



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report

**Mr. Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

Do you know Robert Baden-Powell, the British general who started Scouting a long time ago. He had a lot of good advice for Scouts, and now I'd like to read what he had to say about honesty.

He said, "Honesty is a form of honor. An honorable man can be trusted with any amount of valuables with the certainty that he will not steal it. Cheating at any time is a sneaking, underhanded thing to do."

"When you feel inclined to cheat in order to win a game, or feel distressed when a game in which you are playing is going against you, just say to yourself, "After all, **it is only a game**. It won't kill me if I do lose. One can't always win though I will stick to it in case of a chance coming."

"If you keep your head in this way, you will very often find that you win after all from not being over anxious or despairing. And don't forget, whenever you do lose a game, if you are a true Scout, you will at once cheer the winning team or shake hands with and congratulate the fellow who has beaten you."

In a competitive rally we have winners and losers in the various events, yet it is possible for everyone to win something. A losing patrol can win in spirit and morale, if the fellows work as a team and gain a better understanding of one another. It can win respect in the eyes of all Scouts, if patrol members show good sportsmanship. A patrol that loses in competition can still win, if in the process of losing the Scouts in the patrol gain in the knowledge of Scouting skills so they will be more proficient in future meets of this type.

Sure it's nice to win, but with the right attitude, losers frequently benefit more in the long run than do the winners. Nobody enters a competitive rally planning to lose, but if this should be your lot, make the best of it - take advantage of the things learned in losing and determine to build your patrol teamwork and skill so that the next time someone else will be the loser.

## Outfitter Information

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Some camping equipment tidbits:

Coming this fall or early next spring, Cabela's will be opening a store in Rogers, MN. It will be larger than the store in Owatonna. The Owatonna store is 159,000 square feet while the Rogers store will be 185,000 square feet. There is an even larger store being constructed in Fort Worth, Texas at 230,000 square feet. Holy camping gear, Batman!

If you haven't heard the ads on TV, Dick's Sporting Goods bought the 47 Galyan's Trading Company stores and reopened the former Galyan's stores. This means Dick's Sporting Goods now has 234 stores located in 33 states. I haven't been in a Dick's Sporting Goods store yet to offer a review of Galyan's vs. Dicks but I suspect there is some changes.

# News Flash!

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

On 30 March 2005, Indianhead and Viking Councils voted to YES to combine the two councils. It was an 85% approval vote of those attending membership meetings of each council. For a map of the new council, see last month's newsletter. The new council will:

- Be among the five largest in the United States
- Serve more than 115,000 youths and 100,000 families
- Involve 28,000 adult volunteers
- Serve all or part of 22 counties in Minnesota and four counties in western Wisconsin
- Have a projected operating budget is \$12.7 million in its first year

The temporary legal name of the consolidated council is now Indianhead/Viking Boy Scout Council. Do you want help in naming the new council? Between now and April 15<sup>th</sup> you can go to <http://taskforce.realscouting.org/survey/councilName.aspx> and suggest a new name. Some criteria for selecting the new name is:

- Must be inclusive of entire council (not just Twin Cities) and people, constituents, programs
- Must be translatable into strong graphics
- Must be something everyone in council can relate to
- Inclusive and broad
- Must express something unique about this council
- Must have strong Scouting feel (e.g. Outdoors, names of people)
- Makes sense
- Appealing
- Pronounceable
- Memorable
- Distinctive

## PLC Notes

**Isaac Mensink**  
Troop Scribe

### April

- 3** Pancake Breakfast.
- 5** Dragons have opening, closing, and a game. New scouts are working on how to do opening and closing. Older scouts are planning shelter 1 at Fred C. Anderson. There will also be a cooking merit badge meeting.
- 8-10** Shelter #1 at Fred C. Anderson SR.
- 12** E.T.s will have opening closing and a game. New Scouts will be learning about the compass. Older Scouts will be planning WEBELOS Woods and some are doing Citizenship in the Community. The movie will also be on this date.
- 19** Arrive at 6:00 pm to hand out bags for scouting for food. The Jaws patrol will have opening closing and a game. UNIFORM INSPECTION. We are also planning the rest of WEBELOS Woods.
- 23** SCOUTING FOR FOOD with laser tag as an activity.
- 26** PLC @ 6:15 pm.
- 29-1** WEBELOS Woods

# March Campout

**Mr. Deters**

Assistant Scoutmaster

The scouts arrived at the new garage promptly at 5:30, and we were on the road by quarter after six. We got to Diamond Lake Lodge at Stearns Scout Camp just before 8, and everyone unpacked their gear and set up their sleeping areas. After that, the cooking merit badge scouts set out to prepare the cracker barrel. While they worked, the older scouts helped Karl, the lone new scout, learn the scout oath, law, promise and slogan, which he did in record time. When the cracker barrel was announced, we were all good and hungry for it. Never before have we seen such a pretty presentation of cheese and crackers at a scout camp!

After a bit of a sleep-in on Saturday morning, the cooking merit badge scouts set out to prepare a breakfast of omelettes in bags and sausage. After cleanup and working on rank, we hiked to Crosby Lodge for a visit to the trading post. It may have been warm on the thermometer, but the wind made for a chilly hike. On the way back, the scouts took a shortcut through the woods, while the leaders trudged along the boring road. We returned to find Mike and Ryan had arrived with Mike's dad.

Lunch was a little interesting. Since nobody could find the cooking oil, the scouts decided to improvise and make the dinner hamburger meal for lunch. They then saved some of the cooking grease for use with the pita pizzas Saturday evening. Pretty clever, those cooking merit badge scouts. We all enjoyed our South Beach Burgers (different story) and soup.

The older scouts worked on helping the new scouts get to tenderfoot, while the middle scouts continued working on their cooking merit badges. Several requirements were met and signed off!



Dinner was (surprise) pita pizzas, with a little salad, chips and topped off by cookies. And while the younger scouts enjoyed a campfire and capture the flag, a couple of the older scouts turned the leftover pitas into chocolate smackos (yes, using the cooking oil they found in the tote) and made surprise treats for everyone. After a little "extra" kitchen cleanup and a few games of cards, it was lights out.

Sunday morning was bright, beautiful and warm! We got the cabin cleaned up, mopped, and checked out almost before the driveway turned completely to mud. Almost. We pulled into church right at noon, and put everything away in our shiny new garage. Another successful campout!

# Troop Pancake Breakfast

**Ms Offerdahl**

Committee Chair

A good time (and a full stomach!) was had by all who attended the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, April 3. A big "THANK YOU" to all the scouts and parents who volunteered their time to help work!! At last count on the Monday prior to the breakfast, there were 220 adult tickets and 24 kid tickets actually sold. On Sunday, we had around 160 adults and 20 kids with tickets who showed up to enjoy a delicious breakfast, as well as 25 walk-ins. We also earned \$171.50 on our bake sale! Thanks again to Shelley & Tom Sampers for the donated baked goods from Tom's company. We'll let you know how profitable the event was as soon as the final check arrives from the American Legion.