



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster



Scouts, where did the design for the Scout badge come from? Did you know that it's from the north point of the mariners' compass? Now why did Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, select that symbol for the first Scout badge? In his book, *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell told us.

He said, "It is the badge of the Scout because it points in the right direction, and upwards. It shows the way in doing your duty and helping others." In other words, just as the north point of the compass helps us find our way in the field, so the Scout badge helps us find our way through life.

So the shape of our Scout badge should be a constant reminder to us of the things we pledge when we say the Scout Oath or Law. Let's think about that badge and what it means the next time we're tempted to do something we know is wrong.

Scouts, I have a sort of trick question for you. Think before you answer.

What's the most important thing for a first aider to do? Call for help? No, that's often very important, but it's not the first. Check for breathing? No - again, that's obviously vital, but it's not the first thing.

The most important thing for a first aider to do is this: stay cool. Don't act in a panic. Think first! Often you must act fast when a person needs first aid. But think first! That's not always easy to do in a real-life accident or serious illness, but it is essential. It's easy to be calm and cool when we're practicing first aid here in troop meetings. It's not so easy when an accident victim is not breathing or when blood is spurting out of a severed artery. In those situations you must act fast. But begin training yourself now to stay cool and think before you take action. Then if you're ever in a real crisis situation, you will remember the first aider's first rule - stay cool and think.

Is everyone planning on attending Scouting for Food Saturday this month? You should consider it. Not only do you get community service hours, but the troop is also planning an activity afterwards for all participants. Ask the SPL what we are doing in the afternoon.

Scouting for Food

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor



The kick – off date for the annual **Scouting for Food** drive has been announced. **Saturday, April 25th**, is the date that Scouts throughout our Council will be going door to door gathering food for local food shelves and shelters. Mark this date on your calendar and plan on being part of this great day. Remember Scouts, this is a super way to get some service hours needed for rank advancement.

We are also in need of one to two parents to head up Scouting for Food. We have the neighborhood mapped out, we just need someone to take charge. Please contact Nancy Arbogast if you are able to volunteer and help the troop.

Eagle Court of Honor

Daniel Arbogast obtained his **Eagle Rank** in December 2008. His **Eagle Court of Honor** will be on **April 18th at 1:30 pm at Thomas Lake Elementary** in the gym. Invitations have been sent. Please help celebrate this special event. There will be appetizers and cake after the ceremony. We hope to see a large turn out from the troop!

Stearns Scout Camp

Mrs. Stafford

On Friday we arrived at camp by 7:30pm and had things set up in the cabin in short order. The boys set out a cracker barrel of meat, cheese, and crackers then commenced with a lively game of Texas hold'em. I believe it was just before the cracker barrel that Mr. Lenagh informed me that the coffee did not make it in with our supplies! Well, the two other parents thought they would be fine without their java the next morning, but I really enjoy that morning treat especially when it's chilly, so off I went into the dark to make a coffee run. I was gone for all of 20-25 minutes and some of the boys thought maybe I was in the restroom that whole time as they didn't know I had left!

Saturday morning we were up by 7:00am and the new scouts who were on KP did a great job with a

delicious breakfast of French toast, sausages, and Clementine's. After getting things cleaned up we were outside for a hike to the camp master's cabin to obtain keys for the shooting range. Hiking was good that morning because the ground was still frozen, but after lunch with more sunshine and warmer temps it was a different story.

Back to the cabin and time for lunch preparation with new scouts and old working on rank advancement. Lunch was as delicious as breakfast with tacos, apples, and brownies.

After lunch we drove back to the shooting range (which was good as the ground was not so frozen anymore and very muddy) and after a bit of confusion on opening the range we got set up and started target practice with 22's. Scouts and adults alike had a chance at several rounds of shooting at paper targets then balloons. It was a blast! Then it was back to the cabin for another wonderful meal of spaghetti bake, green beans, garlic bread, and apple cobbler, yummm! The boys got out the cards again after all was cleaned up and everyone (adults included) played some kind of cards, be it Texas hold'em, kings in the corner, or Magic cards. Lights out at 11:00.

Sunday morning we were up by 7:00am again and the boys set out a quick breakfast of cereal, doughnuts, and fruit. Then it was pack up, clean up, and on the road for home back to Eagan by 10:30.

I always have such a good time on these campouts and highly recommend giving it a try if you have not yet gone along on one. The food is always good and so is the company. Like my son says, "I like a change of scenery every now and then." A little change of scenery is good for all of us once in a while. But by far my favorite part of the camp outs is watching these boys of ours as they grow and learn and get along and have fun doing it all. They always amaze me and it's fun getting to know each of them. So the next time you see the yellow sign up sheets out on the table see where the scouts are headed and sign up and go along!

Philmont

Mall of America Hike
By Mike Loher

A few weeks ago we had a Philmont hike in the Mall of America. We walked ten laps around the first level of the mall. We got many strange looks from people in the mall. After all, it's not every day that people see a group of 9 people walking around carrying 25- 30 lb. packs on their backs in the mall. At one point a security guard pulled us over and asked us what we were doing and what was in our backpacks. Since we said we were with Boy Scouts he decided not to check our packs. As we hiked we talked about many things. Occasionally Kyle and Wesley would sing a song from the Music Man and Bravo. At the end of the hike Mr. Lenagh bought us each a Cinnabon. That was a good incentive to help us complete our 10 miles of laps! Thanks Mr. Lenagh!! 😊

Urban Hiking
Mr. Schaezner
Assistant Scoutmaster

On Saturday March 7th we went on an urban hike in downtown Minneapolis. We left the church at 7 AM and headed to the light rail station at Fort Snelling. We arrived at the train station purchased our tickets and hopped on the train heading for downtown. For some this was their first ride on the light rail, including Mr. Lenagh.

We got off at the last station and headed off (outside) to see the Twins new stadium. We did not get a good look from the outside. We headed into the skyways and started hiking. We soon realized that most of the stores did not open until 10 AM. This lead us to many dead-ends and slow hiking. We did not cover many miles in the first two hours of hiking but we spent a lot of time going from dead-end to dead-end. At one point we went outside to get around one of the dead-ends. Finally after 10 AM the stores were opening and we were able to start hiking at a much better pace. We made one good loop of a couple miles.

We stopped in a food court for lunch with many choices, subway, pizza, noodles, etc. After lunch it was back to hiking, it seemed like we went by the Target center many times. We also went out a parking ramp to look over the Twins stadium, a much better view. We headed back down the road to the

light rail station and back to Eagan. We did learn that if you are going to do an urban hike sleep-in, don't start early.



Minnesota River Hike
By Andrew Kline

In the past week our group that is heading to Philmont went on another hike to prepare us for this journey. Once again you can consider it an urban hike because we did stop at McDonald's on our way to ten miles. We personally call the hike the Minnesota River hike because we hiked under the Cedar Avenue bridge headed over the Minnesota River.

Our journey consisted of many wet places and muddy trails we had to cross through. We started at the church and went down and took a right on Rahn Rd. After this we kept heading down towards the Cedar Avenue Bridge. It was a great day for a hike and the weather cooperated very well with us. We heard many birds and an occasional plane flying over head. Although, to get back to our route we went over the bridge and walked all the way to the old bridge used before the Cedar Avenue Bridge was built. We then turned around and headed back the other way towards the power plant. We didn't get very far though because it was very muddy and wet so we turned around. Our group saw many tracks such as deer and what seemed to be wolf tracks. After this we headed back to the McDonald's off of 13 and Rahn and ate lunch. To finish the hike we took Rahn to the highline trail to Blackhawk Rd. and then back to the church by taking the second left from Diffley.

Overall the hike was fun and a great way to spend a Saturday.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Happy Spring! We had a very 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 turn out. I hope everyone was able to meet our District representatives, Kirk and Jerry. They both enjoyed the evening. The next Court of Honor will be at Tomahawk in July. If you have any changes to the troop's roster, such as cell phone numbers, additional email addresses, etc., please let me know. We use these forms for calling trees for campouts and emergency contacts. The troop is still in need of a parent to volunteer for the Fourth of July parade/grounds clean up. Let me know if you are able to help. The April campout will be the last cabin trip. If you have any troop equipment, please make sure to check it in with the quartermaster.

The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The door is always open for all, unless there are personal issues being discussed. Parent meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Ryan Pinkalla
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 7th – The Epic Ninjas have opening and closing. New scouts start physical fitness. Epic Ninjas have game. Almighty Apes have geology skill. NATIONAL KNOT TYING DAY!!!

Tuesday 14th – Almighty Apes have opening and closing. New scouts start orienteering (backup day for physical fitness). Plan Fort Ridgley. Old Fogies have skill. Begin mock trial.

Saturday 18th – Eagle Court of Honor

Tuesday 21st – Thunder Sharks have opening and closing. New scouts have first aid. Penguins have chemistry skill. Plan Fort Ridgley. High adventure announcement. Continue mock trial.

Tuesday 28th – PLC all patrols need to be represented!!!

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6:15PM

April

3-5	Ramsey Campout	5:00 PM
7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
14	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Eagle Court of Honor	1:30
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	Scouting for Food	9:00AM
24-26	Fred C. Campout	TBD
28	PLC	6:15PM

May

1-3	Webelos Woods – Spring Lake Park	5:00PM
5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Pack 104 Tiger Graduation	TBD
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.	5:00PM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	Memorial Day	

June

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12-14	Blue Mounds State Park	5:00PM
16	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
30	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

May 1-3	Webelos Woods – Spring Lake Park
May 15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.
June 12- 14	Blue Mounds State Park
July 11-18	Tomahawk
August 8-11	Glacier Lake State Park
September 25-27	Phillipo – Fall Camporee
October 23-25	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine