



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

What do we do with buddy tags? We use them whenever we go in the water, so that every Scout is responsible for the safety of another Scout and so the leader knows who is in the water. It's an important way to make sure that no swimmer gets into trouble because no-one is paying attention to him.

The buddy system is really part of everything we do in Scouting. When we go to camp or any outing we use the buddy system to make sure no one gets lost or injured. Just because you have been to a camp before or you feel that your business is more important than anything else, remember that the buddy system is for everyone.

Remember that in the Scout Oath we say that we will help other people at all times. In other words, we are our brother's keeper, and we pledge to act as a buddy would even to a total stranger. Maybe I'm stretching the point a little bit, because you're never going to be a real buddy to some lady you might give directions to on the street or to some little kid whose ball you find for him.

Still, the idea of the Good Turn and the buddy system are the same in a way. Both call for you to help another person - to become your brother's keeper. The buddy system is absolutely essential when we're in the water and the idea behind it is important in everything we do.

On a hike or in camp we reveal our true selves most. Did you ever know a Scout who thought people were always picking on him?

I recall a boy who pitched his tent carelessly and it blew down on him in the middle of the night. He tried hard to blame it on someone else, but finally had to admit to himself, "Well, I guess it was my own fault."

Another time he burned a meal. "It was the fire's fault," he insisted, until the other fellows laughed at him and showed him how the same bed of coals could help turn out a well-cooked meal.

Things usually happen to us because we set the stage for them. Actually, people are too busy to spend their time picking on us. When something goes wrong, the first place to look for the cause is within ourselves.

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### Sign up for our July 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser

Sign up sheets are on the front table for scouts and parents to sign up for our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraising event.

You may sign up for garbage clean up or concession sales. Each scout is asked to sign up for only one time slot in the concession booth until everyone has had the chance to do so. We will have additional concession spots and information at we get closer July.

# Webelos Woods Campout

Davis A.  
Scout in attendance

The May campout was Webelos Woods. Luckily nobody had trouble setting up their tents. Friday night we had cracker barrel and roasted marshmallows and graham crackers. The scouts favorite saying was “fluffy white bunnies”. They said this because it made the smoke from the fire go away! The next day we had a delicious breakfast of mountain man, then it was off to work! Thanks to den leaders Pat, Josh and Tristan it all went smoothly. We had an unexpected rain fall and at the Eagle camp, the fire kept going during the rain! It was off to the ring of fire!!! Braden, Pinky and Jake started the fire with the “torch,” which consisted of a rolled up cotton shirt and some newspaper. In the skit “Indian Rain Dance,” the anti-rain dance had worked! We enjoyed a new cobbler for dessert. During the night the tents stayed up even though it was very, very windy. In the morning we stuffed ourselves full of donuts and cereal. After breakfast, we all packed up and got our gear to the outdoor classroom. It started raining again! Luckily, none of our gear got soaked. Everyone was looking forward to getting home.

## July 4th Fundraiser

Mr. Suiter  
Assistant Scoutmaster



The Troop has a fundraiser every July 4th cleaning up after the Eagan parade. We meet on the corner of Yankee Doodle Road and Blue Cross Road at 9:00 (that is when Yankee Doodle Road will close). The parade will start at 10:00 and we will start cleaning up the parade route after the last unit in the parade. We will pickup trash all along Yankee Doodle Road until Federal Drive and down Federal Drive to the Eagan Community Center. If you have not participated before it is hard work, but a good way to help pay for your campouts. Bring gloves and wear sunscreen. Wear your class B uniform unless you only have one and are going to use it at the food booth later that day. Then wear a Tomahawk or plain shirt. See me if you have any questions.

# Funfest Opportunities

Mrs. Stafford, Ms. Kline & Mr. Backes  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Co-chairs

How would you like to be a part of the Eagan July 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest, without buying your own Tilt-a-Whirl or setting up a big tent with an antique car show inside? You won't even have to run for City Council or engage in any other political activity.



You will get to see all of your neighbors and once the lights go out, you will have some of the best seats in the park for the fireworks display.

Each year, The Troop has a fundraiser at The Funfest and it is an opportunity for those who sign up, to earn money for camp outs. The sign-up sheets are already out and there are 20 two hour spots available. We will make adjustments so that everyone can work at least one shift, if they want.

There are three main tasks:

- The first is late in the day on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and it is the setup of the food booth. This is so simple that all you need is a few screwdrivers, wrenches, and a hammer, and several strong guys. The food booth goes up fast and can all be put together in about an hour.
- Then, on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, you get to sell soda, apples with caramel, and chocolate bananas. This year we are adding popcorn to our food to sell and are also going to have a duck pond. These additions will allow for more scouts to work and earn money. In addition to our food and beverage sales, you will empty the trash barrels on the grounds.
- Finally, you take down the booth on the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>, load it up, and participate in a cleanup of the festival grounds.



There will be 2 scouts and 2 adults per shift. Please come with a hat or some other hair restraint. As you start your shift, we will go over everything you will need to know.

All the money raised will be divided between the scouts and the family members who participate and can be used to pay for camping.

## Calling All Toys!

July 4<sup>th</sup> Concessions Committee



Do you have closets with stuffed toys from days gone by still hanging out and waiting to be loved! If so, we want to give those toys a new home. The July 4<sup>th</sup> concession group is collecting any new or slightly used stuffed toy for our new Duck Pond booth at the Eagan July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.



Size doesn't matter, we just ask that the toy is clean and in good condition. This is your chance to rid your home of some things that are just taking up space and help out the troop. Bring any or all toys to a meeting and give them to any committee member in the month of June.

We are also interested in small novelty toys you may want to donate such as yo-yos, super balls, mini Frisbees, etc. They will all be put to good use in our Duck Pond this year.



The addition of our duck pond will give scouts additional opportunities to work toward funding their scout accounts. Plus we will be able to put the old turtle race equipment to use.

## High Adventure Canoe Shakedown

Mr. Loher  
Assistant Scoutmaster

With one canoe shakedown under our PFD we look forward to the next two on the schedule. This is an environmental classroom to learn the basics of canoeing, and every scout is required to know how to handle a canoe for the adventure trip in August. You will need to bring a PFD, hat, sunscreen water bottle and tennis or water shoes are also recommended for these outings.

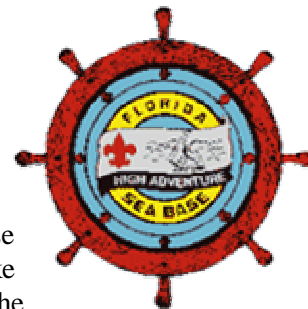
If you have the canoeing merit badge, we would like you help the other Scouts.

Sign up soon, there are only two shakedowns left. Anyone that didn't attend the first one will need to attend both of the next two in preparation for the trip. Shakedown dates and locations are: June 23 at Lake Alamagnet in Burnsville, meet at 8:30 at the access point. July 28 on the Cannon River. We are still looking for a good entry and exit point. We want the trip to be roughly 10 miles in length. The

timeframe will be roughly 7:30 AM to 5 PM. We will stop for lunch. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, and beverages are planned. Gorp will also be packed.

## Seabase 2008

Mr. Vieths  
Assistant Scoutmaster



We're looking for more people to sign up for Seabase which we are hoping to make our high adventure trip for the summer of 2008. The boys have chosen the Bahamian boat cruise version of Seabase. This trip is a working sailboat cruise, with two ports of call. The area that this program will take place in is Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas. The Abacos are a cluster of islands located due east of West Palm Beach, Florida,

We'll fly down and back, and will be on the boat for a week. This is a working trip in which Scouts will develop sailing skills and handle daily chores on the boat. Teamwork, education, and safety will be stressed. You must be able to pass the BSA swim test and know the bowline, reef, clove hitch knots. You must also have a current passport.

This will be an experience of a lifetime, learning to sail on ocean waters and as well ocean fishing.

According to the literature, we expect to catch fish such as grouper, shark, barracuda, and more. Expect the per-person cost to be about \$1000 - \$1100, plus or minus. This includes airfare and everything else. There are currently seven Scouts and two adults signed up but we'd like more of each.

Beyond cost, the only concern you should have when considering this is a history of motion sickness. The Troop has to begin planning and think about reserving a time slot. View [bsaseabase.org](http://bsaseabase.org) for more info.

We would like to make reservations while there are available dates to choose from. The sooner we know how many scouts and adults to plan for the sooner we can communicate final dates.

The troop committee may discuss trying to set up additional fundraisers for scouts planning on attending Seabase.

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Michael B.  
Troop Scribe

**June 5** - I Have No Idea patrol has opening and closing. The new scouts are finishing up safe hiking and doing the scout sayings. For the experienced scouts we are having a shooting speaker. If we are unable to find one we will have a skill.

**June 12** - Barbaric Barracudas have opening and closing. The new scouts will finish up the second half of the fitness stuff. The experienced scouts will plan Tomahawk. We will be starting Personal Fitness merit badge.

**June 19** - Nights Who Say Nee have opening and closing. All scouts will be given the bear talk and plan Tomahawk. On the 23 we will be having a canoe shakedown

**June 26** - PLC, all patrols need to be represented.

**PLC note All patrols need to get a flag in this month for Tomahawk. If you haven't done one yet this is your final notice to get completed.**

### Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

The Committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming Fourth of July festivities. We can always use more volunteers for the parade clean up activity. Beginning in June, scouts can wear their Class B uniform to meetings. They are still expected to wear their Class A to camp-outs. Any scout not in uniform will be asked to get their uniform. The June parent meeting will be devoted mainly to Tomahawk. Please plan on attending this meeting. Also, make sure that your son's account is up to date. Remember that the troop does meet year round. We follow the same schedule during the summer that we do the rest of the year. When your son brings home an item to clean from a camp out, they need to turn it in to the Quartermaster before the next camping trip.

### Campout/Activity Sign-up

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

Each week there are sign-up sheets on the table in the front of the scout meeting room for the various activities and campouts the troop is involved in. These sheets are for scouts and adults to sign up for any outing they will be attending.

Our troop strives to be a boy lead organization and as such we want to have the boys be responsible for getting themselves signed up for the outings and activities they plan on attending. We ask the adults to do the same. Parents are asked to NOT sign your scout(s) up for activities but please check the sign up sheets to what has been committed to. We ask too that you confirm there isn't a conflict in the family's schedule for any of the dates and to be aware of the financial needs of your scout's account.

### Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths  
Parent/Committee Member

- \* Ripley health forms need to be in prior to the trip. Health forms must be turned in now for the summer of camping.
- \* Scouts can start wearing their class B shirts to meetings and times during the campouts. Class A shirts – tucked in and neckerchiefs must be worn when traveling to and from every outing.
- \* Sign up sheets will be available for July 4<sup>th</sup> fund raising. Each scout is allotted on one spot until we have all scouts signed up. The committee is working on alternatives that will allow more working positions. Watch for updates in the newsletter and at upcoming meetings.
- \* Behavior expectation form needs to be signed & return to any leader. Copies are available

Parent meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Committee members and parents meet in the room adjacent to the Scout's meeting room. This is an excellent way to find out up-coming events and outings, changes in the troop and yes, where assistance from parents is needed. During the nice months of summer we could switch it up by having everyone bring a lawn chair and we could meet outside the church.

# Summertime Events

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

For new scouts and parents the events of the summer can seem confusing as well as numerous. Campouts tend to be longer and more adventurous than those of the colder months. There are also events other than camping to keep track of.

There are sign-up sheets on the tables in front of the scout meeting room. They will be out at the next couple of meetings. There are slots for scouts as well as parents to work. Please take a look at the sheets, see what your son(s) have already signed up for and sign up for any parent opportunities you are able to. Feel free to ask questions of any of leaders, committee members or seasoned parents.

The first event is the July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser, and the next big event of July is Camp Tomahawk. This is a week long, working camp located north of Rice Lake Wisconsin. The troop leaves Eagan on Saturday morning the 7<sup>th</sup> of July and returns about mid afternoon on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Scouts usually use family tents during this outing as they are often much nicer than the old canvas tents the camp offers. They call that small space home for a week so a little more room as well as screening on doorways and windows makes their stay a bit more comfortable.

If you have questions regarding their time at Tomahawk, the July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser or other activities please refer to the Parent/Scout Handbook you should have received when you joined the troop. If you do not have one or have misplaced it, we do have more, just see Laurie Vieths at one of the meetings.

The handbook has quite a lot of information on Tomahawk from what and how to pack to sending mail to your son(s). The troop will also need parents to drive to and from camp and help for a day or two during the week the boys are there.

In August we have an annual family picnic which is fun evening in which the entire family gets together for good food and fellowship. We will be asking for volunteers to host and plan this event.

We also have another highway clean up date set for mid August. As you can see we there are many dates and events to keep track of.

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### June

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
19	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
23	Canoe Shakedown – Jensen Lake	TBD
26	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### July

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
3-5	Eagan July 4 <sup>th</sup> festival activities	
9	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
7-14	Tomahawk Summer camp	TBD
13	Tomahawk Court of Honor	7:00PM
17	NO MEETING	
24	Troop/parent meeting	7:00PM
28	Final Canoe Shakedown – Jensen Lake	TBD
31	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### August

5	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
6- 11	No Meeting – high adventure	7:00PM
14	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
21	Family Picnic – place TBD	5:30PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

#### September

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
27	Troop shopping at Cub	7:00PM
28-30	Fall Camporee at Phillipo	5:00PM

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

**June 23** Second canoe shakedown at Jensen Lake

**July 3-5** Eagan 4<sup>th</sup> of July concessions and parade/grounds cleanup

**July 7-14** Tomahawk – Court of Honor Friday evening at Tomahawk campsite

**July 28** Final canoe shakedown at Jensen Lake

**August 6 – 11** High Adventure – Jay Cooke and St. Croix State Park

**September 28-30** Camporee at Phillipo

**October 26-28** Good Medicine Lodge

**November 9-11** Polaris Lodge - Fairmont