



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Constitution gives us freedom to live as citizens of this country.

But how free are we? What does freedom mean? Does it mean we can do anything that we want? I think we will agree that the answer is no. Freedom of speech for example, does mean that we can go into a crowded theater and yell "Fire!" And freedom certainly doesn't mean that we can steal from people or assault them without fear of being arrested, tried, and perhaps thrown into jail. As somebody once said, "Your freedom to swing your fist ends just beyond the tip of my nose."

So what does freedom mean in the sense of the Constitution? It means, I believe that we are free to live according to the laws of God, free to worship as we choose, to speak and write the truth as we see it, to choose our life's work, and to travel where we want to go - and to grant the same rights to others.

The Constitution does not give us unlimited rights to act without regard to other people. But it does guarantee us the right to live as free men in a society whose citizens are equal in the eyes of the law.

True patriotism is more than getting a lump in your throat when the flag passes by. It involves determination on your part to see that America remains free. It involves your willingness to put the best interest of the nation ahead of your own self-interest. Single interests may be important. But the art of democracy is the ability to recognize the common good. The ability to give and not just to take. 231 million people can pull our nation apart or pull it together. Which way did you pull today?

4th of July

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

I want to thank all that assisted with the planning and setup of the 4th of July Food Booth. Also, thank you to all the Scouts and adults who worked the booth this year. We had a lot of the newer Scouts come out for the event. Hopefully everyone had a good time and I didn't scare anyone away from helping out next year.

The parade clean-up and "takedown" days were nice and cool compared to previous years. It made those two days really nice to get the trash picked up.

Saturday was the bad day of the event. The rain kept people away in the evening. In fact, the booth closed early in the first year I can recall. I didn't like doing that for the Scouts and adults who wanted hours to earn money, but in a couple of hours before we closed we only sold three caramel apples. Not enough to pay anyone.

For those that worked the slow times, a few got to see the busy times. The evening shift on the 4th is always a hectic one. Orders come in left and right. At one point all I was doing is reaching into the coolers for pop. Others just passed the pop to the customers, only handled money and Ms. Lenagh kept going with the caramel apples. Things were fast and furious.

If anyone has any suggestions for next year, let's work on them soon. It is always too late to work on anything when the booth comes out of storage at the end of June. Also, anyone interested in running more of the booth can talk to me. I won't disappear but I am willing to have someone else take over the reins.

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

July 6 – The Old Fogies have opening, closing and a game. GAME DAY!

July 10 – Meet at the church @ 6:00 a.m. (**tentatively**)

July 16 – Court of Honor @ 7:00 p.m.

July 17 – Home in the afternoon

July 20 – No meeting

July 27 – PLC

NOTES TO REMEMBER

- Bring \$ for 2 meals and souvenirs
- Troop goals
 - Earn 90% of merit badges
 - Earn 4 segments each
- New rules to be aware of:
 - No electronics until dinner
 - No cards of any until after dinner
- Wear Class A with neckerchief on Saturday (both)
- Turn in all medications to designated leader
- Turn in all \$ to “Bank of Mom”

Directions to Tomahawk

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

From the Indianhead Council web site I found the following information:

From St. Paul, take I-94 east into Wisconsin. Go north on US Highway 63 (Baldwin) and continue to US Highway 8 (Turtle Lake). Go east on US Highway 8 to US Highway 53 (Cameron). Go north on US Highway 53 to County Highway V (Haugan). Head east on County Highway V to County Highway M. Go north on County Highway M to County Highway D. Following County Highway D to East Side Road just past the Long Lake Dam. Follow East Side Road for 4 miles to Elver Road. About 1/2 mile north is the main Tomahawk Entrance to the main Administration Building, Navajo, Sioux, and Chippewa camps.

Also on the Indianhead Council web site you can get driving directions. Go to <http://www.indianhead.org/camping/tomahawk/CampDirections.asp> and put in your address. I have also included a map provided on the Council site.