



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Everybody loves the Fourth of July. In many communities it's a time for parades, fireworks, ball games and picnics. Real fun! But we ought not to forget what the Fourth of July really is - the birthday of our country - because that's when the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, over 200 years ago. Here's a trick question for you. How many stars were in the US flag on the first Fourth of July? You're probably going to say 13, because there were 13 colonies in America then, but that's wrong.

In fact, there weren't any stars in the flag. The colonists were using the Grand Union Flag, which used the British union symbol and 13 red and white stripes. Stars representing the states first appeared in the US flag 11 years later. Since then, stars have been added each time states have joined the union.

Today we honor this emblem of our country with its 50 stars and 13 stripes because it is the symbol of the nation's unity. We use flag ceremonies so often that it's easy to forget what the flag means and what the Fourth of July means in this country's history.

Now let's think about the brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence and the love of country they passed on to us.

Next week we'll be outdoors again, and it's good to remind ourselves that Scouts obey the Wilderness Pledge whenever they are hiking, camping, or on other activities away from the meeting place. You should be familiar with the Wilderness Pledge. It says, "Through good camping and hiking practices, I pledge myself to preserve the beauty and splendor of Americas' wilderness, primitive and backcountry areas. I commit myself to:

Set a personal example in following the Outdoor Code.

Train those I lead in the skills and attitudes needed to protect and preserve wilderness for future generations.

Assure that parties of which I am a part observe the camping and hiking standards that will leave no trace of our passing."

It seems to me that what it boils down to is that in the Wilderness Pledge we commit ourselves as Scouts not only to preserve the environment but to make it better. For example, not only don't we leave litter ourselves, we pick up other peoples litter. And we not only build safe (small) fires, we try to make sure that others do, too. In other words we take responsibility as Scouts to do whatever we can to keep America beautiful.

That may seem like a tall order. Nobody enjoys picking up other peoples litter. It's a lot easier to just say, "Boy, what a mess!" and pass it by. But that's not the Scouting way.

On all our hikes and campouts, let's leave the land better than we found it. That's Scouting's way.

Parade Cleanup

Mr Suiter
Assistant Scoutmaster



I am giving everyone a last minute reminder that we still have room for more Scouts and adults to do Parade Cleanup. We will meet July 4th on the corner of Yankee Doodle Road and Blue Cross Road at 9:00, where the parade starts.

Yankee Doodle Road will close at 9:00. We will pickup trash after the parade ends along Yankee Doodle Road and down Federal Drive to the Eagan Community Center. Bring gloves, sunscreen and a Class B uniform.

We could also use some more Scouts for booth takedown and grounds cleanup on July 5th at the Community Center from 4:30 to approximately 6:00. Bring gloves and sunscreen also. If you have any questions you can call me at 612-454-1706.

July 4th Fundraiser

Ms. Kimball, Ms. Kline & Mr. Backus
Funfest Food Booth Co-chairs

Hey Scouts ~ Do you like Money??

If so, tell your friends and neighbors to visit our annual Food Booth on the Festival Grounds at the Eagan Community Center, July 3rd from 4-6 and July 4th from 10-10. The more people you tell, the more food our troop will sell. That results in money put into Your Troop account (if you sign up to work).



You are still able to sign up for Take Down and Grounds Clean up.

If you are interested in filling a position, call Lori Kimball at 651-688-9062.



Schedule for Work Opportunities

Monday, July 2	6:00 Set Up Food Booth – these positions are <i>filled</i>
Tuesday, July 3	4:00 - 10:00 Food Sales
Wednesday, July 4	10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Food Sales until the Fireworks - Empty garbage and minor grounds clean up after the fireworks to prevent the raccoons from spreading the garbage.
Thursday, July 5	4:30 – 6:30 Take down the food booth and clean up Funfest grounds.

Funfest Duck Pond

Mrs. Vieths
Duck Pond Chair

This year we will have a duck pond with lots of great prizes to win adjacent to our food concession stand. We are going to try to run both the food booth and the duck pond with the scouts and adults that are signed up to work each shift. However, this is a new venture for our troop so if you happen to be at the Funfest check in with our troop to see if they could use some help. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone that works outside their shift in the food booth.

High Adventure Canoe Shakedown

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

Mark your calendar for the final canoe shakedown, July 28th on the Cannon River. All scouts and leaders that will be part of the high adventure group in August must have completed two canoe shakedowns.

You will need to bring a PFD, hat, sunscreen water bottle and tennis or water shoes are also recommended for these outings.

If you have the canoeing merit badge, we would like you help the other Scouts.

We want the trip to be roughly 10 miles in length. The timeframe will be roughly 7:30 AM to 5 PM. We will stop for lunch. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, and beverages are planned. Gorp will also be packed.

Seabase & Philmont

Mr. Lenagh
Scoutmaster



There will be a special meeting for scouts and parents that are interested in more information and going to Seabase in 2008 and/or Philmont in 2009 on Tuesday, July 17th. This is the week following Tomahawk and no troop meeting is planned for this night. Meet at the church at 7:00 pm.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Michael B.
Troop Scribe

July 3 - Short meeting to confirm everyone has tent mates, health forms and everything needed for Tomahawk.

July 10 – NO MEETING – Tomahawk week.

July 17 – NO TROOP MEETING – **SPECIAL MEETING FOR SEABASE AND PHILMONT**

July 24 – Knights Who Say Ne have pick games for game night.

July 31– PLC, all patrols need to be represented. High Adventure planning meeting following PLC.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Summer is in full swing and July is busy for our troop. We are fortunate that we have dedicated leaders to run the meetings and campouts. We still can't do these activities without parent involvement. Any time you can donate to the troop helps out tremendously. Don't be afraid to go on camp-outs, the leaders will let you know how you can help. We are hoping that each family could go on 1-2 camp-outs a year.

Please remember that all Scouts must be in uniform for meetings. Class B t-shirts are acceptable through August. Account balances must be up to date in order to attend camp-outs and activities. Contact Sona Mehring regarding any questions with your account.

The summer Court of Honor is on Friday, July 13th at Tomahawk. Please plan on attending. The troop will be serving dessert after the meeting. Plan on arriving around 6:30 pm. Bring chairs, bug spray and a flashlight.

The family picnic is in August. More information will follow regarding this fun event. Parent meetings are always the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will not have a Committee or Parent meeting in July due to Tomahawk.

Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths
Parent/Committee Member

- * Parents and scouts need to sign up for July 4th setup and cleanup. Scouts must wear their Class B shirts for parade cleanup – walking shoes and gloves are recommended.
- * Scouts must be in uniform for meetings. They can wear their Class B shirts or another scout shirt such as a Tomahawk shirt only at meetings. At a Scout event, they need to be their gray, troop shirt. Class A shirts must be wore tucked in with their neckerchiefs when traveling to and from every outing.
- * Account balances must be up to date before Tomahawk. Scouts need to have a \$50 balance and about \$250 for the week at Tomahawk. They will not be allowed to go on a campout if their account is not updated.
- * Every Scout needs to turn in his Behavior Expectation form and a current health form.
- * Court of Honor will remain at Tomahawk. It is held at the campsite at 7:00 pm on the July 13th. Allow about 3 to 3 ½ hours for the trip.
- * Scouts will need to have money for breakfast going up to Tomahawk and lunch coming back. Breakfast on the way up is about \$10 and lunch on the way back is \$8 – 10. Money for each meal should be placed in a separate envelope marked with the Scout's name and "breakfast" or "lunch" on the outside of the envelope. Spending money is at the discretion of the parents and should also be placed in a separate envelope and marked with the scout's name and "spending money". These envelopes may be given to a leader on Saturday morning before the troop leaves for camp and will remain with a leader for safe keeping.
- * Meet at the church at 7:00 on Saturday, July 7th. There is a lot of gear to pack. Please be on time.
- * Tent mates were chosen at the last meeting. Scouts will use their own tents but cots are provided. If you have carpet squares to place under the cot legs, send them along. The troop does have some to hand out for anyone that doesn't have them. The rule for tent size is 50 square feet per person. It is a good idea to pack a sheet in case the weather is too warm to sleep in a sleeping bag.
- * Scouts may bring snacks to camp to eat during the week. Try not to send chocolate or things that will melt. They need to be in a zip lock plastic bag

with the scouts name on it. Snack bags, along with all smellables (toiletries ie: toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) will be placed in the bear box for the safety of everyone in camp. The bear box has limited space so please be reasonable with the size of the snack bag.

* Two (2) pair of shoes are necessary for Tomahawk. They may get wet and muddy. Pack plenty of socks. Each scout should have gotten a Tomahawk packing list. The Parent/Scout Handbook also has a section on Tomahawk with helpful tips on packing. **EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED.** Pack extra plastic bags for dirty clothes. Boys may want flip flops for the shower.

* Scouts **MUST** bring sunscreen and **WEAR** it and insect repellent. No aerosol cans are allowed at camp. Pump sprays or lotions are allowed. Sunscreen should be re-applied if the scout is in and out of the water. It is a good idea to send a piece of clothesline or rope as they will have wet towels and swimsuits to dry.

* There will be religious services Sunday morning. All scouts are expected to attend and wear their Class A uniforms.

* No electronics are allowed in camp. Scouts may have them for the ride but must leave them in the vehicles. There is a chance of theft so we strongly discourage bringing them. Scouts need to be respectful of the vehicles they are riding in. No spills, sticking snacks or garbage. Seat belts must be worn by everyone.

* Parents will be called if a scout is not behaving appropriately or does not correct their behavior when spoken to.

* If you would like to write a letter to your son there is an address on the Tomahawk packing list. Please note that you need to allow 3-4 days for mail to arrive. You need to send it prior to their departure. Don't send anything later than the Tuesday they are at camp as they won't receive it.

* If you would like to bring food and eat with your son prior to the Court of Honor, you may do so. You do need to inform a leader. You may also visit during the week but a sign in is necessary.



TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

2	Set up booth at Funfest	6:00PM
3	Troop meeting/SHORT	7:00PM
3-5	Eagan July 4 th festival activities	
10	NO TROOP MEETING	7:00PM
7-14	Tomahawk Summer camp	TBD
13	Tomahawk Court of Honor	7:00PM
17	NO TROOP MEETING / Meeting for Philmont & Seabase scouts & parents	7:00PM
24	Troop/parent meeting	7:00PM
28	Final Canoe Shakedown –Cannon River	TBD
31	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

August

5	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
6- 11	No Meeting – high adventure	7:00PM
14	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
21	Family Picnic – place TBD	5:30PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

September

4	Troop Meeting - Elections	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
27	Troop shopping at Cub	7:00PM
28-30	Fall Camporee at Phillipo	5:00PM

October

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop Meeting/Halloween Party	7:00PM
26-28	Good Medicine campout – Fred C	5:00PM
30	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

July 3-5 Eagan 4th of July concessions and parade/grounds cleanup

July 7-14 Tomahawk – Court of Honor Friday evening at Tomahawk campsite

July 28 Final canoe shakedown at Cannon River

August 6 – 11 High Adventure – Jay Cooke and St. Croix State Park

September 28-30 Camporee at Phillipo

October 26-28 Good Medicine Lodge