



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

It's February already, time to start planning for the March Court of Honor. Every patrol needs at least one skit or song. Also, it's time to finish up that last requirement on your merit badges or rank.

February also is the time for OA elections. Order of the Arrow (OA) is an honor camper society within Boy Scouts of America. It promotes cheerful service and fun. We will need at least one half of the troop present to hold elections on February 10. This is not a popularity contest.

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 you are expected as 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.

Ethics is about honesty and fairness and respect for others. Now I'll tell you a true story about a Scout who showed what those things mean. His name is Andrew J. Flosdorf, and in 1983 he was a 1st Class Scout in Troop 42 of Fonda, NY. Andy was in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, competing for the championship and a chance for a scholarship.

During a break in the competition, Andy went to the judges and told them that although they thought he had spelled "echolalia" correctly, he had mistakenly substituted an "e" for the first "a" in the word, which means a speech disorder. He said he discovered his error when he looked it up afterwards. By admitting the mistake, that the judges hadn't caught, Andy eliminated himself from the competition. The chief judge said, "We want to commend him for his utter honesty," and the crowd gave him an ovation. But Andy didn't tell them about his error to earn cheers. He wanted to win as much as the other contestants, but he wanted to win fairly. "The first rule of Scouting is honesty," Andy told the judges. "I didn't want to feel like a heel."

I don't know what has happened to Andy Flosdorf since then, but I'm sure of two things. He learned one of Scouting's most important lessons, and gave us an example of honesty and fairness that all of us should shoot for.

Scout Ski Day Rescheduled

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

The ski day that was originally planned for Saturday, December 20th has been rescheduled. We have rescheduled it for this **Saturday, January 31**. We will meet at the church at 7:45 a.m.

Philmont Prep Hike

January 19, 2009 (Martin Luther King Day)

Mr. Schaezner
Assistant Scoutmaster

On a glorious January day 6 boys and two leaders headed into the Minnesota winter for a 10-mile hike as part of the preparation for the 10 day August back-packing trip in New Mexico at Philmont Scout reservation. The temperature was nearly ideal for hiking 20+ degrees and light winds (forty degrees warmer than the previous week).

The first order of business was backpack weigh-in – for this hike all backpacks must weigh 25 pounds or more. Schoolbooks and water were the primary sources of weight. Two boys won a prize (wool hiking socks) for getting the correct answer to the weight of water (each pint weighs a pound). After weigh the boys were studying the maps of the hiking trails in Lebanon Park. The goal was to take the voyager trek loop. For the most part we stayed on the proper trails, however we made a few wrong turns but as luck would have the alternative loops and trails got us to where we were going.

We started hiking a 10 AM and were at the Schultz lake visitor center by 11:30. It was snacks and hot chocolate (the boys learned why you don't drink hot drinks through a straw). By noon it was time to hit the trail and head back. The hike took us on the north side of Schutlz, O-Brien, and Jensen Lake. By 1:20 we were at Jensen Lake and by 1:45 we had completed the 10-mile hike. Everyone was in good shape and spirits. The Philmont crew will continue to go on hikes with increasing frequency and increasing weight in the backpack for the next six months.

The boys for this hike were Mike Loher, David Salter, Kyle Unziker, John Schaezner, Wes Kimball, Andy Kline, the leaders were Mr. Lenagh & Mr. Schaezner.



More Philmont Prep

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

For scouts going on the Philmont trip this summer, please note the following dates and plan to attend:

- Feb. 3 - Planning meeting at 6PM at the church prior to scout meeting.
- Feb. 16 - Hike at Lebanon Hills Park. Meet at Schaezner's house at 9am.
- Feb. 29 - Hike at Mall of America at 7am.

Scout Sunday

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Secretary

Scouts of all ages, friends and families of scouts are invited to celebrate the 5th Annual Scout Mass at St. John Neumann on Sunday, February 8, 2:00 pm.

Leaders and scouts are encouraged to wear their scout uniform to the Mass. Those scouts who have earned any religious emblems will be recognized at Mass and should bring them along if they wish.

They are looking for scout volunteers and family members to help greet, lector, altar serve, usher, help with the music and be Eucharistic Ministers. Call Dick Mushel at 651-688-7937 to volunteer.

This Liturgy does fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

The Committee is busy planning for the Spring Court of Honor. It will be held on March 17th at the church. Please mark the date on your calendar. We will be having volunteer sign-up sheets at the COH, so please start thinking as to how you would like to help the troop. It will be a catered dinner and invitations will be sent out.

We are in need of more parents to attend camp outs. It is disappointing to the scouts when we have to cancel a trip due to lack of adult leaders. Each camping trip needs a leader in charge and at least one other adult. This adult does not have to be a registered leader. Please consider donating your time and attend a camp out. The sign up sheets for all the upcoming trips are always on the front table at each meeting. If you know your schedule for the next few months, please sign up if you can.

As always, parent meetings are the third Tuesday of every month. We meet at 7pm and they usually last 15-20 minutes.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Eric Smith
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 3rd – Pheasants have opening and closing. Merit Badge Survey. High Adventure presentation. Cave etiquette skill by El Pedro. New Scouts are doing first aid/

Tuesday 10th – Flying Eagles have opening and closing. OA Elections held. Plan Diamond Lake Lodge campout. Mining skill by Bat Men. New Scouts are working on cooking.

Tuesday 17th – El Pedro has opening and closing. Uniform inspections. How a cave is formed skill by Flying Eagles.

Tuesday 24th – PLC, all patrols need to be represented.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Scout Sunday	2:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Pack 517 Blue & Gold	6:15PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
20-22	Eagle Cave Campout	TBD
24	PLC	6:15PM

March

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop Shopping at Cub	7:00PM
13-15	Streams Campout	TBD
17	Troop Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
24	Troop Meeting	
31	PLC	6:15PM

April

7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
14	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24-26	Fred C. Campout	TBD
28	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

January 16-18	Rum River – Thurston Lodge
February 20-22	Eagle Cave
Mar 13-15	Stearns – Diamond Lake Lodge
April 24-26	Fred C Anderson – Shelter #3
May 2-4	Webelos Woods
May 15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.
June 12- 15	Blue Mounds State Park
July 11-18	Tomahawk
August 8-11	Glacier Lake State Park
September 25-27	Phillipo – Fall Camporee
October 23-25	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine