



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

This month I would like to talk about "Scouting is Alive," but I think it ought to be "Scouting is alive and well and living in (your community)".

I guess the theme is supposed to remind us that 94 years after the first troops were started in the United States, Scouting still offers fun and adventure to boys. Certainly that's what we do in this troop.

But maybe this is a good time, as we think about this, to ask ourselves, "Are we alive in Scouting?" Do we take part in all patrol and troop activities? Are we advancing on the Scouting trail? Are we trying to live by the Scout Oath and Law? In other words, are we "alive" Scouts? Or are we deadwood?

Late this month we're going to have the spring court of honor to recognize those Scouts who have earned advancement and shown the Scout Spirit that is required to make this troop alive and well. I hope that each one of you will be on the list to receive a rank advancement, merit badge, or other award.

Let's remind ourselves that every time that we repeat the Scout Oath, we pledge, "On my honor, I will do my best. . . ." That's a good guide for living, not just in Scouting but in everything we do.

Fort Rice Winter Camp

Mr. Schwarzbauer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Fort Rice started out as all good Minnesota winter camp outs should. The temperature was below zero as we gathered together to start our weekend adventure. The trip was uneventful until we arrived at Fort Rice. As Mr. Hammer tried to drive up the last hill into the parking lot something happened. The van and trailer would not go up the hill. After three or four attempts he was successful and we all arrived at the Fort.

Fort Rice was everything the troop remembered. We had an upstairs bunkroom, large central room with tables and chairs, kitchen with stove/oven, running water, microwave, individual rooms for the leaders and best of all indoor flushies.

The scouts enjoyed the out door activities that included exploring the fort, capture the flag, sledding down the road (the one Mr. Hammer could not get up) and a snow ball with wastepaper baskets. Three of the adult leaders enjoyed a brisk walk that took them over a good portion of the camp and took over 2 hours.

All patrols cooked as individual units with mixed results but a lot of enthusiasm. The kitchen was small and cooking was done elbow to elbow. You dared not take another patrols food. The leaders were on there own.

The only draw back to this weekend was the Saturday night trip into town. While playing capture the flag one of the scouts hit his head and required stitches to close the wound.

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

Mar 2 – Smile patrol has opening, closing and a game. All Scouts will participate in elections.

Mar 9 – Moogles patrol has opening, closing and a game. All Scouts will watch everyone's favorite movie "A time to tell" and we will watch the Tomahawk film. Finish planning the COH.

Mar 16 – Spring Court of Honor (COH). Everyone is invited. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Helpers should arrive at 5:00 p.m.

Mar 23 – The Hawks patrol will have opening, closing and a game. All Scouts will watch the rest of the Tomahawk film. Planning for the Snelling Cabin campout.

Mar 26 to 28 – Snelling Cabin campout at Phillippo Scout Reservation.

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

First Mr. Schwarzbauer earns the Silver Beaver award. Now as I plan the Indianhead Council Court of Recognition Dinner last week, I read the draft of the program for the evening. In it I see that one of our Scouts has earned an honor. Joe Moschera was one of this years Eagle Scout Scholarship recipients. Way to go Joe!