



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

I'm sure all of you Scouts have played team sports, so you know what teamwork means. Most football fans see a touchdown run and say, "Wow! Isn't that guy a great runner?" Maybe he is, but if you have played football you that what really made the great run was the blockers on the line and in the secondary. Teamwork made the touchdown. Not just one guy's talents.

Patrols are the same way. If you win one of our inter-patrol contests, or if you have the best campsite at fall camporee, it's not just because one guy is such a great Scout. It's patrol teamwork.

The secret of patrol teamwork is having every member do his job, whatever it is. If one Scout goofs off, the patrol suffers. If every Scout does his part, the patrol is bound to be a winner.

The winning attitude is what we call patrol spirit. Is your patrol a winner? I'm not asking whether you win every contest. I'm asking: Is your patrol doing the very best that it can and is every member contributing? If your answer is no, then ask yourself: "Am I doing my very best? Do I have real patrol spirit?"

Next month (September) we will be going back to wearing Class A uniforms for our weekly meeting. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. But, as usual summer comes to an end and school will be starting soon.

High Adventure Update:

- Sea Base: We will be having a guest speaker on Thursday August 23 at 7:00 pm in the church. Plan on attending (scouts & parents) and ask questions. The age requirement for Sea Base is; you must be 14 by September 1, 2008, no exceptions. We are still looking for additional people to sign up for this outing.
- Philmont The age requirement is as follows: you must be 14 by January 1, 2009, **OR** have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participating. No exceptions. We are still looking for additional people to sign up for this outing.

Seabase & Philmont

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Secretary

Scouts and adults attending either of these outings need to sign up for these trips now as reservation for Seabase and Philmont need to be made within the next week in order to ensure a spot. It is essential that firm head counts are known when the reservation is submitted. Scouts must be 14 years of age to attend either of these high adventure outings. Beside the cost of the outing there are specific gear requirements for each. Transportation costs for these trips are a significant portion of the expense as it includes airfares. There is a \$50 non-refundable down payment at time of reservation and two payments prior to either trip. General information regarding expenses is listed below the brief description of each trip. Group sizes are specific in both of these trips. If we have more interest than the size will allow for, there will be a wait list for scouts and adults that were not on the original list but would like to be considered for the trip in case someone drops out. We will be planning fund raising events for each of these trips as well as the National Jamboree in 2010.



Seabase

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. We are looking at late July/early August of 2008 to take this trip. There are several options for aquatic outings both in the Florida Keys as well as surrounding areas. The trip our troop voted on was a sailing adventure in the Bahamas. We would fly from the Twin Cities into Florida and then on to the Bahamas. There are three different boat options which is determined by the size of the group. This trip has specific requirements including each attendee needs to have a valid passport, sleeping pad and duffle bag not more than 24" for all gear to fit into. Three boat options have a capacity of 6-8, 10-12 and 18-20. Our final count will determine the boat size we get. See <http://www.bsaseabase.org/adventure/bahamats.html> for more information.

Trip costs are expected to be about \$1,600 with the airfare, gear costs \$100 - \$200, souvenir and spending money about \$100 - \$150.



Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch is located in northeastern New Mexico near Cimarron. We will be submitting our troop into the lottery in the next

couple of weeks. This trip is the epitome of hiking adventures and as such is highly requested by troops across the nation. Therefore a lottery system has been set up for troops planning to attend. The timeline is late July/early August of 2009. There is a rigorous preparation that all attendees must go through prior to going to Philmont. Gear for this adventure includes a backpack, light weight but warm sleeping bag and mat and hiking boots with a shank. There are specific weight requirements for this outing as well. Group size cannot exceed 7-12.

See www.scouting.org/philmont/index.html for more information.

Trip costs are expected to be about \$1,300 with the airfare, gear costs \$500 - \$1,000, souvenir and spending money about \$100 - \$150.

Tomahawk Highlights

Ms. Tunseth
Second in Command

Twenty-five enthusiastic Scouts...BIG breakfasts at Swedish Village (cheeseburger for breakfast??) ...from shorts and sandals and 90 degrees on Saturday to hoodies and fleeces on Monday...rain, rain, go away....Karl, Mike, Dan, Ryan, and Mr. Suiter called out for OA...the Kraken (you must die!)...wood tick or deer tick?...the mast on the big boat snapped in a storm...the teeter-totter of death...sunrises on Lake Nielsen...sunset on Long Lake...capsizing canoes in chilly water...the frog-eating duck and chicken at Eco...Brownsea...rain, rain, go away...Cheeseburgers in Paradise...Waffles, Muffin, Gator, and other great counselors... leatherwork lacing...the dining fly collapsing under the weight of water from the torrential rain...Transformers...Tomawiches... Scoutsicles in Swimming Merit Badge...14" Bass (Mitchell!)...our dedicated water polo team (one victory, one close loss, lots of practice, scouting and strategizing)...setting up the rainfly near the Scout tents several times after repeated rains took it down...16 hardy Scouts took a LONG hike to the Fire tower, up and down the tower, to Foxfire and back...carrying the log benches from the campfire ring to Scoutcraft for the new teepee...lots of service hours digging postholes for the new benches in the campfire ring...rain, rain, go away... Frogman... Dime Club...puddles in tent corners...sailing the Aquafins and Sunfish (trying to keep them upright)...capturing counselors in the Wednesday

games...strange little bugs that looked like flying cotton...ChocoTacos... KoolAid concoctions... camping at Foxfire in Tomahawk tents or on cots under the stars...Braden, Nick, Collin, Wes, Andrew, Karl, Jake bouldering at Taylor's Falls (with Bobby, Tim, and a lot of caffeine!)...white neckerchiefs turning into plaid...how many ways can you NOT say "announcements"?...Wes completed the Mile Swim (3rd year in a row!)...SPL with a black eye from a wild frisbee...Braden, Nick and Collin did the Flying Squirrel and other scary fun on the High Cope Course... Foxfire tomahawk throwing...Polar Bear...Counselor Ben as a cow drinking random beverages from random tables...creative skits at Court of Honor (the news channel, how to build a fire, the coconut & pssting)... Court of Honor Cobbler... much-anticipated blizzards and fries at the Barron

Dairy Queen...Stay on the Sunny Side until our next Tomahawk adventure!

Tomahawk

Mark S.
Troop Historian

Tomahawk was a good outing. I had fun climbing the Fire Tower, there was 135 to 145 steps. When we got to the top we saw lots of trees and lakes. When we climbed back down it was hard not to look down. I did the canoeing merit badge and recommend it to others. Wesley and I made good partners. My favorite food was chicken sandwiches. But what I thought made it more fun when we were at Dairy Queen in the parking lot, when People were singing "Ode to Joy" by meowing!!! I thought it was pretty funny.



Picture of group on Saturday morning. Who was it that fell off the log?

Tomahawk Awards

Daniel A.

Segments: Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Camping, Disabilities Awareness, First Aid, Genealogy, Mammals,

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Davis A.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Leatherwork, Disabilities Awareness

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot, 2nd Class

Michael B.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Environmental Science, First Aid,

Swimming, Wood Carving

Rank Advancement:

Special Awards: God & Church Religious

Josh B.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Foxfire

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Nick B.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire, Cope, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Climbing, Communications, Hiking, Small Boat Sailing, Orienteering

Collin E.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire, Cope, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Pioneering, Hiking, Small Boat Sailing, Orienteering

Grant E.

Merit Badges: Communications,

Tristan H.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Leatherwork,

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Wesley K.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Canoeing, First Aid,

Special Awards: God & Church Religious, Mile Swim - 3rd year

Andrew K.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire,

Merit Badges: Camping, First Aid, Mammals, Rifle Shooting,

Michael L.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, OA, Fire

Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Communications, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Mammals,

Rank Advancement: Life

Special Awards: God & Church Religious, Order of the Arrow

Jake M.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Orienteering, Small Boat Sailing

Isaac M.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Canoeing, Climbing, Fish & Wildlife Management,

Special Awards: God & Church Religious

Ryan P.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Animal Science, Camping, Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management,

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Adam R.

Segments: Tree, Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Animal Science, Orienteering,

David S.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Archery, First Aid, Mammals,

Rank Advancement: Star

John S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Fish, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains

Merit Badges: Basketry, Rifle Shooting, Small Boat Sailing,

Pat S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Leatherwork,

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot, Second Class

Eric S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Leatherwork,

Rank Advancement: Scout, Tenderfoot,

Mitchell S.

Segments: Compass, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear

Merit Badges: Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Mammals

Mark S.

Segments: Tree, Compass, Fish, Footprint, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Canoeing, Environmental Science, First Aid,

Thomas S.

Segments: Clapsed Hands, Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire

Merit Badges: Archery, Climbing, Leatherwork

Brandon T.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire, Cope, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Canoeing, Small Boat Sailing, Orienteering

Kyle U.

Segments: Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower, Foxfire, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Camping, First Aid

Karl V.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Camping, Family Life, Fish & Wildlife Management, Hiking, Small Boat Sailing,

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Andrew W.

Segments: Compass, Target, Friday Games, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Animal Science, Leatherwork

Rank Advancement: 1st Class

Biking Merit Badge

Mr. Schaezner

Biking Merit Badge Counselor

The biking merit badge culminated with a 50-mile ride on Saturday August 4, 2007.

To prepare for the 50-mile ride the boys each needed to complete two 10-mile rides, two 15-mile rides and two 25-mile rides. In addition to the boys, there were several adults who dusted off those old 10 speeds and hit the roads.

During the rides we explored Eagan and the surrounding areas. Boys commented that many of the bike rides had been on the same trails as the hiking Merit Badge trails including the Great River bike trail. The 25-mile rides took us to Harriet Island in down town St Paul and the cornfields of Farmington.

The 50-mile ride started off with the chance of rain. At the beginning of the ride there was light rain. But the boys with a song in their heart and the wind at their back covered the first 10 miles in less than an hour. We were at the Welch rest stop that was hosted by the Chicos, we had fruit granola and ice cold water. By the time we were refreshed and ready to ride the rain turned from sprinkles to a light steady rain. Again the boys (Davis, Daniel, Jake and Mitch) all rode with determination and within an hour we were in Cannon Falls (20 miles into the trip). We

started on our loop in Cannon falls and the rain picked up, luckily we made it to the Dairy Inn before the rain really started to fall.

The adults and boys stepped up to the counter and ordered their lunch. After lunch and a few more miles in Cannon Falls and then back on the bike trail heading for Welch. The lunch weighed on the boys but we were headed down hill so we made good time. Arriving at the rest stop for the final break before the home stretch. In just over an hour we were back at the cars loading the bikes in the pouring rain. Not only did the boys complete the 50 mile ride but they did it in the rain. They learned that they were going to be cold and wet – whether they were happy or miserable was entirely up to them. I believe that they all chose wisely to be happy and consider the ride to be an adventure.



In closing I would like to thank all of the parents that helped out on the rides. I would especially like to thank the Chicos for hosting the rest stop at Welch. And finally many thanks to Tim Risely who was there for the majority of the rides.

TROOP 510 BUSINESS

TROOP AT A GLANCE

PLC Notes

Mark S.
Temporary Troop Scribe

Tuesday 7th: The x-men have opening and closing, New scouts will be doing day/night directions, Experienced scouts will do general safety, The merit badge auto mechanics will start to day.

Tuesday 14th: Highway cleanup starts at 6:00

Saturday 18th: Shotgun shooting for people who did scouting for food and will be all day.

Tuesday 21st: Family picnic at Mitchell's house.

Friday – Sunday 24th-26th: Fort Ridgley

Tuesday 28th: PLC for September. All patrols need to have a representative in attendance.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Tomahawk was once again a great success. Thanks to all the leaders and parents who volunteered their time at camp. We had a large turn out for the Court of Honor. The boys were proud of their achievements (and there were many!).

Due to Tomahawk, there was not a committee meeting in July. The troop will be hosting the annual family picnic this month. Please plan on attending. It's always fun and of course, lots of food.

August is the last month for scouts to wear their Class B uniform to meetings. Please make sure your son arrives in uniform.

Make sure to check your e-mail as this is the most effective form of communication for our troop. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call me at home.

As a reminder, there is a parent meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 7PM. They usually last 15-20 minutes, depending on what is going on that month. This is an excellent time to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have. It's the best way of finding out what is going on in the Troop. Please try to attend. Have a safe rest of the summer and enjoy!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

5	Shopping for campout	2:00PM
6-11	High Adventure – Jay Cooke & St.Croix	7:00PM
7	Troop meeting	7:00PM
14	Highway cleanup	6:00PM
21	Family Picnic	6:00PM
23	Shopping for Campout	7:00PM
24-26	Fort Ridgley Campout	5:00PM
28	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

September

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
27	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
28-30	Fall Camporee – Phillipo	5:00PM

October

1	Troop Meetings	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
25	Shopping for Good Medicine	7:00PM
26-28	Good Medicine campout/fall COH	5:00PM
30	PLC/Halloween Party	6:15PM

November

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
9-11	Polaris Lodge campout	5:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
27	PLC Meeting	7:00PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

August 6 – 11 High Adventure – Jay Cooke and St. Croix State Park

August 14 Highway cleanup

August 24-26 Campout at Fort Ridgley

August 21 Family Picnic

September 28-30 Camporee at Phillipo

October 26-28 Good Medicine Lodge

November 9-11 Polaris Lodge - Fairmont