



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

As we look at local government, perhaps we can gain a better understanding of its duties and responsibilities, if we compare it with our own troop experience in camp.

A camp is a city in many ways. First of all, the camp has certain rules and regulations (laws) developed for the good of all campers. Then of course, someone must enforce these laws, and it is the responsibility of troop leaders (police and courts) to see that camp regulations are followed. Wherever groups of people live there is need for fire protection, and the camp is no exception. We organize a troop fire guard (firemen) while we are in camp to protect our property from the danger of fire.

Sanitation, including proper disposal of refuse and garbage, must be taken care of both in the city and in camp. In our patrol rotation of duties, we have kitchen and campsite "cleaner-uppers" (sanitation department).

There are other similarities between camp and city, but the ones I've mentioned are enough to point out the value of participating citizenship. You all know what happens in camp when we have indifferent citizens. Everyone suffers because of the failure of a few. The same thing is true in a government.

Some of you are working on the Environmental Science merit badge at camp this year. You'll be learning how everything in nature is connected in some way to everything else. Some scientists call it the web of nature. Every strand has connections with other strands. Even rocks, for example, are part of that web because as they slowly disintegrate over hundreds of years they help to form the soil we depend on for food.

You're also finding out that if we pollute or destroy some strand in the web of life, it has effects on other strands. That's why it's so important that we understand what we are doing to nature and why as Scouts we sometimes do conservation projects to help our environment.

What I'm leading up to is a reminder that, especially when we are camping or hiking, we follow Scouting's Outdoor Code in all we do. If we obey that Code, we are not going to damage any strands in the web of life.

Class B T-Shirts

Mrs. Larson
Committee Member

Class B Shirts are still available if you need any before Tomahawk. Please contact Mrs. Larson if you would like some.

Special Notes

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor

Troop 510 Scout Behavior Form – Please remember to sign and submit your Troop 510 Scout Behavior Form to Mrs. Lenagh.

Scouts without a signed form on file will not be allowed to go to Tomahawk.



Missing Equipment – We are missing some camping equipment. **Please check your garages especially for tents.** The tents are light green and need to be turned in ASAP.

Northern Star Council News

This historic event announced two major milestones for our local Scouting community.



On Wednesday morning, June 17, 2009, at 10 a.m., a sixteen-year-old Scout from Lakeville, Minn., was officially introduced as the nation's two-millionth Eagle Scout since the award was first earned in 1912. He will serve as a youth ambassador for Scouting during the BSA's 100th anniversary celebration throughout the nation, representing fellow Scouts at the Rose Bowl Parade, opening trading at the NY Stock Exchange, attending the National Jamboree, and much more. National BSA Officials were present to help in the announcement. It has been 27 years since the announcement of the one millionth Eagle in 1982.

This recognition occurred in conjunction with the groundbreaking ceremony for the innovative six-acre Northern Star Council Base Camp at historic Fort Snelling. Thomas turned the first shovel of dirt to start the renovation.

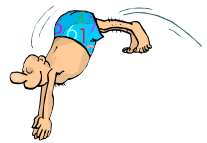
The former Fort Snelling Hippodrome, a 27,000 square foot building on a six acre site, will be transformed to become "Base Camp." It will feature high ropes



courses, rock climbing walls, and an environmental learning center with close proximity to rivers and state/national parks, allowing urban youth the opportunity to take advantage of the great outdoors nearly right in their own backyard. The camp will serve as a central meeting ground, bringing together youth from communities in the Twin Cities area, including Scouts, school groups and community partners for greater adventures and help set the foundation to prepare the next one million Eagle Scouts.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Offerdahl
Committee Chair



Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the **Court of Honors at Tomahawk, Cheyenne campsite, on Friday, July 17.** Please plan to arrive by 6:00 pm with bug spray, flashlight and lawn chair (optional). Also please be aware that it is roughly a half mile hike from the parking lot to the campsite and it's a very dark walk back to the car when the festivities are over.

Philmont Hikes

David Salter

Mendota Hike 5/17/09

For this hike in preparation of Philmont we went to Mendota Heights. At this hike the leaders were all there (The Lohers came late) and John, Andy, Mike, Me (David) were at this hike. We walked down the path and I noticed that a bunch of the trees were chopped down. We kept walking and then there was a disgusting odor in the air. We got farther and stopped at the normal turn around spot at the port-a-potty. As we started to walk back we saw two people hiking our way. They turned out to be The Loher's. We stopped at one of the benches for our lunch break. A little bit latter the Loher's caught up and we got to extend our lunch break. The way back was uneventful and we did the last loop to get the full 10 miles.



Eagan Hike 6/18/09

This hike was done starting at the church at 5:45pm. The people that were there were The Schaezner's, the Salter's (me and my Mom), and Mr. Lenagh. For this hike, we hiked the Highline trail. For this hike the leaders lead. They went insanely fast, or it just felt like it to John and I. John had done a billion things like super group and some other thing. He also had a lacrosse practice at 9. I had injured my knee at cross-country practice. We got to a park and stopped to eat. Some kids were messing with some geese, and their babies. After eating we decided to go back the same=20 way we came instead of going on Diffley because John didn't want to have to go past the McDonald's. The way back was not so fun. John was super tired and my knee was hurting badly. Oh and did I mention that it was like 100% humidity, and then FINALLY we made it back to the vehicles at 9pm, completing 9.77 miles.



Merit Badge Report

Mr. Kucera

On Monday, June 29, **Eric Smith and Kevin Kucera** set out to earn their Cycling Merit Badge. For both Scouts, this is their first required badge towards Eagle. Both had performed the required preliminary rides and patched an inner tube, learned the parts of a bicycle, arm signals and the rules of the road, and cycling protocol. This day was the final ride to earn the merit badge. The route the Scouts planned was for an urban ride to Minneapolis and back. We started out from Eagan, biked up Pilot Knob Road, used the parkway to get to the Mendota Bridge, and biked a loop around the southern Minneapolis lakes, and returned back via the Mendota Bridge route. They biked past Fort Snelling, the Longfellow House, the Bakken Museum, around several city lakes, and down West River Road. They had an opportunity to repair an inner tube. They biked **32 mph fast** (don't tell Mom) safely. The group biked the required 50 miles in 7 hours 10 minutes. Weather was cool and cloudy, but not rainy. Before returning back home, they had traveled a total of 61.5 miles. Both Scouts are registered for The Ride Across Minnesota (TRAM) to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis in July. TRAM in late July is 275 miles in a week...this day was a great training run!



Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

July 7th – Thunder Sharks have opening and closing, Bear talk. Plan skits for Tomahawk. Fill out Merit Badge cards. Old Fogies have a packing skill.

Patrol flags must be at this meeting.

July 14th – Tomahawk

July 21st – No Troop Meeting

July 28th – PLC Meeting

Troop Activities

The Troop depends on volunteers and we have several opportunities available for your participation. Please give consideration to where you can lend a helping hand. Please contact any Troop leader or our Committee Chair, Mrs. Offerdahl, if you are interested. Thanks!

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

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| 4 | Festival Cleanup | TBD |
| 7 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 11-18 | Tomahawk | 7:00AM |
| 17 | Court of Honor at Tomahawk | 6:00PM |
| 21 | NO MEETING | 7:00PM |
| 28 | PLC | 6:15PM |

August

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| 4 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 6 | Shopping for campout at Cub | 7:00PM |
| 7-11 | Glacial Lake | 5:00PM |
| 18 | Troop/Parent Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 25 | PLC | 7:00PM |

September

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| 1 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 8 | Troop/Committee Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 15 | Troop/Parent Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 18-20 | OA Conclave | |
| 22 | Troop Meeting | 7:00PM |
| 25-27 | Fall Camporee at Phillippo | 5:00 PM |
| 29 | PLC | 6:15PM |

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

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| July 11-18 | Tomahawk |
| August 2-18 | Philmont |
| August 7-11 | Glacier Lake State Park |
| September 18-20 | OA Conclave |
| September 25-27 | Phillippo – Fall Camporee |
| October 23-25 | Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine |
| November 20-22 | Thurston Lodge at Rum River |