



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Well, Scouts, did you make any New Year's resolutions? I hope some of you resolved to bring up your grades in school and be more helpful around the house. I'm sure your parents would be delighted with those resolutions.

In Scouting, we make a resolution almost every time we meet. Each time we repeat the Scout Oath or Law, we're resolving to do our best to do our duty and to make ourselves the best citizens we can be. I'm inclined to think that resolving to follow the Scout Oath and Law are the most important resolutions you can make - now and in the time to come. The Oath and Law cover almost everything that makes a good man and a good citizen.

Scouting a half century ago wasn't very different from now, at least not in the basics. The Scouts of the Twenties came into Scouting for the same reason you did - to enjoy the outdoors, learn some new skills and to have some fun.

There's something else that is not different: Our Scout Oath and Scout Law. Ever since 1910, more than 95 years ago, boy Scouts have been gathering at troop meetings and repeating the exact same Scout Oath and Law. I think that's amazing. The world has changed in many ways over 95 years. When Scouting was new, a boy's life was very different. There was no television, no radio, movies were brand new, most people traveled by horse and carriage or train, adults worked long hours six days a week - and so did some kids. It was just a different world. But the first Boy Scouts in 1910 pledged themselves to the same Scout Oath and Law. And they tried to live by it, just as I hope you do today.

So, as we start the New Year, we ought to repeat the Oath and Law and think about what we're saying.

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

16-17 January	Thurston Lodge @ Rum River S.R
20-22 February	Eagle Cave
17 March	Spring Court of Honor
15-17 May	Fort Ridgley S.P.
11-18 July	Tomahawk
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 Nancy Arbogast or myself if you would like BL.

Scout Ski Day Postponed

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

Unfortunately the ski day planned for Saturday, December 20th was cancelled due to inclement weather. Since we had to pre-pay for the day, we are planning to re-schedule this trip for an alternative Saturday in either January or February. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding the re-scheduled date.

Since we seem to have a group of scouts that enjoy skiing and snowboarding, we are looking into a couple of scout ski days at Afton Alps ski area which offers reduced lift and rental rates. Watch for future announcements and sign ups for future ski opportunities!



Grocery Bagging Fundraiser

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster



The grocery bagging fundraiser held on Tuesday, December 23rd, was a huge success. A total of 8 scouts participated in the fundraiser. They each worked a shift from 5PM to 9PM. CUB Foods was

busy with holiday shoppers all evening which was great for our bagging activities! Paper or Plastic?? The boys stayed quite busy all evening long and worked hard. It paid off in the end, as each scout ended up earning a total of \$73 for their evening's work which will be credited toward their camping fund.

PLC Notes

Eric Smith
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 6th – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. Plan Adirondack campout.

Tuesday 13th – Fogies patrol have opening and closing. Cub Scout visiting our troop. Practice skills.

Tuesday 20th – Knights Who Say Nee have opening and closing. We will be planning the Fort Rice campout and work on lashing and emergency preparedness.

Tuesday 27th – 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 parent meeting in December due to the Holiday party. We will be back on our regular schedule this month. The parent meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

The Committee discussed the lack of volunteers for the Parade/Grounds clean-up and booth positions. We decided not to have a booth this year but will continue with the clean-up. We are still looking for someone to take over coordinating the clean up. Please let me know if you are interested. We need one person to be in charge of the entire Grounds Clean-up operation.

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



Newsletter Editor

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Secretary

Starting with this issue our Newsletter Editor will be Lynae Bleichner. Her son Josh is a Star Scout and has been in the troop for three years. Lynae has been associated with Troop 510 for many years as her older son Jeremy, who is now in college, was also in the troop. Please welcome Lynae and if you have an email address to update make sure that she gets the correct information. I will assist where needed as she gets familiar with the document and the process. Thank you, Lynae, for taking on the task as the editor.

Friends of Scouting

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor



It will soon be the time of year for the Northern Star Council's Family Friends of Scouting campaign. One hundred percent of all funds raised goes directly to the council. Monies from this event are used for scout programs, training, scholarships, camper insurance, campgrounds and equipment maintenance throughout our region and many, many other events.

You will be receiving your pledge card at the Spring Court of Honor. All pledge cards must be returned whether you are able to make a pledge or not. Some of you may have employers that have a match or contribution program, if so, please include them in this very worthwhile cause.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Troop Shopping at Cub	7:00PM
16-18	Rum River Campout	TBD
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

February

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
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	Streans 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