



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Scouts, for hiking you have to use a map scale to measure distance between points.

Now I'm thinking of another kind of measuring. I get the feeling that we don't realize how often we measure ourselves, day after day.

When you look at a heavy package and say, "That's too heavy for me to lift," what are you measuring? The size of the package - perhaps. But even more you're measuring yourself. You are not big enough to handle this package - or perhaps you just think you aren't.

It may be your homework. We say, "It's too much," when we really mean, "I'm not enthusiastic enough about that much work".

You see, in cases like that we're talking about ourselves, really, rather than the amount of our homework.

Our big idea - all over America - is "Be of service." Some may say, "Oh, it's too much bother," but others will prove that they are big enough to measure up to this idea.

When we look at a job we take our own measure.

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.

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Family Picnic

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Each summer we hold our family picnic. It is a time for scouts to join their parents and siblings in an evening of eating and socializing. Each family is asked to bring something to grill, beverages of their choice (scouting approved beverages) chairs and a dish to pass. We have traditionally hold our picnic on the third Tuesday of August which is our normal parent meeting night. This year that evening is August 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have graciously agreed to host this gathering again this year. The entire family is invited for the evening and the event will be held rain or shine. Invitations will be sent out, please watch for them.



Thank You!

Mr. Suiter
Assistant Scoutmaster

I just want to thank everyone who worked hard cleaning up after the 4th of July parade and the Eagan Community Center grounds. Supporting the Lions Club, our charter organization partner, is important for our Troop. Giving the Scouts an opportunity to earn their Scouting expenses and get a sample of what a job will be like, is also important for the maturity of our Scouts.

Tomahawk Highlights

Mr. Mensink
Assistant Scoutmaster

We arrived at camp around 12:30 on Saturday the 12th after a stop at the Swedish Village for brunch. Dan A. met us with a smile at Cheyenne campsite after spending several weeks in camp as a Counselor in Training (CIT). The boys all pitched in to unload the trailer and vehicles of our personal and troop gear and then we started setting up our tents for the week ahead. The rest of the afternoon included an orientation session at the dining hall, a check-in with the health officer and completion of the swim tests for those who had not yet taken one. After dinner there was an orientation session at the beach, Wesley attended a meeting of the Senior Patrol Leaders and Mr. Lenagh attended a Scoutmaster meeting to sign up the troop for activities during the week.

Sunday morning's breakfast was supposed to be French toast sticks, but I think it may have been Biscotti toast with syrup instead, as they were a little hard. Some of the boys attended morning service, others attended 5:00 Mass. After morning service, many of boys gathered at the parade field behind the dining hall to sign up for activities such as volleyball, water polo, frogman, etc. After lunch many started a merit badge session. The Cobra's patrol, Mr. Kucera, and I attended the first session of Brownsea. This program teaches some of the basic skills of scouting and helps get the newer scouts off to a running start in rank advancement toward Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Choosing the afternoon session of Brownsea for the second year in a row yielded the same advantage as the first year, which was a nearly 1:1 ratio of counselors and adult leaders to scout ratio. The morning session had about 40 (or more) boys for the same number of counselors.

Sunday evening included a campfire with the rest of the Chippewa camp were the camp staff provided entertainment with many skits followed by the Order of the Arrow (OA) ceremony where Mitchell and



Wesley were called out to join OA after having been elected by their peers at a troop meeting in February.

Monday morning started off with breakfast and many of the boys had a 9:00 merit badge session. The rest, including the Cobras and several of the older scouts were driven by Mr. Lenagh to a BMX bike course where they rode BMX bike. The boys had a great time, a few got some "good air" and we witnessed several wipe-outs with only minor injuries. This activity is bound to be a popular one in future years as the course and camp equipment improves. After BMX bike we headed back for camp and Mr. Kucera and I escorted the Cobra's patrol and several others to the beach for Frogman. This days Frogman session included a game of water polo using a bowling ball. Fun to watch, probably difficult to play! After lunch the afternoon Brownsea session included fire building. We cut out early to attend the troop shoot at the rifle range. Monday evening the troop had their first water polo game and managed to pull one out in an exciting overtime match.

Tuesday and Wednesday followed a similar pattern as Monday. Merit badge sessions / Brownsea at 9:00 and 2:00 for two-hour periods, Frogman at 11:00 and Feathers (bird study) at 4:00. Tuesday evening the water polo team came up on the short end with a close overtime defeat but the volleyball team prevailed with a victory. The boys of the troop participated in multiple other activities during the week as well including two sessions of big boat sailing, mountain biking, troop archery shoots, shot gun shooting, the climbing tower, etc. Wednesday's highlight was Dan, David, and Kyle finishing 3-5 in

“King of the Tower”. Davis, Michael B, and Isaac also got their workout as they swam about 600 yards back to the beach after the big sail boat got “stuck” due to a change of wind direction.

On Thursday the Cobra’s patrol all worked on completing rank requirements and attended the day’s session of Frogman. After lunch our Brownsea session included a 2.5 mile hike to Foxfire along with Mr. Kucera and Mr. Hultquist with a climb of the 140 foot fire tower. The deer flies were thick and hungry but we battled our way through them to reach the outpost. We had a good time throwing tomahawks and participating in the other activities of this historical area which was modeled after an 1840’s Wisconsin settlement. After dinner at Foxfire we quickened our pace for the 2.5 mile hike back to camp and a good night’s sleep.

Friday brought the chance to continue working on rank requirements and completion of unfinished merit badges. The afternoon brought the opportunity for the boys to participate in camp-wide games and a chance for many of the leaders to get a nice break. Friday evening’s Court of Honor was a great cap to the week as parents arrived and achievement recognition was carried out. During rank advancement awards we had at least one scout recognized at every rank.



On Saturday several of the boys came close to being awake even before Mr. Lenagh as they roused early and started to tear down camp for the trip back home. Dairy Queen worked out to be a nice break point in our journey back to Eagan. Saturday afternoon was a great chance for me to catch up on rest as I am sure it was for many scouts as well.

Tomahawk Photo Album

Tomahawk is a special time each year. It is a week of camaraderie, challenges and success. This is the one week that scouts can really make a quantum leap in their rank advancement earning both merit badges and service hours. With that in mind, we celebrate the week with a small collection of photographs.

The following photos were contributed by several parents at the Court of Honor and prior to leaving for Tomahawk.



Troop 510 ready to go to Tomahawk on Saturday, July 12, 2008



The Leaders Skit with an anagram listing the activities at camp for the week



Mr. Loher was given a special award by parents that attended the Gooseberry Falls campout



Scouts receiving awards at the Court of Honor on Friday evening



The Badger Patrol with props for their skit - a hand carved canoe and a hand made Native American headdress.



Home at last – Saturday, July 19, 2008

Tomahawk Awards

Nimay A.

Segments: Brownsea, Feathers, Fire Tower, Fish, Footprint, Friday Games, Polar Bear,
Merit Badges: Leatherwork

Daniel A.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Architecture, Archery, Climbing, Fish & Management, Management, Soil & Water Conservation
Special Awards: World Conservation Award

Davis A.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Architecture, Environmental Science Family Life, First Aid, Mammals

Michael B.

Segments: Fish, Footprint, Friday Games, Sailboat
Merit Badges: Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival
Rank Advancement: Star

Josh B.

Segments: Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear,
Merit Badges: Canoeing, First Aid, Wood Carving

Nick B.

Segments: Target, Friday, Games, Polar Bear, Disk Golf, COPE
Merit Badges: Leatherwork, Mammals

Jake C.

Segments: Tree, Target, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Cycling, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Small Boat Sailing,
Rank Advancement: Life

Collin E.

Segments: Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, COPE,
Merit Badges: Archery, Bird Study, Personal Fitness, Traffic Safety

Noah H.

Segments: Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Leatherwork
Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Cole H.

Segments: Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Leatherwork

Lyle Johnson

Segments: Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers Friday Games, Polar Bear,
Merit Badges: Leatherwork
Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Wesley K.

Segments: Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, COPE
Merit Badges: Camping, Soil & Water Conservation, Traffic Safety, Wilderness Survival
Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Andrew K.

Segments: Compass, Target, Friday Games, Sailboat, Fire Tower, COPE
Merit Badges: Archery, Cycling, Fish & Wildlife Management, Wood carving

Kevin K.

Segments: Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower,
Merit Badges: Art, Leatherwork,
Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Michael L.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, OA, Fire Tower, Foxfire, COPE
Merit Badges: Climbing, Emergency Preparedness, Fish & Wildlife Management, Personal Management
Special Awards: COPE, World Conservation Award

Jake M.

Segments: Target, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Orienteering, Small Boat Sailing
Rank Advancement: Life
Special Awards: World Conservation Award

Isaac M.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Target, Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear, Chaplains,
Merit Badges: Auto Mechanics, Communications, Forestry, Plant Science, Traffic Safety, Soil & Water Conservation
Special Awards: World Conservation Award

Ryan P.

Segments: Tree, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear,
Merit Badges: Forestry, Swimming, Wood Carving
Rank Advancement: Star

John S.

Merit Badges: Communications, Family Life, Personal Management

David S.

Segments: Friday Games, Polar Bear, Disc Golf, COPE
Merit Badges: Camping, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Fitness, Soil & Water Conservation
Rank Advancement: Life

Pat S.

Segments: Tree, Target, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Environmental Science, First Aid, Soil & Water Conservation
Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot, Second Class

Eric S.

Segments: Target, Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear
Merit Badges: Canoeing, Traffic Safety, Wood Carving
Rank Advancement: First Class

Mitchell S.

Segments: Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear
Merit Badges: Cycling, Environmental Science, Fishing, Small Boat Sailing
Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Mark S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Polar Bear, Fire Tower,
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Architecture, Camping, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Fitness, Traffic Safety
Rank Advancement: Life

Thomas S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Target, Friday Games, Sailboat, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Disc Golf, COPE
Merit Badges: Bird Study, Plant Science

Brandon T.

Rank Advancements: Eagle

Kyle U.

Segments: Tree, Target, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Archery, Music

Karl V.

Segments: Tree, Target, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Archery, Animal Science, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science,
Special Awards: World Conservation Award
Rank Advancement: Life

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Mitchell S.
Temporary Troop Scribe

Friday–Monday 1st – 4th: Madeline Island campout. Meet at the church at 11:00 am – depart at 12:00

Tuesday 5th: Scorpion Patrol has set up and clean up. Working on First Aid, finding directions and night.

Wednesday–Sunday 7th – 11th: Adventure Boundary Waters trip. Meet at the church at 8:30 am.

Tuesday 12th: Highway cleanup meet at the church at 6:00 pm.

Monday–Monday 18th–25th: Adventure Seabase trip.

Tuesday 19th: Family picnic at Stafford's at 6:00 pm.

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

Highway Cleanup

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor



Tuesday, August 12th is the date for highway cleanup. We will meet at the church at 6:00. Please dress for the weather but you must wear shoes – no sandals, a water bottle, hat and gloves are highly recommended. The city provided blaze orange vests. This is a great way for boys to earn service hours when working toward rank advancement.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

The Fourth of July Funfest was a success. The organizers of the Funfest were very complimentary with how our troop kept the grounds clean. Thanks to all who helped with this event. Our booth did well with the Duck Pond and selling Pepsi products. I would like to thank the restaurants who donated ice for our booth: Al Baker's, Old Chicago, Granite City Brewery and Restaurant and Jake's Grill. They were very generous with their time and filling twelve large coolers.

We are still in need of someone to fill the newsletter editor position. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer 3 to 5 hours per month to help our troop. I need a parent to take over this position by the end of August. Parents, please remember this is a boys' led troop. It is the boys' responsibility to sign up for activities and let leaders know they are unable to attend. If there are questions about merit badges or Scout related topics, the boys should be the ones to contact the leaders or merit badge counselors. Parents will be told that their boys need to be asking questions or making the phone calls. This helps the boys learn the necessary skills used for their Eagle Scout Project and life in general. Please respect the wishes of the troop and have your sons ask.

Our troop family picnic is Tuesday, August 19th. A separate invitation will be emailed to all families. Please mark the date on your calendar. This is always a fun event and a great way to get to know families.

BREAKING NEWS!!

New Newsletter Editor

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

The Troop 510 newsletter is glad to announce we have a new newsletter editor. Lori Kimball will be taking on the duties as of the September issue. Please welcome Lori next time you see her. I know she will do a great job. She is eager to get started and ready to take on the task.



I would like to thank everyone for your patience with my editorial comments and errors during my time as editor.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

1-4	Madeline Island campout	11:00AM
5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
6	Shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
7-11	Boundary Waters campout	8:30AM
12	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
18-25	Florida Seabase trip	TBD
19	Family Picnic	6:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM

September

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
19-25	OA Conclave	
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
25	Shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
27-29	Fall Camporee	TBD
30	PLC	6:15PM

October

7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
14	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
24-26	Good Medicine – Fred C. Anderson	TBD
28	PLC	6:15PM

November

4	Troop meeting	7:00 PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
21-23	Fireside Lodge – Twin Valley Council	TBD
25	PLC	6:15 PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

August 1-4	Madeline Island
August 7 – 11	Boundary Waters high adventure
August 12	Highway cleanup
August 18 – 25	Florida Seabase high adventure
August 19	Family Picnic
September 19-21	Fall OA Conclave
September 27-29	Fall Camporee – Cannon Falls
October 24-26	Good Medicine Lodge – Fred C.