



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Once a long time ago, a hound was out with his owner trailing a mountain lion. The hound came to a place where a fox had crossed the trail, and the hound decided to follow the fox instead of the lion.

A short time later, a rabbit crossed that of the fox, and again the hound changed direction. Why should he chase a fox when a rabbit might be easier to catch?

When the hunter finally caught up with his hound, the dog was barking at a small hole in the ground. The hound had brought to bay a field mouse instead of a mountain lion.

Well, how about you? Have you set out on a trail to achieve your ambition? Are you able to follow it, or are you sidetracked by easier trails that cross it from time to time?

Don't be like that hound. Find out what it takes to achieve your ambition, and then get started. The best way to achieve anything in life is to set a true course for it and then stick to that trail.

SPL Corner

Trevor Janke
Senior Patrol Leader

The last month has run very smoothly from my perspective. The troop has not had to cancel a campout recently and people are showing up for troop meetings. A few organizational problems but they have been overcome.

Tomahawk is coming up and I hope everyone is ready to have some fun and earn some badges. Shawn will be organizing the water polo tournament team and everyone can play and participate. The troop has come very close to winning and hopefully this year will be the year. When we start camping in tents we will need to start thinking about tents and their condition. Mr. Lenagh recently looked through the tents and made complete sets of the troop tents. THANKS TO MR. LENAGH! Also start thinking about who you want to be your tenting buddy. Also, look at the merit badge book before you go to see if there are any prerequisites for the merit badge that you are taking.

After OA spring clean-up weekend that a few of us went on it came to my attention that the committee would like the tents, plastic, and anything else that is distributed to the troop for cleaning be assembled at the meeting for an inspection. If anything is lost or broken it will be added to the cost of the campout for everyone to pay.

Note to the Parents: Recently the same leaders go on our monthly campouts and that's awesome. But these leaders are taking a lot of time off and at the moment if they didn't commit, then we wouldn't be able to go on these campouts and learn all that we do learn. So if your scout likes to go on campouts how about going on a couple campouts with him and enjoy the experience together. Meet some new people and find out what scouting is all about.

How do you think the troop has been running? If you have any questions, comments, or concerns call me at home at 651-688-6267.

Is This Your First Trip To Tomahawk With The Troop?

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

On Tuesday 24 June at 7:00 P.M. (directly after PLC) in the church basement we will be conducting an informational meeting about Tomahawk. Parents and scouts are invited to attend. We will be discussing activities at camp, when and how to send mail, what to send and what should be left at home, and when you can come up and visit (Friday's Court of Honor). Please come with questions.

Order of the Arrow

Shawn Lenagh
OA Troop Representative

At Tomahawk there is a call out ceremony on Sunday evening for those who were nominated and on the ballot back in the spring. In the ceremony those who got elected will be called up to the front of the stage, also in the ceremony the people there will have to be silent to observe this tradition that we have observed for a long time. If you any questions ask me at the troop meeting or give me a call (number in the roster). More news when we get closer to Camp Tomahawk.

Adirondacks Shelters (4-6 April 2003)

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

This campout started just like any other. NOT! We meet at the church around 7:00 instead of 5:00. Sorry Cindy. We did miss most of the rush hour traffic going to camp. What we did not miss was the ice on the side roads and in camp. This stopped us from driving down to the lower parking lot.

We packed down essentials from the trailer to the shelter that night. Almost everyone fell down coming down the hill with gear. Ask someone who went on the campout, who did not fall? And who fell down the most? Cracker barrel went without an incident. Magic card were played that night along with some Hearts. Light out was around 11:00.

Saturday was almost uneventful compared to Friday night. Since we did not have a theme for this campout we explored a large portion of the lower part of camp. Walked out to the backpacking area, explored an ice cave under the frozen water fall and I think some of the troop hiked to friendship point. After last night's hike up the hill, we only explored the upper area once when we went to drive the vehicles down the hill, around lunch time. Good job by everyone going up the hill twice in as many days. We helped out camp with a service project of piling up wood near campfire rings. The main recurring activity for the weekend was the Magic card game; it seemed to be played all the time we were at the shelters.

Saturday's meals were average campout meals, except for dinner that night. The meal loaf with steamed carrots, mashed potatoes and garlic bread hit the spot. Did we have dessert that night? I don't remember, do you? The only recurring theme during each meal was that when any cooking was done the smoke alarm went off. Even in the second shelter that was only cooking toast, figure that out!

Sunday morning, the camp ranger was a little late in checking us out but our return at the church was on time.

Thanks, to Mr. Larson for being the second adult on the campout. Hopefully he will go camping with us again. Where was Trevor? We all missed you (maybe not all of us). Jeremy filled in as SPL, great job.

Eagan Arts Festival

Phyllis Lenagh
Coordinator

The Eagan Art Festival formerly known as the Yankee Doodle Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on June 21 and 22. We will help the artisans unload their artwork on Friday and Saturday morning. Then we will do the parking lots and keep the grounds clear of garbage on Saturday and Sunday. We will also be running a lemonade stand on Saturday and Sunday. We will need lots of help from both parents and scouts on all shifts for the weekend. The sign up sheets will be out at the scout meetings. Please sign up. The

money that is earned by the parent and the scout will go into that scouts account. We appreciate all the help from all the parents and scouts.

If you have any questions please contact Phyllis Lenagh at (952) 432-0739.

PLC Notes

Shawn Boonstra
Troop Scribe

June 2003

3rd: Opening/Closing/Game = Flamingos
Planning Ripley and Tomahawk

10th: Opening/Closing/Game = Eagles
Knots and plan Court of Honor (COH), Skill: Scott White

17th: Opening/Closing/Game = L337
First Aid and plan COH, Skill: Jeremy and Chris

24th: PLC (6:15 - 7:00)

Weekend Events:
6-8: Ripley Rendezvous
13-15: Jay Cook

July 2003

1st: Fun Day

8th: Finalize Tomahawk and COH

15th: Tomahawk

22th: No meeting

4th of July

Mr. Hammer
Editor

After the Eagan Arts Festival comes the 4th of July fundraiser. It involves running the Troop food booth where we sell selected refreshments and delicious chocolate covered bananas and caramel apples. We also handle the trash for the event and usually do cleanup for the parade. Money for this event goes directly into the Scouts individual account. There will be more information coming at the meetings and signup sheets.

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

There isn't any more to read but there isn't a \$1 surprise either this month. For the next newsletter I will include the OA Service weekend. I didn't have time to get everything done that needed to be done.