



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report

**Tom Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

Perhaps you've heard some people say that life is a hike between the cradle and the grave. For some, it's a long trip of many moons. For others it's a short trip that ends unexpectedly.

But all of us are equipped for life's trip with two knapsacks - one to be carried on the back the other to be carried on the chest.

The average hiker on the trail of life puts the faults of others into the knapsack on his chest so that he can always see them. His own faults he puts in the sack on his back so that he can't see them without special effort. He hikes through life constantly noticing the faults of other people but usually overlooking his own faults.

Scouts, this pack arrangement is bad because no one can have a successful life just finding fault with other people. It's the man who can see his own faults and strives to correct them who enjoys the hike through life the most and finally enter the Happy Hunting Ground with thanksgiving.

Let's place the knapsack with our own faults upon our chests and put the bag with others' mistakes behind us. That way we'll have a happier hike through life.

Now Scouts, how long has it been since you said, "Thank you, Dad." I'm afraid that too often we take our fathers for granted.

I suppose it might be awkward to try to say - in words - "Thanks Dad, I appreciate everything you do for me - and with me." And of course, if we merely said those words and stopped there, they'd be a pretty empty kind of thanks, wouldn't they? I wonder just how a fellow can go about saying thank you to his father and mother. The best way that we can show our appreciation is by making our parents proud of us, happy over the kind of fellows we are and are trying to be.

No matter what else we do as a gesture to show appreciation on Father's Day, certainly we want to do our very best to be the kind of fellows that are dads can be proud of all through the year.

## Tomahawk News

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

At the May PLC, the leadership agreed to do the Tomahawk Patrol this year. A patrol can earn extra points prior to Tomahawk by:

- Displaying their Patrol Flag during the Troop meetings in June
- Attending PLC.

# PLC Notes

**Isaac Mensink**  
Troop Scribe

June 6 – The Egg-Eating Turtles have opening, closing and a game. We will be planning Tomahawk and doing the painting Merit Badge. New Scouts will be doing Fitness, First-Aid and fusing ropes. We are doing Hiking. First-Aid by the Egg-Eating Turtles

June 13 – The Dragons have opening, closing and a game. We will be presenting the high adventure for 2007. We are planning Tomahawk. Merit Badge is Citizenship in the World. We will be talking about proper hiking gear by the Dragon patrol.

June 17/24 – Black Hills High Adventure

June 20 – Black Hills campout. We are planning Apostle Islands. Old Fogies have opening, closing and a game.

June 27 – PLC at 6:15 pm.

## Uniforms

**Jeff Stine**  
Chief Black Dog District

As we are heading into the summer months and your units will be out having a wonderful time, there is one thing that the boys need to be reminded of. Scouting policy states that Boy Scouts are prohibited from wearing Military style clothes, which includes camouflaged uniform items or field gear.

During the early year of Boy Scouting in America the scouts wore uniforms that closely resembled those of the Army. Over the years the uniform has evolved into something all its own. Scouting, while it has its history in the late 1800's, is not a military organization.

Having spent 20 years in the Army I had a lot of gear left over and it cheaper to give that to my son, then to buy him new clothes just to get dirty in while camping. But, we have to try and see what it would look like to those that see our boys.

The uniform is a symbol of who we are, let's make sure it's the right symbol.

## Heads-up

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Here is a head-up column of upcoming campouts. I'll work to keep this column updated so everyone knows what is coming in the next few months.

Jun 17/24 06 – Black Hills trip, South Dakota

Jul 8/15 06 – Tomahawk SR (summer camp with Summer Court of Honor 14<sup>th</sup>)

Aug 11/14 06 – Apostle Island (Madeline Island)

Sep 8/10 – OA Sectional

Sep 15/17 – OA Conclave

Sep 22/24 06 – Fall Camporee @ Phillippo SR

Oct 27/29 06 – Good Medicine Cabin @ Feed C. Anderson SR (Fall Court of Honor 28<sup>th</sup>)

Jan 12/14 07 – Snowbase

Feb 9/11 – Eagle Cave

## Star Fun 2006

**Mr. Cherland**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Troop 510 went camping at Valleyfair. It was a beautiful night and after a long walk carrying our gear we set up camp. A special thanks to Mr. Hammer for getting the troop trailer can

camping gear close by. We played games followed by a cracker barrel with lots of meat, six pounds to be exact.

The next morning after a cool night, one boy forgot his sleeping bag and slept in a pillow case. We made omelets in a bag and filled up for our all day adventure. It all began with a great opening ceremony by Paul Douglas (weatherman). He warned us about showers to come and talked about his scouting career. The main point was scouting gave the boys a chance to try out many things. Once they have found out what they like then go with it and find someone willing to pay you for doing it. By this point the boys were brimming with anticipation. We then turned them loose on Valleyfair. As I made the rounds myself I ran into them doing everything. David Salter swishing a free throw on his first try for a basketball. Kids eating everything in sight. Eric Senst getting stuck on the top of the Wild Thing. There wasn't anyone not having a great time even with a few showers.

That night we have even more food (Cheeseburgers in Paradise). This was followed by fireworks. When we went to make rounds at 10:15 there wasn't anyone left stirring in their tent. It was either lights out or they were sleeping or no one was in their tents. This had to be a first.

The next morning we got up early and broke camp. We wanted to get everything into the trailer before Mr. Hammer took it so we didn't have to carry it back all the way to the parking lot. It was at this point that we found Isaac and Thomas had spent the night sleeping with snakes.

Well, I didn't hear much grumbling about this camping trip. In fact a lot of the boys said they might even want to do it again. The only complaints I heard were that Mrs. Lenagh doesn't let us stand on the top of the picnic table and Mr. Lenagh doesn't have a three second rule, but that Kool-Aid is sure good for breakfast. I think there may be some retraining in the future for us.

**Editors Note:** There are pictures on-line at [www.northernstarbsa.org/News/StarFUN.asp](http://www.northernstarbsa.org/News/StarFUN.asp).

**Editors Note:** Thank you to the Troop 510 Scouts who took time to come outside of the park and visit with Mr. Hammer while he worked so hard in the hot sun. Some even fed him!

## Committee Notes

Ms. Offerdahl  
Committee Chair

Reminder: the boys may begin wearing their summer Class B shirt (Troop 510 T-shirt) to all scout meetings beginning June 6. As always, though, the boys are required to wear their Class A shirt on any travel to/from camping events, even in the summer!

For the month of June **only:** the committee meeting will be held the 1st week of June (6/6) and the parent meeting will be held the 2nd week of June (6/13). This is due to the Black Hills trip from June 17 - June 24. So, all parents, please plan to attend the 15-minute parent meeting June 13th (not 6/20!), beginning at 7:05!

Jane Tunseth will update the troop phone list & roster for a final copy. If you have any changes to the draft copy given to the scouts on April 4th, please let Jane know by June 1st via e-mail: [jane.tunseth@district196.org](mailto:jane.tunseth@district196.org).

The 4th of July sign-up sheets are out for the scouts to sign up. The food/pop booth sign-ups are in 2-hour increments. We will be selling food/pop for 2 days only, so please sign up right away. If you have any questions, please contact Dan & Bonnie Suiter, or Diane Kline. Here are the dates & hours for participation:

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Booth Set-up, beginning at 1 p.m.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Food/Pop Booth, from 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Parade Clean-up, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until parade is over

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Food/Pop Booth, from 10:00 a.m. - close (usually when fireworks start)

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Booth Takedown & Groups Clean-up, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

# Northern Star News

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

## **Announcing A New Opportunity for Young Women and Men ages 14-20!**

Venturing is a co-ed program offered in the Scouting Program. Northern Star Council and Elko Speedway are working together to offer a Venturing Racing Crew.



### **Learn all aspects of the racing sport.**

Crew members will work on marketing and advertising, customer relations, business, and of course see what happens behind the scenes in the racing pits.

Want to learn about running a business? Do you want to apply your leadership abilities? Maybe you want to get down and dirty working on cars? Or maybe you are a math wizard and can apply physics to a sport? This Racing Crew will offer all these opportunities!

### **Feel the excitement on race day!**

For more information please call Nate Tessum at 651-254-9137, [ntessum@northernstarbsa.org](mailto:ntessum@northernstarbsa.org), or Bill Grabosky at 651-254-9120, [bgrabosky@northernstarbsa.org](mailto:bgrabosky@northernstarbsa.org)

## OA News

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Mr. Paulson trying to determine when we can get the majority of the Chief Black Dog District OA members in the chapter to participate in service projects at Spring Lake Park Reserve this summer.

Please let him know which of the following time options would work best with your schedule. You can rank them from best to worst by 4 being best and 1 being worst.

1. Thursday evening from 6 - 8 p.m.
2. Saturday morning from 9 - noon
3. Saturday afternoon from 2 - 5 p.m.
4. Sunday afternoon from 3 - 6 p.m.

You can e-mail your answers to him at [cricketbpp@comcast.net](mailto:cricketbpp@comcast.net).

Interested in ordering NOAC items? You can order them on-line at <http://bsa.cmail1.com/asp/1/54482/33113178/tradingpost.oe-bsa.org/>.

## July Newsletter

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

There usually isn't a July Troop 510 newsletter because the Troop is at camp, there is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we skip a meeting during the month. So, the next issue will be the August issue!

## Final Word

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Is any adult member of the Troop (parent or Scouter) interesting in doing the Troop 510 Newsletter? I am willing to let it pass onto someone else if there is someone interested. I can get you started on a world of communication like no other!