at. That night Marco (Shotgun), Colin (Archery) and Chris (Rifle) represented Troop 10 in the "Shootout" where they demonstrated exceptional safety techniques and even hit a few of the targets. While the shootout was going on the rest of the troop enjoyed "Skit Night" where they were exposed the acting



"talents" of some of the other troops. Some favorites like "Ugh" and "Three Blue Pigeons" were liked so much that the scouts continued to act and sing them back at our campsite. The next day started at least 2 or 3 degrees warmer than the previous days (a tropical heat wave according to Mr. Esquivel) but by noon it started to rain. This did not dampen the spirits of our Troop 10 scouts and all went to their classes with smiles on their faces. That evening Mr. Banks competed in the "Scoutmaster Cook-off" by making his camp favorite "Apple Dumplings" with his "secret ingredient". A few of the scouts thought they saw the "secret ingredient" however several suspect that it was just set there as a ploy and that the real "secret ingredient" was added when no one was looking and may never be known. The aroma from his famous dumplings attracted many from miles away and the tasting room was packed with people that would have left happy having had the opportunity to get the smallest taste. Two full Dutch ovens were presented to the judges (no other troop brought that much) and both were devoured by those at the cook-off before any other dessert was even half gone! In the end the bribe Mr. Esquivel offered the judges was not enough and the dumplings took second place. No matter the outcome Mr. Banks' "Apple Dumplings" are still #1 in our hearts and stomachs. That night the rain continued and by morning we woke up to a soggy campsite. Our tents somewhat damp but our spirits still bright we began our last full day and by noon the rain stopped. Later that day we had our only tragedy of the campout. Mr. Simmons while teaching his merit badge class ("Sports") pulled his hamstring while demonstrating the correct way to stretch and warm up. Being the true scout that he is he continued with two more classes and the long hike back to the campsite without a single complaint. He had learned a valuable lesson though; 40 plus cannot move like something teen! Hopefully he still had a wonderful time skiing since he was leaving for Colorado the next day. A word to the wise; next year try using pictures! Several scouts (Chris, James, Isaiah, Omar, Aaron and Ricardo) demonstrated their first aid knowledge and jumped right into action once they found out by making a crutch for Mr. Simmons. Everyone slept better that night knowing we have such dedicated and knowledgeable scouts in our troop. That night (our last) after the closing ceremony we gathered around the campfire for one last time. We sat and reflected on our time at Camp Strake. The time had gone by in a blur it seemed. It had been cold, it had been sunny, it had been wet but most of all it had been FUN! When asked to describe Winter Camp in one word Jaret and Brandon said "Awesome!" I couldn't have said it better.

#### SCOUTING TIP OF THE MONTH

When sleeping in cold weather, Put on tomorrow's t-shirt and underwear at bedtime. That way you won't be starting with everything cold next to your skin in the morning.

#### Thanks!

Troop 10 thanks Tom Hickman and Western Lithograph for donating printing services.

# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					<i>New 2010 rank Requirement take effect</i>	
3	4	5 <i>Mtg Class A 7p</i>	6	7	8 <i>AOL Bridging 7:30p</i>	9 <i>Music Merit Badge 10a-12p</i>
10	11 <i>Parent Mtg 7p</i>	12 <i>Mtg Class B 7p</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Enchanted Rock Campout</i>
17 <i>Enchanted Rock Campout</i>	18 <i>Enchanted Rock Campout</i>	19 <i>PLC 7p</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Monster Jam 7p</i>
24	25	26 <i>Mtg Class B 7p</i>	27	28	29	30