



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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Scouts, if you're like most boys, you don't think of your parents very often. Oh, they're around all the time, of course, and sometimes they make you do things you don't want to do.

But how often do you think of what your parents want from you? Probably not very often. Maybe you give them gifts at Christmas and their birthdays. But most of us don't go out of our way to help our parents as much as we might.

I have a suggestion. Do you know what is the best gift you can give them? I'll tell you. Parents want most of all, and have a right to expect, that you will do your best to make them proud of you. I don't mean by becoming rich or famous, or even by getting all A's in school - although I hope you do your best at your studies.

The best gift you can give them is to become the best person you can be. There is no better way to do that than by living up to the Scout Oath and Law. That is a gift you can give them right now and all the time, and it is a gift they will cherish above all others.

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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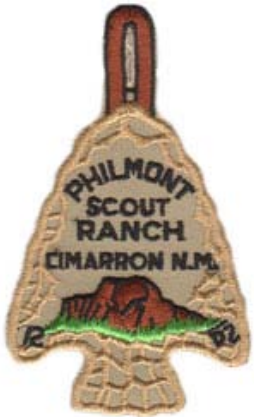
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Family Picnic

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**. This year it will be held **August 25th**. 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.

Philmont Crew Takes Scout Motto “BE PREPARED” to Heart



As most of you read this article, Troop 510's 2009 Philmont crew will be already on their way to Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. Six Scouts and three leaders make up our Philmont crew. For those not that familiar with Philmont, Philmont is scouting's premier high adventure base, comprising over 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness in the Sangre De Cristo

mountain range in the Southern Rockies. The crew chose a very challenging itinerary that will take us over 80 miles in 10 days, starting from the southern most part of the reservation to the northern most part. The crew will be climbing to the summit of Philmont's highest mountain – Mt. Baldy, which has an elevation of 12,400 feet above sea level. Program features at many of the Philmont staffed camps combine the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, blacksmithing, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with other exciting challenges —rock climbing, burro racing, black powder and rifle shooting, rope and challenge events, lumberjack events and more.

Much preparation and training went into getting ready for this trip. The crew will be backpacking the 80+ mile trek over high elevations ranging from 7,000 feet to 12,000+ feet above sea level carrying 40 to 50 pound backpacks. Preparation began in November 2008 with our first 10 mile hike carrying 20 pound packs. The 10 mile hikes became a monthly routine. With each monthly hike, the weight of the backpacks increased. Once the month of May arrived, the monthly hikes turned into weekly hikes! During our last 10 mile hike in July, one week before our departure, each crew member was able to carry a 50 pound pack! (With relative ease, I might add!)

In addition to the monthly and weekly hikes, the crew went on two weekend shakedown. The weekend shakedown were meant to simulate an actual backpacking trip. The crew went to Afton State Park for our first shakedown over Memorial Day weekend, carrying both personal gear, crew gear, and all our food (dehydrated) on our backs. Meals were cooked over small backpacker stoves just as we would be doing in Philmont. Each morning of our shakedown, the boys broke camp, packing tents and personal gear into their backpacks. The crew camped for 3 nights and hiked a total of 25 miles that weekend over quite hilly terrain! The second shakedown took place in June at Blue Mounds State Park where the crew backpacked a total of 20 miles that weekend. Since our training program began last November, each crew member logged an average of approximately 190 miles! All combined, the crew has backpacked a total of 1,700+ miles in preparation for the trip! The crew appears ready and excited for their backpacking adventure to New Mexico. A strong camaraderie has developed among the group through the time spent together on our hikes and shakedown, not to mention good team work! The scouts have enjoyed sharing stories and getting to know one another through their trail conversations. It is not uncommon to hear the group singing songs as they are hiking along the trail. The many hours and miles of preparation have well prepared each crew member for the challenging and fun adventure that lies ahead. Each member has taken the scout motto “Be Prepared” to heart to prepare for the Philmont trek. We're off and ready!

Part of the Troop 510 Philmont Crew!



Troop 510 ready to go to Tomahawk on Saturday, July 11, 2009



Raven's Roost

by Mr. Kucera and Mr. Mensink

During their week at Tomahawk, Tenderfoot Scouts Alex Hanson and Ryan Codner hiked in the Brownsea program from the Troop 510 campsite at Tomahawk to the Raven's Roost site and back. The hike was a 5-mile round trip for the young scouts. While at Raven's Roost, they had an opportunity to fire arrows through slits in a medieval wooden wall, toss hatchets towards a wooden block, and forge iron in a blacksmith shop. And to eat dinner and other activities. The area is built to mimic a 1000 - 1200 AD Scandinavian village. To those scouts that made a similar hike to Foxfire in years past, this is a new site with a slightly different model. It is set 500 years earlier than Foxfire that the new Tomahawk drive road displaced, but many of the games and activities are very similar. You do NOT need to be in Brownsea to hike there, so anyone at Tomahawk can do the Raven's Roost hike next year.

Eagle Court of Honor

Nick Boon obtained his **Eagle Rank**. His Eagle Court of Honor will be on **Saturday, August 22 2009, at 7:00 pm** in the Social Hall at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. The church is at 4030 Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you all there.

2009 Tomahawk Awards

Davis A.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Footprint, Target, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Camping, Wood Carving, Basketry

Josh B.

Segments: Fish, Target, Wednesday Games, Sailboat,

Merit Badges: Swimming, Rowing

Jake C.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Wednesday Games, Sailboat, COPE

Ryan C.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Tepee, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Raven's Roost

Merit Badges: Wood Carving

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Alex H.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Tepee, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Raven's Roost

Merit Badges: Wood Carving

Rank Advancement: Tenderfoot

Andy K.

Rank Advancement: Life

Kevin K.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Fish, Target, Wednesday Games, Chaplains,

Merit Badges: Wood Carving, Cycling, Fishing, Environmental Science, Orienteering

Michael L.

Merit Badges: Hiking

Jake M.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Fish, Wednesday Games, Sailboat, COPE

Merit Badges: Wood Carving, Basketry, Canoeing

Isaac M.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Tepee, Footprint, Target, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains, COPE, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Basketry, Geology

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

David S.

Segments: Compass, Fish, Footprint, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Raven's Roost, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Canoeing, Environmental Science, Nature

Special Awards: World Conservation

John S.

Merit Badges: Hiking

Eric S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Target, Tepee, Footprint, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Raven's Roost, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Camping, Soil & Conservation, Cycling, Environmental Science, First Aid

Rank Advancement: Star

Mitchell S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Target, Wednesday Games, Sailboat, High Adventure

Merit Badges: Wood Carving, Basketry

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Mark S.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Tepee, Footprint, Target, Polar Bear, Chaplains, High Adventure, COPE, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Weather, Swimming, Fish & Wildlife Management, Geology, Orienteering

Thomas S.

Segments: Tree, Footprint, Target, Wednesday Games, Polar Bear, Chaplains

Merit Badges: Animal Science, Geology, Nature

Special Awards: Order of the Arrow

Kyle U.

Segments: Compass, Footprint, Wednesday Games, Raven's Roost, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Climbing, Environmental Science

Karl V.

Segments: Clasped Hands, Target, Wednesday Games, Sailboat

Merit Badges: Personal Management, Wood Carving, Basketry

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

August 4th – Almighty Apes have opening and closing. New scouts have day and night direction. Plan Glacial Lake. Leadership has a lashings skill. Tomahawk thorns and roses.

August 11th – Penguins have opening and closing. Old Fogies have first aid skill. (Thorns and roses if not done.) Play some football.

August 18th – PLC

August 22nd – Possible rocket date - TBD

August 25th – Family Picnic at the Stafford's

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
6	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
7-11	Glacial Lake S.P.	5:00PM
11	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
18	PLC	6:15PM
22	Nick Boon Eagle COH	7:00PM
25	Family Picnic	6:00PM

September

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
18-20	OA Conclave	
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
24	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
25-27	Fall Camporee - Phillippo	5:00 PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

October

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Shopping for Good Medicine	7:00PM
23-25	Fred C. Anderson - Good Medicine	5:00PM
24	Court of Honor at Fred C. Anderson	5:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM
27	Halloween Party after PLC	7:00PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

August 2-18	Philmont
August 7-11	Glacial Lake State Park
September 18-20	OA Conclave
September 25-27	Fall Camporee – Phillippo
October 23-25	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine
November 20-22	Thurston Lodge at Rum River