



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

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Scoutmaster

If you asked most sane and temperate men and women throughout the world what they wanted most for the holidays, their first choice wouldn't come in a magnificent box with a fancy ribbon. They couldn't find it on a colorful page of a fat Christmas catalog. They wouldn't see it glistening out at them from a window of a smart boutique. Because it's the most precious and elusive gift of all, Peace on Earth.

Does everybody know what the word "hibernation" means? That's right, it means to sleep through the winter. Woodchucks do it. So do some chipmunks, ground squirrels, bats, and some mice. Bears do a lot of sleeping in the winter, too, but they're not true hibernators because they sometimes get up and yawn and look around a little on a warmish winter day.

Did you know that some Scouts are hibernators, too? They're what we call warm-weather Scouts. When the air gets cold and there is snow on the ground they'd rather stay at home than go outdoors as Scouts do.

I hope we don't have any hibernators in our troop. Leave hibernation to the animals who really need to do it because it's part of their life cycle. The most important part of the word "Scouting" is "outing" and in this troop we like to get outdoors rather than try to find our adventures in front of a TV set. Part of the fun of Scouting is learning to live comfortably outdoors all year round. You will find that there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that you can take care of yourself in any weather. That doesn't mean that we're nuts, though; if we get caught in a blizzard with sub-zero temperatures, we'll come home. But we know how to take care of ourselves in ordinary winter weather.

So Scouts can tell your parents that you'll get along just fine with the troop when we go out this winter. In January we are going to Ecobacken for snow tubing, how many of you can come for the day with the troop? In this troop, Scouting really is outing. Lets go camping !!

A Merry Christmas and Hanukkah to all of you and your families.

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

November

- 2 The Old Fogies have opening, closing, and a game. The new scouts will learn Safety Afloat. The rest of us will plan all of Polaris.
- 5-7 Polaris Lodge
- 9 The Chinchillas have opening, closing and a game. The new scouts will learn about different bandages and first aid techniques. The rest of us will discuss the good and the bad things of the last year. Mrs. Tunseth will discuss Reading Merit Badge.
- 16 The Enigma patrol has opening, closing, and a game. We will all plan the holiday party.
- 23 The Younglings have opening, closing, and a game. We will plan the New Scout visit.
- 30 PLC at 6:15

Reminder

- On campouts you can get a lot of requirements done toward your next rank.
- Everyone who has a leadership position NEEDS to be at the PLC's EVERY month or you will not receive credit for your troop position.

Polaris Lodge

Mr. Callinan
Assistant Scoutmaster

It was a successful weekend for the Scouts camping at Polaris Lodge at Cedar Point Scout Camp. Cedar Point Scout Camp is just south of Fairmont, Minnesota just north of the Iowa border.

After settling in on Friday night, we went outside to review finding our way at night without using a compass. It was a very clear night to see the stars including a few shooting stars that streaked by that night. Afterwards, we had a fire in the fireplace, held our cracker barrel and a few of the scouts played some games of Trouble.

We awoke to a chilly morning but it became an exceptionally beautiful day by the afternoon. After the flag ceremony, we cooked breakfast of French toast, bacon, fruit and yogurt. The day's activities included a Treasure Hunt, with the scouts following compasses to find the film canisters that were placed in the woods, cooking skills and lashings.

After our lunch of Mexican Pizzas we hiked to Iowa. This provided an opportunity to review hiking safety when walking on roads or highways.

For dinner the Scouts cooked spaghetti over the open fire outside. That night we had another fire in the fireplace and made smackers and roasted marshmallows.

On Sunday morning we had breakfast with donuts, the remaining fruit and yogurt from Saturday. We finished our clean-up of the cabin and drove back to Eagan.

It was a very enjoyable campout as the Scouts were able to practice their skills, pass some requirements for First Class and have fun.

Fundraisers

Ms Offerdahl
Troop Committee Chair

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