



TROOP 510



<http://troop510.home.att.net>

June 2005



Scoutmasters Report

Mr. 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 should 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. You can see a picture of it in your Official Boy Scout Handbook. 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.

Let's think about the brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence and the love of country they passed on to us during this national holiday.

Have you noticed the strong bond between our flag and our Scout Oath? Let me show you. One of the colors in our flag is white. It is the symbol of purity, of perfection. It is like the first point of our Scout Oath, our duty to God.

The color red in our flag denotes sacrifice and courage, the qualities of the founders of our country. Red is the symbol of the second part of the Scout Oath, too. Our duty to other people requires courage to help anyone in trouble and the self-sacrifice of putting others first.

Blue is the color of faith. It represents the faith of our founding fathers and reminds us of the third part of the Scout Oath. Our duty to ourselves requires us to be true blue, to be strong in character and principle, to live a life of faith in the importance of being good.

Highway Clean-up

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Thank you to all who came last month for Highway Clean-up. We missed a few of the older Scouts but were still able to get the whole area cleaned up. It was a fantastic effort by all the Scouts and Adults who helped out.

Advancement

Mr. Callinan
Assistant Scoutmaster

Nick Boon and John Schaezner received the Emergency Preparation Merit Badge.

Troop 510: 4th of July Food Booth & Stuff

Mr Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Speaking of 4th of July (see above), this year as in past years Troop 510 will be having a food booth at the Eagan 4th of July Community Event. The event is held at the Eagan Community Center property located NW of the corner of Pilot Knob and Yankee Doodle Roads. You can enter from either road once you get past the Lockheed Martin plant (if that is the name this week!).

There are three basic tasks the Troop works on for the event:

1. Setup and Takedown of the Food Booth
2. Selling pop, water, caramel apples and chocolate bananas
3. Cleanup after the parade and the festival grounds

Sign-up sheets are going to be out for all of the June Troop meetings. Ms. Suiter will be doing it for the first Troop meeting for me as I will be picking up a new fire truck in Appleton, WI and I love that new fire truck smell! For those that haven't done the event in the past, we look for Scouts to sell the food and refreshments with adults assisting with the money and food preparation. We prefer to have 2 adults on every shift with 2 or 3 Scouts working. The shifts are two hours long and usually once a shift the Scouts check the trash on the grounds and empty the full containers.

The Lions Club pays for us to clean-up after the parade and to empty the trash during the festival. All money raised during this event goes into the Scouts account. The money raised selling food is divided between all Scouts and family members who worked the food booth. The check from the Lions Club is divided between all those who did parade clean-up. This money won't be able to be used for Tomahawk but will be available for future campouts. Payments to the Scouts depend on how many people sign-up and for the food booth, on how well sales go. But, usually payments run about \$4 per hour to a high of almost \$14 per hour.

Mr. & Mrs. Suiter will be helping me with the food booth again this year. However, we can also use some assistance with:

- Ice – we ask local businesses for ice for the pop and water. Not having to buy ice keeps our costs down and 80% of businesses asked are more than happy to let Boy Scouts have some ice.
- Parade Coordinator – gets things organized at the start of the parade. Garbage containers like you have at your house are provided and will be at the start of the parade. Once the parade starts we clean-up where the line-up was and then do the parade route. We have some tips for this and will help anyone do it. I would assist but last year my team from the Eagan Fire Department Honor Guard didn't begin the parade with the US Flag. Many people complained to City Hall so if enough of my team members don't volunteer then I will have to march in the parade. However, once I am done I can come back and help clean-up.
- Booth Coordinator – someone to help me run the booth. It gets tough to be there every day, all day and this person would help me make sure the booth is running okay. You can also learn about setting up, taking down the booth and see if we get it right this year.

That is all I can think of about the booth at this time. I just turned 50 last month and not sure if I forgot something or not. If you have questions, call me, ask Ms Suiter, Mr. Lenagh or anyone on the Troop Committee. I plan on being at the second Troop meeting of June as the new fire truck smell will have worn out by then!

PLC Notes

Various Scouts
Troop Scribe Standin

June

- 7 Dragon patrol will have opening, closing, and a game. We will plan skits for Tomahawk. The new Scouts will work on Hurry-up First Aid. Maybe Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.
- 14 The ET patrol will have opening, closing and a game. Those going to the Apostle Island campout will finish planning it. New Scouts will work on finishing the Fitness requirement.
- 16 Bagging food at Cub Foods
- 17/19 2005 Jamboree campout
- 19 Father's Day
- 21 The Jaws patrol will have opening, closing and a game. Trevor and Jake will demonstrate what to and not to pack for Tomahawk. Ms. Lenagh will do the Bear Talk for Tomahawk. New Scouts will work on Safety Afloat.
- 24/27 Apostle Island campout
- 28 **PLC @ 6:15**

June 24/27: Apostle Islands

July 9/16: Tomahawk

July 20/August 4: National Jamboree

Various Items not covered elsewhere

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Here are some items I picked up at the May PLC that didn't get into the notes and some other items I picked up on the side of the road:

- Bring Patrol flags at the June 14th meeting.
- If you want a Tomahawk T-Shirt the deadline is June 7.
- Sudan Mines SP campout is August 19/21.
- Cub Food grocery packing is June 16th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm in 1 hour shifts.
- June 14th is last time to pre-register for activities at Tomahawk. After that it must be done at Tomahawk.
- The new Council Name for the merger of Indianhead and Viking Councils is **Northern Star**. This new name will go into effect on June 30th at 11:59 pm.
- Speaking of the Council merger, the Order of the Arrow (OA) Lodges: Agaming (Indianhead) and Tonkawampus (Viking) will be merging too. Prior to the merger, a new OA flap for Indianhead to celebrate the 60 anniversary of Agaming Lodge is coming out. It is expected that the new OA Lodge will include a new totem so the Agaming bear will be gone. That means this last patch should be a collectors item. FYI - Tonkawampus Lodge celebrated it's 80th anniversary last year.
- I missed birthdays on the calendar again this month. I'll make it up to all next month.