



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Doctrines, credos, manifestos, laws, declarations, and codes of ethics. Ever since people have been able to communicate they have compiled words to live by. But the world is still troubled. Take these words: Honesty, Workmanship, Ambition, Faith, Education, Charity, Responsibility, and Courage. Chances are that four and half billion people won't agree to live their lives by them. But think how much better your life would be if just one person does. You!

"A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own."

That's what the handbook tells us about the fourth point of the Scout Law. What does it mean? For one thing it reminds us that we have a lot of brothers. Did you know that there are some 12 million Scouts in some 115 countries around the world? Scouting is a lot bigger than our troop, our local council, or even the Boy Scouts of America. It's a worldwide movement of brothers.

With the holidays coming upon us very quickly, we should all take a moment to review our relationships with our family, friends and our religion. This time of year is not just for giving and receiving gifts, but also a time to reflect on where we are and where we would like to be in a year or more from now.

For the holidays try and do a good turn for some one different (some one you have never done a good turn for).

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families.

Good Medicine Campout

Mr. Admundson
Assistant Scoutmaster

The annual Good Medicine / Court of Honor camping trip got off to a good start. The troop left from the church before it got dark, always a good sign. Along the way we discovered Mr. Hammer does not like "designer coffee". A significant amount of discussion of the "bridge" went on over the radios before arrival. On arrival the boys found rickshaws and moved all the gear to the cabin. After getting settled in, Cracker Barrel was held and the penny hockey competition started. Smako's were a great hit as well as the crackers, meat and cheese. Kyle Senst played Taps and lights were put out.

Saturday morning breakfast was pancakes and sausage along with cereal, juice, and milk. During the day the younger scouts worked on rank completing an orienteering course and making a "useful camp gadget". Other activities of the day were a First Aid Find, visits to the trading post, preparation for the court of honor and little time for having fun. A quick run to Eagan by Mr. Hammer saved lunch. Seems someone forgot to bring the hot dogs. Thank you Mr. Hammer. Chili Dogs leave much to be desired when the hot dog is missing.

Preparations for the Court of Honor were completed. The boys were filled with much anticipation for the meal. Turkey with all the fixin's, always popular. Three patrols competed for the table prize with the trophy going to the Ghostbusters. Many awards were given. The most notable were the two First Class badges that turned out to be Star badges. But the mistake was noted and soon corrected. Looks like you will have to earn them the hard way, boys. Mr. Hammer gave a rousing sum up of the past year, and yes he did take his shirt off. This was followed by Mr. Lenaugh's Soutmaster's minute. The troop and visitors went out to the fire where 2 flags were retired. It was an inspiring ceremony. Scout Vespers were sung and back inside for pie. A little clean up and lights out.

Sunday brought sprinkle doughnuts for breakfast. "That's My Favorite". Pushing rickshaws to carry the gear and policing the area were the major activities this morning. A quick and quiet trip back to Eagan brought this years Good Medicine trip to a close.

PLC Notes

Chris Larson
Troop Scribe

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3rd: Opening/Closing/Game = Flamingos; New and Experienced Scouts = Cub Scout Visit; Skill = Ghost Busters (if enough Cub Scouts show, all patrols do a skill)

10th: Opening/Closing/Game = Ghost Busters; New and Experienced Scouts = Finalize Holiday Party, Talk about = campouts (signing up for them), Talk about attendance to PLC; Skill =Basilisks (Pocket Knife Whittling); Skill Backup = Brady (Talk about his Eagle Project)

17th: PLC (6:15 - 7:00)

17th: Non-denominational Mid-Winter Celebration (Festivis)

Holidays and other assorted info:

7th: Chanukah ends at nightfall

9th: Popcorn Sale Final, Payments Due

24th: Christmas Eve

25th: Christmas

26th: Kwanzaa begins

31th: New Year's Eve, Kwanzaa ends

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

As I sat and thought for the end of the newspaper, I couldn't help but reuse last months closing story. So, here goes:

As we near the holiday season, it can be stressful and emotional for some people. If a Scout doesn't worry as much about what he will be getting for himself but instead does a "Good Turn Daily" it can go far to put a smile on someone's face.

One final question to ponder. Wasn't the impromptu singing of "I'm a Little Teapot" done by Troop 510 Scouts and Scouters at the Court of Honor the best you have ever heard?