



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Scouts, the postage stamp you see on a letter was given the job of making sure that this important piece of mail was delivered. The stamp is pretty small but, in spite of its size, it did the job.

In your patrols, each of you has the responsibility of "delivering the mail" in order that your patrol becomes a success. Like the postage stamp, it isn't your size that determined how well you do the job, rather, how well you stick to it.

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Welcome New Scouts and Parents

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Spring is an amazing time of year in our climate. We find ourselves anxious for green to replace the sullen earth tones or dirty white and grays of winter's snow. We watch for the proverbial signs such as robins and blossoms. We even find ourselves getting reacquainted with neighbors and friends that have been hold up throughout the winter. I have found that our calendar begins to fill with dates, meetings and activities that seemed to have lessened in the dark days of winter.

Looking at 510's upcoming events calendar, it's safe to say our troop has some of the same rebirth. The activities not only become more frequent and involved, they also get more exciting. Our spring Court of Honor is, to some degree, the beginning of our new scouting year. We post sign up sheets for summer events including; Tomahawk merit badges, the monthly camp outings and service projects. It is the time that our new scouts and their families are initiated into one of the ceremonial events of the troop. In the next several months those of us familiar with the routine, verbiage and expectations seem to go about our troop tasks with ease sometimes forgetting our role as mentors and leaders. We invite all new scouts and their parents to tap any of us on the shoulder and say, "Excuse me, what are we doing?" Or, "Why are we doing this?" We want you to feel ready to get involved as we always need more help. Your thoughts and ideas will serve as a reminder to us that there's more than one way to get the job done.

The parent meeting are held every third Tuesday at 7:00 for about 15 to 20 minutes. They will be a great source of information and conversation for you to become familiar with the troop and the expectations. The newsletter will be emailed before the first meeting each month.

We are excited to have the number of new scouts we have and look forward to seeing them through their scouting journey. Welcome to all!

Gephardt Lodge Campout

Mr. Arbogast
Adult Leader

February 29 - March 2, 2008

This was the first time our troop has camped at Decorah Campground and the facilities and camping did not disappoint. We had an uneventful trip to the campsite and arrived at about 8:45pm. It was a cold yet beautiful evening to unpack our gear and settle in for the evening and prepare for cracker barrel.

Saturday morning brought a delicious breakfast of French toast and sausage prepared by the Knights Patrol. After clean up, we all sat down and the scouts attentively listened to the lecture portion of the Architectural Merit Badge. The Architecture discussion lasted a bit longer than anticipated so the scouts had a limited amount of free time prior to lunch.

Lunch was quite a treat consisting of bacon cheeseburgers, chips and, yes, Twinkies for dessert. The Waka-Waka Patrol did a commendable job with lunch but the most impressive part of lunch however had to be the way Josh and Cole flipped those burgers like old pros. After lunch, the boys were anxiously awaiting the chance to hit the shooting range. Prior to the shooting range, the boys were discussing what ancillary items they could bring to shoot at. Daniel then announced that he was bringing his Nalgene to shoot at as it is "indestructible". After a brief chuckle and quick explanation that "Virtually Indestructible" doesn't mean bullet proof, we were off to the range. Top Gun was a bit difficult to determine however; it seems as if Wesley was the official/unofficial Top Gun of the weekend.

When the shooting fun was over, it was time to head back to the cabin and fix dinner. The Knights began to fix a great dinner of Quesadillas and Rice-A-Roni. After dinner and clean up we sat down again and completed another requirement for the Architecture Merit Badge. When that task was complete, it was getting late and everyone was pretty tired so after a bit of free time, it was time for lights out and a restful night's sleep.

Sunday brought a beautiful morning and an organized, on-time departure. We stopped for lunch at a small pizza parlor in Rochester. This is a spot Mr. Lenah recommended and the pizza was fabulous! After lunch we headed north and arrived back at home around 1:00pm. A great time was had by all!

National Eagle Center

Mrs. Stafford
Adult Leader

On Monday, March 24, a group of eight scouts and three adults took a field trip to Winona, MN to see a manufacturing plant of Watlow company, courtesy of James Nielson (friend of Andy and Diane Kline). We got to see how circuit boards are made and the temperature control systems they operate. It was very cool! It was a lot of information to take in, in such a short amount of time but very interesting. The company bought us some very yummy pizza for lunch and a pop to go with it! They talked to the boys about career options and the schooling needed for those options. They even sent home salary ranges for each of the different careers within the company. But probably the highlight for the boys was when after lunch our two tour guides brought out the liquid nitrogen to play with! Oh, the cool things you can do with that stuff!



After we were finished at Watlow we headed for Wabasha, MN to visit the National Eagle Center. James had arranged reserved front row seating for our little group at the 2:00pm show. We got to see Harriet the bald eagle up close and personal. We even got to see her eat her lunch, which was rabbit for that day! Then we explored the building for awhile and looked for eagles outside that live along the river there. What a terrific day we had learning and seeing many new and interesting things -- Thanks James. Anyone else have a fun place for us to check out??

Where does it belong?

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Our scouts recently aligned as new or re-arranged patrols. Each patrol has a new name and will create a patrol flag and cheer. They were also given a patrol patch that will be part of their uniform. Parents sometimes get patches from their scouts and aren't sure where the patch needs to be placed. The new patrol patch is to be placed on the right sleeve below the U.S. flag and above the Quality Unit emblem. If you are unsure of other patches please see the website for direction.

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High Adventure for Seasoned Scouts

Mr. Loher & Mrs. Vieths
Asst. Scoutmaster & Newsletter Editor

Throughout your life you will find that age may have certain bonuses. For example, kids may get in free or at a reduced rate to some events. Senior citizens may get a price break certain days at some stores. Scouting has opportunities for scouts that have the experience and the physical stamina to be part of more demanding campouts. This summer we will have a small group of scouts traveling to Florida's Sea Base. Next year we will have a group going to Philmont Scout Ranch. These are select trips that not every one will be able to attend. Scouts must be of an age or rank to attend.

Our troop is planning additional high adventure events to allow more of our seasoned scouts to take part in. August 7 – 11 we will be taking a Whitewater/Canoeing/Fishing trip in BWCA.



Scouts that are planning on attending this trip should sign up to attend the Canoe Trek Training Day at Stearns Scout Camp on May 10th. This is an opportunity to get hands on experience to learn the basics of canoe camping in the BWCA. Training topics include portaging, packing, paddling, cooking, meal planning, canoe country navigation, route planning and gear selection. We will focus more on the wilderness experience.

Fundraiser Opportunity

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

Scouts have an opportunity to earn money for their individual scout accounts by signing up to bag groceries at Cub in Rosemount on County Road 42 and Shannon Parkway on Friday evening, May 23rd. Our troop will work the 4:00 to 9:00 time slot which should give each scout that is interested an hour slot. We want to make sure that everyone that wants to work gets one time slot before we allow scouts to sign up for additional time slots. Sign up sheets will be on the table in front at all upcoming troop meetings. There will be no bagging times in April or June due to a policy change at Cub.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Karl V.
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 1st – The Scorpion patrol has opening and closing. Scouts will start Family Life merit badge and work on flag folding.

Tuesday 8th – Cobra patrol has opening and closing. We will be planning Igloo Lodge campout. Advanced Scouts will have a meeting on high adventure

Tuesday 15th – Care Bear patrol has opening and closing. Scouts will begin Personal Fitness merit badge.

Tuesday 22nd – Badger patrol has opening and closing. Troop will plan Sudan Mines trip. Advanced Scouts will have a meeting on high adventure

Tuesday 29th – PLC all patrols need to be represented.

Committee/Parent Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Happy spring! We had a successful Court of Honor. Thanks to all who attended and to those who made it happen. A lot of planning goes into the Courts of Honor and it's nice to see a large turnout. The next Court of Honor will be at Tomahawk in July.

Scout Behavior forms were handed out at the Court of Honor. Please make sure to read and sign

the forms. They need to be turned into Mrs. Lenagh before the next campout. We are updating our troop roster. Please let me know if you have any changes such as cell phone numbers, additional email addresses, etc. We use these forms for our calling tree for campouts. Thanks to all those who signed up for volunteer positions within the troop. We can always use more parent involvement.

The committee will be busy with the July 4th booth. Save those trinkets and stuffed animals. For new parents, we will again be hosting our Duck Pond at the Eagan July 4th festival. We are in need of small toys and stuffed animals in good condition. Trinkets may include fast food kid's meal toys, beaded necklaces, cars, tops, etc. any small things you find as you start your "spring cleaning" and would like to rid your space of. You can start bringing this items to troop or parents meetings anytime.

Friends of Scouting 
 Mrs. Vieths
 Newsletter Editor

You should have received your Friends of Scouting form at the spring Court of Honor. Please complete and return all forms whether you not you are able to contribute. Forms and pledges may be returned to Jeanne Stafford. If you did not receive a form please see Mrs. Stafford. Some of you may have the opportunity to receive corporate matches. See the information on how to receive corporate match funds on the Friends of Scouting form.



**Scouting for Food
 Date is Set**

Mrs. Vieths
 Newsletter Editor

Remember to save Saturday, **April 26th**, as our troop will join Scouts throughout our Council will be going door to door gathering food for local food shelves and shelters. More information will be coming at troop meetings this month. There will also be a sign up sheet at each meeting. We will need parents as well as scouts to be involved in this event. Remember Scouts, this is a super way to get some service hours needed for rank advancement.

 **TROOP AT A GLANCE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
April		
1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	5:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
26	Scouting for Food	TBD
29	PLC	6:15PM
May		
6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
16-18	Troop campout – Sudan Mines	TBD
20	Highway Cleanup	7:00PM
23	Cub – grocery bagging	4:00 – 9:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM
June		
3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
19	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park	TBD
24	PLC	6:15PM
July		
1	Troop meeting	7:00 PM
3-5	Eagan July 4 th festivities	TBD
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12-19	Tomahawk	TBD
18	Summer Court of Honor at Tomahawk	6:00PM
22	NO MEETING	
29	PLC	6:15 PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS	
April 11-13	Igloo Lodge at Norseland
April 26	Scouting for Food
May 16-18	Bear Head State Park – Sudan Mines
June 20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park
July 3-5	July 4 th activities
July 12-19	Tomahawk – Rice Lake, Wisconsin