



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

The Good Turn idea has been a tradition of the Boy Scouts of America for almost 98 years now, but it's been around a lot longer than that.

Let me tell you about a man who practiced the Good Turn hundreds of years ago. A man was traveling down a road when he was ambushed by thieves. They robbed him and almost beat him to death. As he lay there bleeding, several people passed by him. They didn't want to get involved. Then a man who believed in Good Turns happened along. Using his own clothing, he improvised bandages and poured wine on the man's wounds as an antiseptic.

Can you guess who the rescuer was? I'll give you a hint: the story is in the Bible. Yes, the rescuer was the Good Samaritan. He has been famous down through the ages because he cared enough to help a suffering person, and because he knew enough first aid to help.

In Scouting, you are learning to be a Good Samaritan, too - to care enough to help a person who needs it, and also to know what to do.

Let's all aim to be Good Samaritans as we go through life. That, after all, is part of what Scouting means - to help other people at all times. We can say the same thing in another way by again going to the Bible. It says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Also remember that money cannot buy everything, all of you recognize this and know that it will buy certain things. It can purchase a candy bar, a stamp, or a little time on a parking meter. Add more money and you can do bigger things. However, there are many things that money, no matter how much you have, cannot buy. Some of these include the love of your family, freedom friendships, and the great out-of-doors. People can't pay us for the Good Turns we do. Such payment would take away the good feeling that we have when we do things for others.

Christmas and Hanukkah are, for the most people, the most joyful holidays of the year. The holiday parties, the exchange of gifts, and the brilliant lights of the Christmas trees make a guy glad to be alive at this season.

Sometimes we forget that these holidays are really religious festivals. It's well to remember that the real holiday spirit is cast by the Star of Bethlehem and the Hanukkah candles, reminding us of the miracles in times past.

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

Warming House Campout

Mr. Suiter
Assistant Scoutmaster

A small group of Scouts arrived at the Warming House and unloaded in the dark. After setting up and having cracker-barrel they gathered around a campfire to roast marshmallows and make Smores before settling in for the night.



The Scouts chose egg soufflé for breakfast, which I admit I was skeptical about, but it turned out pretty good. Four Scouts worked on cooking for rank for the day and did a good job. With a little free time after breakfast they played cards, then they split into two groups, one worked on the Mechanics merit badge and the other worked on rank or helped others work on rank. For lunch we cooked burgers over a fire. Then the groups switched what they worked on in the afternoon. Thanks to Mr Mensink, all the boys worked for a couple of hours on the Mechanics merit badge, he showed them what tools are used to work on vehicles, many parts of a vehicle and what there purpose is. Hopefully the boys remember when they drive and get their own vehicle (I don't know about you but this is not something I want to think about).

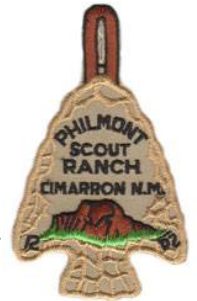
After they had free time to play cards and climb on the cargo net. Dinner was grilled steak and mash potatoes with apple cobbler for dessert. We decided after to burn off some of the dinner with a hike to Friendship Point, and see who could point out the North Star. Then the boys played tag in the dark. In the morning after breakfast and cleaning up, we all had a football game in the open field next to the warming house before heading home. We all agreed that we liked the warming house and would go back again.



Philmont Trip is a Go!

Mr. Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Our troop was chosen on the lottery for the 2009 Philmont high adventure trip. Our arrival date is August 6, 2009. Scouts must be 14 years of age to attend a high adventure trip. There is a sign up sheet at each meeting if you haven't yet signed up but are interested.



Philmont Scout Ranch is located in northeastern New Mexico near Cimarron. This trip is the epitome of hiking adventures and as such is highly requested by troops across the nation.

There is a rigorous preparation that all attendees must go through prior to going to Philmont. You must be able to carry a 35 to 50 pack over steep, rocky trails in elevations that range from 6,000 to 12,000 feet. We will schedule hiking outings in preparation for this adventure. There are also specific gear requirements for this adventure including a backpack, light weight but warm sleeping bag and mat and hiking boots with a shank. There are specific personal weight requirements for this outing as well. Group size cannot exceed 7-12. See www.scouting.org/philmont/index.html for more information.

Trip costs are expected to be about \$1,300 with the airfare, gear costs \$500 - \$1,000, souvenir and spending money about \$100 - \$150.

Troop 510 Business

TROOP AT A GLANCE

PLC Notes

Karl V.
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 4th – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. New scouts will work on cooking for rank. The experienced scouts will be involved in the Webelos visit and planning the Phillipop campout.

Tuesday 11th – PLC, all patrols need to be represented. Troop Christmas Party will follow PLC. Each scout needs to bring 6 treats to share.

Tuesday 18th, 24th, 31st - NO MEETINGS – Happy Holidays and have a great vacation!

Committee Notes

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Member

Remember to turn in all money collected from wreath and popcorn orders. They must be turned in separately. Our troop holiday party will be Tuesday, December 11th from 7:00 to 8:15. Please bring six treats to share. This will also be our last meeting until January due to the holidays. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th. Wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday season wherever you may be.

Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths
Parent/Committee Member

- All fundraiser money is due on the 11th. Wreath money to Mr. & Mrs. Mehring and popcorn money to Mr. Mensink.

- Fundraiser group has discussed type of fundraisers the troop will be involved in for upcoming high adventure trips. It was noted that door to door sales are not desirable. They will be working on store front sales that will take place in spring and summer.

- Updated rosters were handed out, contact Ms. Tunseth if you did not get one.

- Christmas party is set for December 11th following the PLC meeting. Each scout is to bring 6 treats to share.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	PLC/Troop Christmas Party	6:15PM
18	NO MEETING	

January

1	NO MEETING	
8	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
11-13	Fred C. campout	
15	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

February

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
14	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice campout	TBD
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM
28	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
29-2	Gebhearth Lodge campout	TBD

March

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	5:00PM
25	PLC	7:00PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

January 11-13	Fred C. Anderson – Adirondacks
February 15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice
Feb 29-Mar 2	Gebhearth Lodge, Camp Decorah La Crosse, WI
April 11-13	Igloo Lodge at Norseland
May 16-18	Bear Head State Park – Sudan Mines
June 20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park