



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom 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.

Most Scouts have probably learned that our troop neckerchief has many uses besides looking good and showing our troop's colors. You found that it can be used in first aid, too. Over the next few months, you'll find that the neckerchief has other uses, too.

There's one use, though, that you may not think of - and that's to remind you of the Scout Oath. The neckerchief is a triangle, and its' three corners should remind you of something you have learned - our Scout Oath.

The Oath, you remember, has three corners, too - duty to God and country, duty to others and duty to self. From now on, every time you put on your neckerchief, it should remind you of the things you pledge each time you repeat the Scout Oath.

PLC Notes

February 7 - The Ghostbusters patrol has opening, closing and a game. New Scouts work on Scout Badge. Finish planning Fort Rice campout. Work on Spring Court of Honor. Merit Badge is Radio Atomic Energy. OA Elections.

February 10/12 – Fort Rice campout.

February 14 – (Valentines Day) The Old Fogies patrol has opening, closing and a game. New Scouts work on Scout Badge. Plan the Spring Court of Honor. Merit Badge is Citizenship in the Community.

February 21 - The Twinkies have opening, closing and a game. Planning the Polaris Lodge campout. Merit Badge survey passed out.

February 28 – PLC - all patrols need to be represented at all PLCs. PLC starts at 6:15 p.m.

Kipling Shelter, Phillippo SR, January 20/22, 2006

Mr Schwarzbauer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Little did the scouts or leaders know as we drove to Phillippo Scout Camp that the focus of the weekend would be the tubing hill. On Friday night the Ranger informed us that we could use the tubing hill that evening and Saturday evening after 4:30 p.m. All we had to do was turn the lights on at the top of the hill and turn them off when we were done. All tubes were tied to a tree at the bottom of the hill. Each scout grabbed a tube and headed for the top. Mr. Lenagh found the switch and turned on the lights. The first night of tubing was awesome with scouts traveling about 100 yards. We tubed for about an hour before heading back to the shelter.

(The first Scout to say to Mr. Hammer at the Troop meeting, “My what a fine car you drive Mr. Hammer” will earn a shiny (huh?) \$1 bill.)

Saturday the scouts worked on advancements towards second and first class and had a great supper of pita pizza. After supper it was clean up and back to the tubing hill. During the day the Polar Cups had been using the tubing hill and now it was longer and faster than ever. The first scouts flew down the hill going about 50 yards further than the night before. Mr. Schwarzbauer challenged the scouts to a race to see who could go the furthest. Mr. Schwarzbauer with his extra weight was the winner. Saturday night another troop joined us on the hill and all had fun in challenge races. Around 9:30 p.m. the scouts grew tired and cold so the group headed back to the shelter. Everyone slept well Saturday night.

Breakfast, clean up and a quiet ride home ended a great weekend.

Eko Backen

Mr Suiter
Soon to be an Assistant Scoutmaster

On Saturday, January 14th, 4 adults, 10 Scouts and 1 Webelo went on the snow tubing trip to Eko Baken, near Scandia, MN. The day started with the temperature just above freezing, a lot different than last year, which was 10 below zero. I eventually had to peel off some clothing and one scout, whose name I won't mention, went tubing without his jacket. The Scouts tubed down the hill by themselves, in a chain or my favorite, in a “blob”. Thanks to Mr. Schaezner's pushing, you just needed to grab on to someone and hang on. With the exception of a lunch break, it was a solid 3 and a half hours of tubing. Everyone seemed to have a great time and a lot of fun. The trip ended at the church with a snow ball fight and looking forward to the next trip.

OA Chapter Meeting notes – January 12, 2006

Ms Lenagh
Committee

The Winter Event (Winter Banquet) will be held March 11th at the Earl Brown Center. Cost for the event will be \$28 if pre-registered by March 1st and \$35 after March 1st and at the door.

There will be a lock-in after the dinner at an area high school. The lock-in will probably end at 5:00 a.m. There will be bus transportation from the Earl Brown Center to the high school for those needing a ride.

More details will follow when they are available.

The end

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

I missed something for last month's newsletter since we didn't have a Troop meeting prior to February 8th. The Sunday preceding February 8th (the anniversary of BSA) which this year would have been February 5th is observed as "Scout Sunday". It is a day to wear your uniform to church and some churches have special parts of the service for Scouts. I forgot again this year to wear my uniform. However, there was one Boy Scout in my church who did remember.

From the Boy Scouts of America website:

BSA Celebrates 96 Years of Service

The Boy Scouts of America celebrates 96 years of service during Scouting Anniversary Week, February 5-11, 2006. In celebration, local Scouts across the nation will participate in special ceremonies and award presentations designed to highlight the service Scouts and Scouting volunteers provide in their communities.

"The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is the same today as it was 96 years ago," said Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams.

"So many things have changed in our world—Scouting has remained constant and true to its mission of serving youth and helping them learn to make better decisions throughout their lives," Williams said.

The Boy Scouts was founded in Great Britain in 1907 by British military hero Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Two years later, William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher traveling in London, became lost in a fog. A young boy helped him find his way. When Boyce thanked the boy for his aid and offered him a tip, the boy explained that it was his duty as a Scout to help others, and he declined the tip.

Impressed with the boy's actions, Boyce met with Baden-Powell and laid the groundwork to bring Scouting to the United States. With the help of Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and James E. West, the Boy Scouts of America was established on **February 8, 1910**.

Today, nearly 3 million youth enjoy the fun and excitement of Scouting. For more information about the Boy Scouts of America, please contact your local Boy Scout office.

Boy Scouts of America—Celebrating 96 Years of Serving Youth and Families

P.S. I have finally got the Troop 510 website current. This newsletter is even on-line right now!