



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Mr. Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Its February already, time to start planning for the March Court of Honor. Every patrol needs at least one skit or song. Also its time to finish the last requirements for your next merit badge or rank.

March also brings troop elections. As we elect a new Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), he will serve as the new ASPL for six (6) months before becoming Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) for six (6) months. The new ASPL must be at least first class rank and active in the troop. This is **not a popularity contest**. The scout elected into this position will have a huge influence on how and what the troop does for the next year. So choose carefully when voting.

Keep in mind that a leadership position is required for every rank above first class. Now is the time to talk to the new SPL for the leadership position you are interested in. The troop will also need at least four (4) troop guides to work with the new scouts that are crossing over this month. Don't forget that the packs are always looking for Den Chiefs. This is also a leadership position. If you are unsure of the responsibilities of any of these positions please see the SPL or myself.

It won't be long now before we'll be adding several new Scouts to this troop, the Webelos Scouts who will be graduating from Cub Scouting.

It goes without saying that I expect you Scouts to give them a warm welcome. How you treat them during their first couple of meetings and outings with us will determine whether they stay in the troop.

Remember that they are young kids. Some of you will look like giants to them and if they are a little timid, they are going to be a bit afraid of you. So I would like all of you and especially you older Scouts to go out of your way to help and meet the new scouts.

Let's all remember that and give a warm welcome when our new Scouts join.

Our Scout salute and handshake are ancient signs of bravery and respect. During the colonial period of our country, many men carried weapons for protection. Sometimes when they met one another, there was an uneasy moment as each man watched the others right hand. If it went to his sword or his gun, there might be a fight. But if it went to his hat, it was a salute of friendship and respect.

The left handshake comes to us from the Ashanti warriors whom Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, knew almost 100 years ago in West Africa. He saluted them with his right hand, but the Ashanti chiefs offered their left hands and said, "In our land only the bravest of the

brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection."

The Ashantis knew of Baden-Powell's bravery because they had fought against him and with him, and they were proud to offer the left hand of bravery.

When you use the Scout salute and handshake, remember that they are signs of respect and courage.

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

February

- 1 Old Fogies have opening, closing, and a game. We will plan Eagle Cave and the Court of Honor. New Scouts will update the sheets. Troop Guide side meeting. Trevor will have a skill about dressing warm. **Pack 104 Blue and Gold.**
- 5 Troop Swim Test at 3:00 pm @ Scott Highlands Middle School. Come and take your swim test for Tomahawk and have some fun with the Troop.
- 7 OA Elections for Troop 345 at Northview School – 7:00 pm.
- 8 Chinchillas have opening, closing, and a game. We will have OA Elections and plan a theme for Diamond Lake Lodge campout. Planning for the Court of Honor. New Scouts work on Scout Badge.
- 11-13 Eagle Cave Campout
- 15 Enigma have opening, closing, and a game. New Scouts will work on Scout Badge and Tenderfoot. Merit Badge make-up. Finishing Diamond Lake Lodge campout.
- 21 Pack 517 Blue and Gold at Christ Lutheran – 6:30 pm.
- 22 PLC @ 6:15 pm.

Snowhuskies at Tomahawk (22/23 Jan 05)

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Bright and early Saturday morning we all arrived at the church just like any other campout after an 8 ½ inch snow storm. Not quite, a few of us were not sure if the weekend was going to be cancelled because of the snow. Low and behold the main streets were plowed and we took off for Snowbase. About an hour later upon arriving at Baldwin, WI the McDonalds called for us to make a breakfast stop (almost real food).

Arriving at camp right on time (right Isaac?), we checked in with camp staff and started our adventure in the snow and cold of central WI. After an orientation with our guide (Big C), the next order of business was equipment check-out. Everyone received the needed stuff to stay warm outside all day. Next we packed the food we needed for the trail during the day. The boys picked chili for supper. With all of our gear packed in a large sled, we were ready for lunch in the main shelter, pizza pockets, and salad.

Out on the trail we played games including, guessing games, sled races, broom ball, cross country skiing, snow shoes with Frisbee golf, and outdoor cooking. It was sure nice to be out in the fresh snow, we were the first to make tracks in a lot of the areas we visited. Back in the cabin at around 7:00, we cleaned our pots from supper and settled down for cracker barrel, a movie (does any remember the movie?), and magic cards. Lights out at around 11:00, I wish it was quiet at 11:00, also.

Sunday morning started with a cold cabin, they ran out of propane. This meant a cold breakfast also. No one seemed to mind, cereal and granola bars, in unlimited quantities. Out on the trail the boys learned about building a fire in the snow and actually started one; and played another game (anyone remember the name of this game?). We also challenged another troop to a broom ball contest. We WON!! Our guide cooked lunch for us, mainly hot water for soup and hot chocolate.

Back at the cabin around noon, checked in all the borrowed equipment, cleaned our water bottles and checked out with staff. Loitered around the build until the trading post opened and Shawn was done working before we headed for home.

On the way home we tried to stop at the Dairy Queen in Baldwin. It is closed till February, so it was the gas station for our second choice. No one seemed to mine too much. Finally we arrived back at the church around 3:45 in the afternoon.

Eagle Cave Campout Heads-up

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Just a few reminders for those heading to the Eagle Cave campout:

- Bring a change of clothes to wear home in the vehicles. Muddy and dirty Scouts won't be allowed in vehicles.
- No mess kits are needed as meals are in the dining hall.
- It is cool in the cave but it can be cold outside. There are activities outside the cave during the weekend. Expect it to be damp in the cave. Bring appropriate clothing.
- Bring money for the trading post and for a food stop on the way home on Sunday.
- Have fun!

Troop Pancake Breakfast

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Reminder that the Troop will be holding a Pancake Breakfast at the Apple Valley American Legion on April 3rd.