



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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Scoutmaster

The 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 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 Ashanti's 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.

The troop also has a few interesting events planned for this year: a few are listed below

15-17 February	Fort Rice
29 Feb – 2 Mar	Gebhearth Lodge
18 March	Spring Court of Honor
20-23 June	Gooseberry Falls S.P.
12-19 July	Tomahawk
1-4 August	Madeline Island
19-25 August	Sea Base

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 Nancy Arbogast or myself by January 8 if you would like BL.

Scout Ski Day

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

On the morning of Dec. 15, 2007, six brave scouts and 3 adults met in the church parking lot to gather for the 2nd annual Scout Ski Day at Powder Ridge in Kimball, MN. The temperature was about -2 degrees at meeting time. However, the frigid temps did not



deter the enthusiasm of these six scouts. After all, these guys were now all veterans, having experienced the skiing and snowboard fun from last year's scout ski day outing.

They were ready and eager to hit the slopes! Upon our arrival at Powder Ridge, the boys decided on their ski and snowboarding buddies for the day, obtained the necessary rental gear, suited up in their winter attire to brave the elements, and headed for the hills. No lessons needed

this year for this group of veterans. After a few "practice runs" down the bunny hill, most of the boys were off to the chair



lifts and headed up the mountain. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves throughout the day, gaining more confidence as the day went on: "let's try this run, let's go down this black diamond, let's do this jump." Luckily everyone came back without any broken bones! David Salter, our Stacker champ from last year, once again walked away with a \$50. gift certificate to Best Buy, courtesy of the Stacker game! Lucky David! Mike Loher earned the Snow Sports merit badge. On our return trip home, the group stopped at Culver's for dinner. Burgers, fries and ice cream taste mighty delicious after a long hard day of skiing! I think the boys are already looking forward to next year's ski day.

Echo Backen Tubing Trip a Success

Mr. Hultquist
Parent

A small group of Scouts met at the church on Saturday, January 5th, for their yearly trip to Echo Backen tubing hill located near Forest Lake, Minnesota. After we loaded up and our fairly short trip up there, we checked in and received our directions and rules of the hill, then the FUN began.

The boys grabbed a tube and away they went. Up and down, over and over for the first hour to an hour and a half. They then all came in for a bit of lunch and snacks. But no need to warm up due to the weather was pretty warm, more like cool down a bit and rest for a spell. Then back down they went for the next hour.



The boys would hook together (the train) and cruise down the hill, Also hook together kind of in a circle (the blob) and go twirling down the hill hoping not to run in to anyone at the bottom of the hill. Fun was had by all and I am willing to bet they look forward to the next trip to Echo Backen.



On the way back the boys were either sleeping or running off of the snacks that they had purchased prior to leaving. We arrived back at the church right on time at 3:00pm. We all then departed to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.

Troop 510 Business

TROOP AT A GLANCE

PLC Notes

Karl V.
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 8th – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. Plan Adirondack campout.

Tuesday 15th – Fogies patrol have opening and closing. Cub Scout visiting our troop. Practice skills.

Tuesday 22nd – Knights Who Say Nee have opening and closing. We will be planning the Fort Rice campout and work on lashing and emergency preparedness.

Tuesday 29th – PLC, all patrols need to be represented.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was blessed with a joyful Christmas season. There was not a Committee meeting or a parent meeting in December. We will be back on our regular schedule this month. The parent meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. They last approximately 20 minutes and a good source of information and feedback.

If you know of any boys that may be interested in scouts, please have them attend one of our troop meetings.

Parent Meeting

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Secretary

Because we didn't have a parent meeting in December there is no new news to report. Parent meetings are a good time to check on up-coming events and campouts as well as asking any questions you may have. In the next couple of months we will be discussing fundraising efforts for high adventure trips and the summer July 4th fundraising schedule. These are great opportunities for your scout(s) to work for the camping expenses. We are always in need of parents that are able to drive and attend campouts/events and also looking for parents that are interested in taking on a leadership role.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1	NO MEETING	
5	Echo Backen tubing	9:00AM
8	Troop Meeting/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
11-13	Fred C. campout	
12	Merit Badge Fair – LDS Church	8:30-4:00
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

February

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
14	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice campout	TBD
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM
28	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
29-2	Gebhearth Lodge campout	TBD

March

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	5:00PM
25	PLC	7:00PM

April

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	5:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	7:00PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

January 11-13	Fred C. Anderson – Adirondacks
February 15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice
Feb 29-Mar 2	Gebhearth Lodge, Camp Decorah La Crosse, WI
April 11-13	Igloo Lodge at Norseland
May 16-18	Bear Head State Park – Sudan Mines
June 20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park
July 3-5	July 4 th activities