



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's 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 that 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.

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



Did You Know?

In Scandinavia, the Norse celebrated Yule from December 21, the winter solstice, through January. In recognition of the return of the sun, fathers and sons would bring home large logs, which they would set on fire. The people would feast until the log burned out, which could take as many as 12 days.

In Germany, people honored the pagan god Oden during the mid-winter holiday. Germans were terrified of Oden, as they believed he made nocturnal flights through the sky to observe his people, and then decide who would prosper or perish. Because of his presence, many people chose to stay inside.

Hanukkah, also called the Festival of Light is an eight-day Jewish holiday which is usually in December or late November. According to the Talmud, at the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem following the victory of the Maccabees over the Seleucid Empire, there was only enough consecrated olive oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days - which was the length of time it took to press, prepare and consecrate new oil.

December News

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Our troop refrains from a campout in December because there are so many activities that take place in our schools, communities and mostly our families during that the month, and this year is no exception. We have fewer meetings this month but need to get the same amount of work done in that time so we will need all Scouts on time and ready to work. Without further adieu, please make note of the events coming up in December and January.



Fundraiser Finale

All Scouts are asked to please bring your money for wreaths and popcorn sales to the December 12th meeting. We ask that you have gone through the money received and to make sure it is all there and that each check is signed and written to Troop 510. There will be a team of adults at the meeting to work with each scout double checking the balance of money brought in against the order forms. Also, remember to have separate checks/cash for wreath sales and popcorn sales.

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be Tuesday, December 12th, following a short troop meeting. If you have signed up for the Powder Ridge outing, we will discuss departure time and details, so listen up. Each Scout is asked to bring six treats to share. There will be a visit from Santa so you better be good!



Friends of Scouting

December begins our annual Friends of Scouting drive. There are many area companies that will contribute to this very worthy cause. Please check with your employer to see if the Boy Scouts are on their annual giving list. Parents, remember donations are tax deductible.



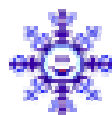
Powder Ridge

Scouts that signed up for the Powder Ridge event gather your hats, gloves and ski pants to be ready to head for Powder Ridge Ski Resort in Kimball. The date is, Saturday, December 16th. Sorry, the registration has already been submitted. No late enrollments can be taken. The costs for the day are; \$17 for a lift ticket, \$14 for ski rental and \$20 for snowboard rental. If you are interested in lessons for either downhill skiing or snowboarding the cost is \$3 and must be paid for at the time of the lesson. Time for departure will be discussed at the December 12th meeting. There's a lot to cover at this meeting so keep your voices off and your ears open.

January Campout



The next troop campout will be at Fred C. Anderson, on January 12th-15th. We will be in the two Adirondack cabins and have limited space for this campout so we will need to have our list of campers complete by the December 12th meeting. We will need four adults but only two of them need to be trained leaders. If there are any parents that would consider cabin camping, the next couple of months present a great opportunity for you. Please sign up to help out as we are always looking of adult leaders as well as drivers to our monthly events.



Snow Tubing

Our annual trek to Eko Baken is set for Saturday, January 20th. We have extended an invitation to 1st and 2nd year Webelos from our partner troops to join us. Please welcome them and include them in our fun. Remember they are looking for troops to join in the next year or two. Remember to the oath you take as a Scout. How they welcomed at events will have an impact on the choice they make. Information on departure time will be available at our January meetings. Unless there is a blizzard, this event will take place. Cold weather alone is not a reason to cancel. So dress for the conditions and come for the fun. Be sure and mark your calendar now.

TROOP 510 BUSINESS

PLC Notes

Isaac M.
Troop Scribe

Dec. 5 - The Old Fogies have opening and closing. New scouts will be working on rank. Experienced scouts will be planning the Cub Scout visit in January and planning the Adirondack trip in January. We will finish up the Communications and Hiking merit badges.

Dec. 12 - PLC @ 6:00. All patrols must be represented. The holiday party will be at 7:00. Everyone must bring 6 treats.

All wreath and popcorn money due.

Dec. 16 – Powder Ridge Ski Resort

NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 19 & 26

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

I hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving. Now that the holidays are in full force, take time to relax and enjoy the season. As Scouts and families of Scouts, we need to keep with the spirit of scouting: help others in need. Sometimes we focus too much on getting through Christmas and not taking the time to enjoy the season.

In the spirit of giving, I'm delighted to pass along good news. The Lion's Club has graciously and generously donated \$750 to our troop for the purchase of much needed tents.

As a reminder, if you bring your boys home early from a camping outing, they need to come to the church to pick up items to clean. It isn't fair to the other Scouts that have to take additional items home if some Scouts leave early. It is preferred that the boys stay for the entire camping trip and leave together. I understand that situations arise where they need to leave early, but they are still expected to help unpack the trailer and maintain camping supplies.

If you have any information pertaining to Scouts that needs to be relayed to all families, committee members and or leaders, make sure it goes through me first. If you are stepping down

from a Scouting position, leaving Scouts, have any ideas that benefit Scouts, interested in volunteering or sitting on the committee or becoming a leader, please go through me. This will help maintain an accurate and consistent flow of information.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!!



TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

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| 2 | Bell Ringing at Cub Foods | 12- 3:00 |
| 5 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 12 | Troop/Committee Meeting | 7:00PM |
| | Holiday party- fundraiser money due | |
| 14 | Roundtable- LDS Church | 7:00PM |
| 16 | Powderhorn Ski trip | TBD |
| 19 | NO MEETING | |
| 26 | NO MEETING | |

January

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| 2 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 9 | Troop/ Committee Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 11 | Troop shopping for campout – Cub | 7:00PM |
| 12-14 | Fred C. Anderson campout | |
| 16 | Troop/Parent Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 23 | PLC Meeting | 6:15PM |

February

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| 6 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 9-11 | Campout at Eagle Cave | 5:00PM |
| 13 | Troop/ Committee Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 20 | Troop/Parent Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 27 | PLC Meeting | 6:15PM |

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

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| January 12-14 | Fred C. Anderson - Adirondack |
| January 20 | Eko Baken |
| February 9-11 | Eagle Cave, Wisconsin |
| March 9-11 | Yukon |
| March 31 | Shooting at Phillipa Rifle Range |
| April TBD | |
| May 4-6 | Webelos Woods |
| May 19 | Climbing Tower at Phillipa |