



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Scouts, here's a little quiz for you: What's the most welcome two-word sentence in the English language? Some of you might say, it's "We won!" Others would vote for, "Here's money!" or even "No problem!" But I think the most welcome two-word sentence is "Thank you!"

It isn't used as often as it should be. How often do you use it? And how often do you say thank you to the persons who are closest to you, your mother and father? How often do you say it to your friends or even strangers when they do something for you?

It's so easy to forget, especially if the Good Turn is done by somebody in your family. Too often we take for granted the many things our parents and other family members do for us. Here's a challenge for you. Between now and next month, see if you can find some reason to say thank you every day to some member of your family. You may be surprised how they will react.

A simple thank you costs nothing, but it means so much to those who matter most to you. And remember, manners make the man and can be the difference between you being just another Scout and one who earns himself respect from those around him.

The troop also has a few major events planned for this year:

7-9 February	Eagle Cave
14-16 March	McCarthy Lodge @ Sterns S.R.
18 March	Spring Court of Honor
6-8 June	Ft Ripley
12-19 July	Tomahawk
30 July-12 August	Philmont

How many of these activities are you planning on attending?

January is also the time for re-charting. If you are not getting Boy's Life magazine this is a good time to start. Boy's Life (BL) has many good articles and stories of things going on in BSA. Please contact Linda Offerdahl or myself if you would like BL.

Committee Report

Mrs. Schwarzbauer
Troop 510 Recording Secretary

The committee would like to welcome Linda Offerdahl as the new Troop 510 Committee Chair. Ruthann White has to resign from the position as she and Tim have taken on added responsibilities for the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade. We wish them well and great success in their upcoming endeavors.

The committee would like to invite parents to the "Information/Parent Meeting" to be held Tuesday, January 21, 2003. This meeting will start at the beginning of the Troop meeting and last 15 to 20 minutes. The objective of this meeting is to keep parents informed about upcoming events. We would also like to use this time to get feed back from you. The Information/Parent Meeting is held the third Tuesday of the month. The committee would like a representative from each family to attend.

The committee chair Linda Offerdahl will be calling all families to get their e-mail address so that schedules and bulletins will arrive more quickly.

Mark your calendars. The Spring Court of Honor will be Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Further details to follow.

SPL Corner

Shawn Lenagh
Senior Patrol Leader

Hey everybody, how was your holiday break away from school. Mine was fun and got a lot of cool stuff for Christmas. On a more serious note we need to get more of an attendance for camping or we will be camping less and more campouts will be cancelled. If you don't like what we do on the campouts then tell somebody on the leadership core and they will bring it up at PLC or JLT.

As you might know our troop is associated with a venture crew. The venture crew is falling apart right because most the members are going off to college. If you are 14 and older you can join. If you have any questions you can talk to me or my dad (Mr. Lenagh) about it. The troop and the venture crew have reservations for Philmont in 2003 and there are still openings on the crew. At Philmont you will be in the mountains for 12 days hiking around from different campsites. If you want to join the crew for Philmont you can talk to Mr. Lenagh or me.

Cemetery Wreath Experience

Trevor Janke
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

On Saturday, December 16th my family set out for Acacia Cemetery. It was 8:30 in the morning and everyone was extremely tired when we left for a day of hard work. Seven people showed up to help. When we arrived at the cemetery the garage door was open for us and that is where is found the stack of boxes filled with wreaths. We then got started my mom and dad set wreaths and the base of the stands, while Adam (my cousin) and I hog ringed the wreaths to the stands. My sister and my other cousin, Cindy, were putting bows on the wreaths. We worked through the day until about noon when we broke for lunch. The crew and I finished eating and set back to work. As the clock reached five your bones were aching and so were muscles we didn't know we had. We weren't done yet; it seemed that we had a second wind of strength because the rest of it went fast. The sun was setting now it was about 6:00 in the evening and the daylight was gone. The last wreath went up. "That was a lot of work," we all said. It was now 7:00pm and very dark. The boxes had to be broken down and the last drive through was taking place. All of us were very tired and some of us a little crabby. But it was done. When the owner of the cemetery came in the following Monday he was very surprised at how much we had gotten done in only one day. My family and I bowed, ringed, and put on stands 870 wreaths in only a nine-hour day.

PLC Notes

Chris Larson
Troop Scribe

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7th: Opening/Closing/Game = Basilisks
Winter Packing Demo

14th: Opening/Closing/Game = Flamingos
Uniform Inspection
Skill: First Aid (Joe)

21st: Opening/Closing/Game = Ghost Busters
Court of Honor Planning
Skill: Knots (Trevor)

28th: PLC (6:15 - 7:00)
*Come with skill ideas!

Merit Badges: Citizenship in the Nation, Music

Campouts & Holidays:
1st: New Years
17-19th: Snowbase
25th: Echo Backen

Important!: March 8th: Merit Badge Festival

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

The editor is speechless this month. I realize that is hard to believe, but work has been hectic and then there were the holidays. Since I am at a loss for words, it is reward time. So, \$1 to the first Scout who tells me the following: "Mr. Hammer, you are at a loss for words this month".

Mr. Callinan provided me some items to use but I left them at home. Well, you will have to wait until another month for words of wisdom.

I can leave you with one thought – "I wish there was a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence. There's one called brightness, but it doesn't work."