



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's 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.

Next month at the Court of Honor, we're going to be celebrating the 45th anniversary of Troop 510. But Scouting is even older than that. It really began 100 years ago on a little island in England. British general named Robert Baden-Powell took 21 boys camping on this island and tested his ideas of Scouting for boys.

From that first camp, the idea grew into a worldwide movement. Baden-Powell was a remarkable man. You can read a little about him in your handbook. Baden-Powell wrote the first Scout Oath and Law and motto, "Be Prepared." He developed the idea for patrols within a troop, and he taught many of the outdoor skills we learn today.

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by William D. Boyce in 1910. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BSA will be celebrated at the 2010 Nation Jamboree. It will be held at Fort A.

# Adirondack Cabins

Mr. Chiccos  
Adult Leader

January 12-14: Twelve Scouts and four leaders met at the church for a weekend of winter camping fun. The weather was crisp and cold.

After a short drive the Scouts efficiently unloaded, had cracker barrel and went to bed...squeak, squeak, crunch...squeak, squeak, crunch.

Saturday our weekend got rolling or should we say rock and rolling. Music was the theme and as good Scouts we were prepared – guitars, drums, trumpets, trombone, buckets and yes a cowbell.

We had eggs-in-a-bag and biscuits for breakfast. The temperature was the coldest of the winter which gave us a lot of quality time. The boys worked on rank and helped the younger scouts.

Did someone say, “let there be music!” The boys enjoyed each other’s musical talents through out the day and night. *Little Drummer Boy*, *Smoke on the Water*, and *Rock and Roll Ain’t Noise Pollution* were a few of the recognizable tunes.

The afternoon began with a lunch of hot dogs cooked on the open fire in the cold, fresh air. Events included a fire building contest, a scavenger hunt, dance competition and of course, “battle of the bands”.

On a visit to the trading post we had a surprise when we found two familiar faces – Mr. and Mrs. Lenagh!



Another highlight of the weekend was watching the effects of our cooking on the carbon monoxide detector. Mr. Vieths, after a brief conversation with the park ranger, seized this

teachable moment and explained how the detectors work and why cooking created this phenomenon. Dinner was chili with Fritos and cheese and a delicious cobbler for dessert.

The boys finished their evening with a game of capture the flag. Check with your Scout to hear the rule changes necessary for the night version of ever popular, Scouting favorite game. Then it was again time for lights out. Squeak...squeak...crunch.

Sunday we had a nice worship service under the guidance of Mr. Loher. When we finish packing, cleaning and loading the trailer, it was time to begin our voyage back home. Mr. Vieths took us on a tour on the way home looking for wild turkeys but there were none to be found.

We had a great time and would like to thank everyone who helped make this weekend a success.

## Eko Baken 2007

Mr. Schaezner  
Assistant Scoutmaster

The troop 510 annual trip to Eko Baken was a smashing success. In addition to the 13 troop 510 scouts there were three Webelos and four leaders. The most experienced boys, those that had been tubing at Eko Baken last year, shared with the newer boys the tricks and traps of sliding down an ice covered hill in an inflated rubber bladder. In the end



there were no reported injuries (even the adults came home relatively unscathed). Some boys even asked about the tubing merit badge (We are looking for a counselor). The three Webelos fit right in and were an integral part of the walls, blobs and trains. The boys certainly learned the power of joining together to go faster and farther. At times getting back up the hill was as much an adventure as going down.

Lunch was hot dogs and pizza at the snack counter. In spite of the cold weather the boys were drinking pop with ice rather than hot chocolate with marshmallows.

By afternoon the crowds had picked up and soon other people were making blobs and trains. Without hesitation I can say that troop 510 consistently had the largest and best blobs. It is certainly great to see all of the boys joining in and working together without any issues.

At the end of the day the boys were all ready looking forward to going back next year. Of course we will be looking to including some new Webelos and also expand this experience to a wider group of adults.

## Eagle Cave Campout

Mr. Hammer  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Here is some information for the Eagle Cave campout coming up February 9 to 11.

Remember that ALL Scouts need to have a set of clean clothes (head to foot) for the ride back home. Scouts will get dirty on this campout so we need to have a clean set of clothes for the ride home.

It looks like the weather will be around 20 degrees during the day and close to zero for both nights. Bring warm clothing as you will be outside at times during the campout. The cave is about 50 to 55 degrees so make sure you have something warm to sleep in at night.

The bathrooms are outside the cave and a good walk from where you will be sleeping. As always, we will use the buddy system so plan your night trips to the bathroom as you'll have to take your buddy with you. There are lights in the cave and they stay on all day and night so don't worry about not being able to find your way in and out of the cave. You'll have to sleep with the lights on.

We will bring plastic to put under our gear and over it during the day. Sometimes it can be a little damp in the cave so we cover our gear during the day to keep it dry. I recommend a pad or more to sleep on. You will be sleeping on the ground and it can be cold. In some spots we sleep on a rocky surface so that can be a little lumpy.

But, bring a flashlight and some extra batteries. Cave exploring can be fun but it does get darker in spots so having a light can help.

We will most likely stop on the way down and way back. It is just under a four hour trip to the cave so we'll stop for a bathroom break. It won't be one to stock up on food. The management of the cave doesn't want food in the cave so if you bring a personal stash you'll have to leave it in the vehicles. We recommend leaving personal electronics in the vehicles too as there will be a lot of people exploring the caves during the day and nobody to watch your stuff.

Eagle Cave has a game room and snack bar. I don't have a clue on what the machines take for money but you are on your own to supply your own entertainment fund.

For those new to the cave, it is a lot of fun. There are a lot of places even Mr. Hammer can get into without any problem. Then there are a few I can't get into.

For parents I don't have a good time for when we will be back. In the past there have been three meal shifts and we won't know which one we will have for Sunday morning breakfast. I would expect we would leave about 9 or 10 am at the latest. So, add about four hours and you can see when we will get back. We will have a calling tree for this campout to notify you on our return.

## TROOP 510 BUSINESS

### PLC Notes

**February 2007** - Theme: Winter sports

**Sunday 4** - Scout Sunday

**Monday 5** - Pack 104 Blue and Gold Banquet

**Tuesday 6** - The Koolio patrol have opening, closing, and a game. The new Scouts will be starting the Scout badge, and the experienced Scouts will be planning the spring COH. We will also have a skill by the Koolio patrol.

**Friday – Sunday 9 - 11:** Eagle Cave campout

**Tuesday 13** - The Old Fogies have opening, closing and a game. new scouts are doing the scout badge, and we all will be having OA elections. **50% active troop must be here.** We will also be doing Citizen in the Nation merit badge.

**Monday 19-** Pack 517 Blue and Gold Banquet

**Tuesday 20-** The Miners have opening closing, and a game. New Scouts will be doing the Scout badge, and experienced Scouts will be planning the Yukon Cabin trip. We will also be doing the theatre merit badge.

**Tuesday 27-** PLC. All patrols must be represented

## Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

Before you know it spring will be here. Remember to mark March 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the Court of Honor. More details to follow.

At the last parent meeting concerns were voiced regarding behavior issues with some boys at campouts. The committee will be discussing how to address these problems and set up guidelines for infractions. Camping isn't fun when there is disruptive and disrespectful behavior. If you have any issues or comments on this, please call or email me.

There are new scouts joining our troop. Please take the time to meet the boys and their parents.

Please remind your son if he is unable to make the PLC meetings that they need to find a replacement. All positions need to be present at the meetings.

Remember that there are parent meetings every third Tuesday of each month. If you are unable to attend but have concerns you'd like to have addressed, please let me know.

## Scout Shop

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

For new Scout families and anyone needed Scout shirts, neckerchief slides, or any other Scouting equipment, the Scout Shop is located at 14250, Plymouth Avenue South, in Burnsville. Store hours change from time to time so it is best to call for store hours. Their phone number is: 952-892-0206.

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### February

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

#### March

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop shopping for campout - Cub	7:00PM
9-11	Yukon Cabin campout	
13	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Spring Court of Honor	7:00PM
27	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### April

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
28	Scouting for Food	TBD

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

**February 9-11** Eagle Cave, Wisconsin

**March 9-11** Yukon

**March 31** Shooting at Phillippo Rifle Range

**April TBD**

**May 4-6** Webelos Woods

**May 19** Climbing Tower at Phillippo

**June 1-3** Ripley Rendezvous