



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Does anybody know what a plumb line is? Carpenters and masons use a plumb line to make sure their work is perfectly straight and vertical.

Supposing you were building a brick wall and you built it just by guesswork. Then I came along with this plumb line and laid it against your wall. Both of us could see the wall was crooked if the plumb line told us so.

You might get mad about it and throw my plumb line as far as you could. But that wouldn't make the wall any straighter, would it?

In Scouting, we have another kind of plumb line, and in a way it shows us how straight we are. Scouting's plumb line is the Scout Oath and Law. They tell us how to build our lives straight and true. When we don't follow the Oath and Law, we know it, don't we? If we've been untrustworthy, disloyal or unfriendly to someone, our plumb line - the Scout Law - is there in the back of our mind to remind us that we are not building our lives in a straight and true way.

The Scout never lived who never once violated the Scout Oath and Law. But those pledges, our plumb line, should always be our guide.

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

Note: We need 100% attendance on the 22nd for the Bear Talk!

1st: Opening/Closing/Game: Old Fogies; New and Experienced Scouts: Plan Tomahawk and Watch the National Jamboree Video

8th: Opening/Closing/Game: Wandering Souls; New Scouts: Lashings; Experienced Scouts: Plan Jay Cooke and Discuss what we are doing on the 4th of July

15th: Opening/Closing/Game: Best; New and Experienced Scouts: Plan Tomahawk and Have the Packing Demonstration

22nd: Opening/Closing/Game: Dwarves; New and Experienced Scouts: Plan Tomahawk and have the Bear Talk

11th-13th: Jay Cooke State Park

4th of July

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Is anyone interested in assisting with running the 4th of July fundraiser? It involves the food booth, parade clean-up and grounds clean-up. It is a good fundraiser for the Scouts.

Troop 510 Duties

Linda Offerdahl
Committee Chairperson

We appreciate all the parents who stepped forward as new volunteers to keep our troop running. We still have a few positions open. If you are interested in these or have questions, please call either Linda Offerdahl (651-405-1640) or Phyllis Lenagh (952-432-0739).

The open positions for parent volunteers are:

- Camping Coordinator
- Troop Committee Recording Secretary
- Arts & Crafts Fair Coordinators
- 4th of July Food Stand Coordinator (just for Troop 510!)
- 4th of July Parade Clean-up Coordinator (just for our troop!)
- Telephone Tree
- The open positions for Assistant Scoutmaster volunteers are:
 - Eagle Service Coach
 - Junior Leader Training
 - Youth Protection Coordinator

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

I wish I had something for the very end story but I don't at this time. I had something but that was back at the beginning of May. Now it is a month later and I don't remember what it is. And, with all the excitement surrounding Memorial Day I didn't have time to dig something out.

However, now that Joe isn't an Scout I can see if someone else can earn \$1. The "second" Scout to approach me and say, "Mr. Hammer, how come you didn't have a story for two months" will get \$1. The clock is ticking!

By the way, did those that participated in the Apple Valley Memorial Day enjoy themselves and learn anything. Our family goes to Ft. Snelling National Cemetery every year as we have family buried there. Did you know that Memorial Day is to honor deceased veterans and that Veterans Day is to honor all veterans, living and deceased? Now you learned something in a short story. Maybe I should forget the \$1 challenge since I did have a story.