

<u>Troop 10</u>

Great Neck, N.Y.



## <u>To Prospective Boy Scouts</u> <u>and Parents</u>

Thank you for your interest in Boy Scout Troop 10, Great Neck, NY. If you're new to Scouts and thinking about joining the program, or are currently a Cub Scout looking for a Troop to join, we hope that you'll consider Troop 10. Scouting is a great program offering a wide range of opportunities for boys ages 11 through 17. Boy Scout Troops vary widely in size, activities, and programs and, when looking for a Troop to join, it's important to make sure you have a "good fit" -- that the Troop, it's leaders, it's activities, and overall "feel" are a good match. Troop 10 is a smaller size Troop and we believe that our size and volunteers affords us a good deal of flexibility in setting our activities to best meet both the immediate and long term needs of our Scouts. We provide our Scouts with many opportunities for advancement and, on the average, one or more of our Scouts advance to the rank of Eagle Scout each year.

We strive to maintain a balanced program of activities throughout the year to challenge the Scouts both mentally and physically, emphasizing leadership and character development in the Scouting tradition. The Troop participates in a wide range of activities and schedules at least one activity each month. Our activities during the past several years serve as examples of the program you can expect from Troop 10 in the years ahead. During this time we have participated in activities such as monthly campouts, including a weekend of winter camping and Klondike competition. Check out our **Troop Calendar** to see the activites planned for the next few months.

One highlight of the Scouting experience is the annual trip to summer camp. Each summer Scouts from Troop 10 go to Onteora Scout Reservation, a.k.a. Land in the Sky, in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. In choosing our summer camp we look for programs that offer opportunities to all levels of Scouts. Onteora Scout Reservation meets these needs. At Onteora, our younger scouts are able to complete many requirements for advancement, while older Scouts concentrate on merit badges to help them on the trail to Eagle. All Scouts at Onteora enjoy the numerous activities the camp provides. These include rifle and shotgun shooting, archery, swimming, canoeing, climbing and rappelling, to name a few.

Scouting is far more than camping, hiking, and games. Scouting is also about leadership, character, values, and community service. Troop 10 emphasizes the values embodied in the Scout Law and our Scouts regularly participate in a wide range of community support activities.

Annual dues for Troop 10 are \$125. Additionally, nominal charges are made to defray the costs of food on campouts, entrance fees, campsite fees, etc. We firmly believe that no boy should be denied the Scouting experience for financial reasons, and offer opportunities for our Troop members to earn money through fundraising activities.

We hope that Troop 10 will be part of your Scouting experience. Should you have any questions, or would like to arrange a visit to one of our Troop meetings, feel free to visit the <u>Troop Calendar</u> page to find the time of our Scout meetings and just show up. We invite you to cruise around our <u>Troop</u> <u>Website</u> for more information on our Troop, helpful information about Scouting in general (no matter which Troop you choose to join), and photos of our past activities and camping trips.