



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Small pieces of rope are a lot like individual Scouts. You can use these ropes for knot tying practice or for tying a small package, but they're not big enough for really big jobs. But you can join the ropes together with square knots or sheet bends. Now we have a much more useful rope, one we could use for pioneering, or other jobs where we need a good length of rope.

Your patrol and the whole troop work the same way. Scouts who work together like these ropes can achieve much bigger things. But remember that this rope is only as strong as its' weakest link. The same idea applies to our patrols and troop. They can't be strong unless everyone pulls together. Teamwork is just as important in Scouting as it is on a football baseball team.

Strive to be a strong link in your patrol. Do the best to live by the ideals we talk about in the Scout Oath and Law. Learn your Scouting skills to the best of your ability, and take part in everything the troop and your patrol do. Don't be a weak link.

PLC Notes

Trevor Janke
Troop Scribe

Mar 7 – Bacon Patrol has Opening, Closing and a game. We will be having elections. We will also be finishing planning for the Polaris campout. We are also planning the Court of Honor.

Mar 10/12 – Polaris Campout

Mar 14 – The Dragon patrol has opening, closing and a game. We will be planning Seonee and will be watching a “time to tell” and Tomahawk videos. We are also planning the Court of Honor.

Mar 17/18 – JLT

Mar 21 – Court of Honor

Mar 28 – PLC; all patrols must be represented

Mar 31/Apr 2 – Seonee Campout

May 19/21 – Scouts and families are invited to Valleyfair. We must pre-register by April 14th.

Merit Badges – Finishing up. No Merit Badges this month. In April there will be Personal Fitness and Woodworking.

Heads-up

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Here is a head-up column of upcoming campouts. I'll work to keep this column updated so everyone knows what is coming in the next few months.

5-7 May 06 – WEBELOS Woods @ Spring Lake Park, Hastings

19-21 May 06 - Star fun at Valleyfair.

18-24 Jun 06 – Black Hills trip, South Dakota

8-15 Jul 06 – Tomahawk SR (summer camp with Summer Court of Honor 14th)

11-14 Aug 06 – Apostle Island (Madeline Island)

22-24 Sep 06 – Fall Camporee @ Phillippo SR

27-29 Oct 06 – Good Medicine Cabin @ Feed C. Anderson SR (Fall Court of Honor 28th)

Field of Dreams?

Ken Loher
2nd in Charge

Our March camping weekend took us to southern Minnesota just above the Iowa border. Once again we were treated to some fine accommodations at Polaris Lodge, featuring a big stone in-cabin fireplace, nice big kitchen and comfortable bunks. OK so we did have to rough it a little by using the latrine to go potty. Our new Senior Patrol Leader, Mark Schaezner got right to work upon arriving by assigning patrols for the weekend which included cooking and clean-up assignments. The Saturday breakfast crew got to it bright and early as they prepared our mountain man breakfast. I believe they prepared the meal in record time this trip. Sure does help when we remember to bring the eggs along! (Take note Mr. Hammer). It also helps when Mrs. Lenagh cooks the bacon ahead of time. After breakfast there was free time available so a number of scouts and leaders enjoyed a good hard fought game of wiffleball before our hike to Iowa!

Over the meadows and through the woods to Iowa we went! The main attraction during the long journey (about a mile or less to the border) was a huge gravel pile. There the scouts enjoyed their own version of king of the hill. After a few photo ops next to the “Welcome to Iowa” sign, we headed a little deeper into corn field country to a local park. The journey back to the cabin featured another round of king of the hill on the gravel pile.



Afternoon activities included rank advancement time. We were fortunate to have all three of our new Scouts on this trip – Mark Suiter, Michael Backus, and Mitchell Stafford who worked hard on their Scout and Tenderfoot rank requirements while some of the older boys worked on Second and First Class requirements. The day ended with a scrumptious meal of barbeque chicken topped off with a delicious Pineapple Upside Down Cake made in the Dutch oven by Mr. Lenagh.

STARfun

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Is Starfun 2006 on your calendar???

Saturday, May 20th, at Valleyfair, is the BIGGEST and MOST EXCITING event this year. Join the 15,000 – 20,000 Scouts, Moms, Dads, Sisters and Brothers at Northern Star Council's Scouting SuperEvent.

You won't want to miss the exciting rides at Valleyfair. In addition to the chills and thrills of Roller Coasters and Ferris Wheels, there will be many exciting and fascinating Scouting displays, exhibits, performances, demonstrations, special events, ceremonies and, yes.....even fireworks.

A few of the exhibits already in place are Scouting Memorabilia displays, North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, Hurricane Katrina Relief, Religious Emblem display, High Adventure exhibits of Philmont Scout Ranch, Sea Base & Northern Tier, Council Camping, Friends of Scouting, Venturing & Council Pinewood Derby.

While the SuperEvent focus is for the day of Saturday, May 20, on-site camping will be available for Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Scout Teams, and Venturer Crews on Friday and Saturday nights. Special programs will be offered for the Scouts staying over Saturday evening, and religious services will be offered on Sunday. Camping will be jamboree style, on a first-come, first-served registration basis.

More information @ www.northernstarbsa.org/Starfun/

Order of the Arrow

David Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

The new Totanhan Nakaha Lodge flap is now available. You can get yours at OA events and meetings. You can get yours at the next Chief Black Dog Roundtable which is 7:00p.m., 13 April at the LDS Church in Burnsville.



Your new Lodge Chief is Ken Martin from Troop 162 in Stillwater, MN and your Vice Chief is Joe Henry from Troop 584 in Maple Grove.

Last year the CBD chapter of our Lodge was busy doing service projects at Dakota County parks. This year won't be any different. Work is being done to figure out what we can work on this year. Watch for more information soon. These OA projects are open to OA and non-OA members alike. Great way to get service hours for rank!