



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Mr. 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 will 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.

Which way do you wear your knapsacks? Can we all make improvements on our own faults? None of us are perfect! This month try to improve on just one of your faults, can everyone do this?

Advancement Corner

Mr. Callinan
Assistant Scoutmaster

New Scouts: Daniel Arbogast, Adithya Balaji, Tanner Hoffman, Garret Johnson, Wesley Kimball, Andrew Kline, Michael Loher, Joseph Martens, Jake Mehring, Ryan Pinkalla, Adam Rein, David Salter, Carl Swanson, Kyle Unzicker, Karl Vieths, Ryan Wessel

Scout Rank (earned on 15 Feb 05): Andrew Kline, Michael Loher, Karl Vieths

Second Class (earned on 18 Jan 05): Sam Fouts

First Class (earned on 18 Jan 05): Isaac Mensink / (earned on 15 Feb 05): John Schaenzer, Thomas Suiter

Merit Badges: Alex Amundson - Camping, John Schaenzer - First Aid

Eagles for 2004: Chris Brenberg (Jan), Eric Deters (Oct), Jared Erickson (Dec)

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

March

- 1** Younglings have opening, closing, and a game. The Troop will plan the Spring Court of Honor & Skits. Ms. Lenagh will discuss Cooking Merit Badge. The new Scouts will work on Scout Badge & Tenderfoot. Finish planning Diamond Lake Lodge campout.
- 4-6** Diamond Lake Lodge & Cooking Merit Badge.
- 8** Old Fogies have opening, closing, and a game. Troop Elections will take place. The new Scouts will continue work on Scout & Tenderfoot. After elections, older Scouts will plan Skits and Court of Honor.
- 11-12** JLT
- 15** Court of Honor at 6:00 pm.
- 22** FUN DAY – Chinchillas have opening and closing. Bring warm clothing to be playing outside!
- 29** PLC @ 6:15 pm.

April

- 3** Troop Pancake Breakfast, Apple Valley American Legion, 7 am to 1 pm.
- 8-10** Shelter 1 @ Fred C. Anderson
- 16** Hand out bags for Scouting for Food
- 23** Scouting for Food and an activity of fun
- 29-1** WEBELOS Woods

Troop Pancake Breakfast

Ms Offerdahl
Committee Chair

Troop 510 is having a pancake breakfast fundraiser & bake sale on Sunday, April 3, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 1776 in Apple Valley at 14521 Granada Drive.

The money raised from the fundraiser will go toward paying for building the garage and adding shelving to the inside. Each scout will receive 10 adult tickets that they must sell, as well as child tickets. For families with multiple scouts in the troop, they will receive an additional 5 adult tickets per scout to sell. If a family prefers not to sell tickets, it is okay for them to make a donation instead for the amount of the 10 adult tickets, but could your scout please let us know for counting purposes if it is a donation only.

The tickets will be distributed to your scouts at the March 1 meeting, and the money is due back by March 22 at the troop meeting. If you will not be at the meeting please let Linda Offerdahl know how many tickets you have sold by **Sunday March 27** (we have to let the American Legion know by March 28).

The menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, and beverages (milk, coffee, & orange juice). The cost is \$6 for an adult ticket, \$3 for children ages 3-10, and free for under age 3. We will have sign up sheets for hours the boys and parents should plan to come work. Since no one under age 18 can be around the grill area in the kitchen cooking, we will need plenty of parent “cooks”! We will need scouts to serve food at the buffet line, clear the tables, pour beverages, work at the bake sale table, and other clean-up jobs. There will be 2 people from the Legion there to help us.

Our troop will receive approximately 40%-50% of ticket sales, plus often the Legion provides some sort of matching funds. Also, we'll receive 100% of the profits from the bake sale. We'll need plenty of parent "cooks" there as well! Shelley Sampers is able to get Pillsbury goodies for us at a greatly reduced price, so we will plan to order most of the goods from her for sale.

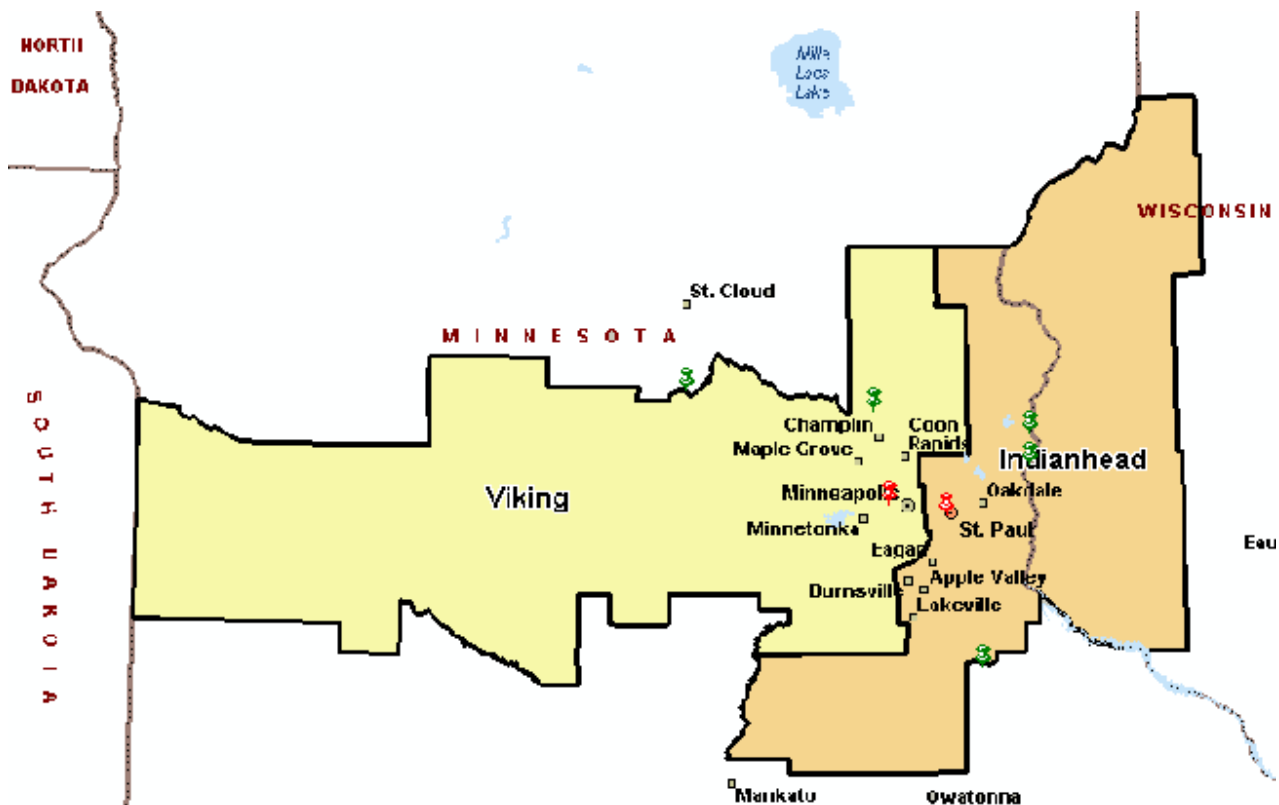
Thank you for all your help in making our new garage a reality! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Offerdahl at 651-405-1640, or LSOfferdahl@aol.com.

Council Information

David Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

If you haven't followed the news from Indianhead Council, there is a proposal to merge Indianhead and Viking Councils into one Council. The process has been going on for three years and the last step was that both council's volunteer Executive Boards called for a vote to merge or not merge the councils. This vote will take place on 30 March 05 within each council. The announcement of the election will be made shortly after that date. If the vote is to merge the two councils, it will become effective 30 June 2005 at 11:59 pm. Between 30 March and 30 June there will be chances to help name the council and design a new council strip. After that, sewing begins if you decide to wear the new council strip. Existing Indianhead and Viking council strips can still be worn.

The study to merge the two councils concentrated on if it will be the best for the Scouts and Scouting. If you want to read more about the proposed merger, visit www.taskforce.realscouting.org. From what I have read, Scouts and Troops will feel very little if any direct impact of the merger. The site lists more positive reasons than negative. Shown below is a picture of the Indianhead and Viking council territories.



Eagle Cave

David Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

The Troop headed off to Eagle Cave in Wisconsin on 11 to 13 February. This was a repeat visit for some Scouts and new territory for others. The trip down took a little longer than expected but we still arrived in time for treats (donuts and hot chocolate).

In the previous years the Troop spent the night in the River Bedroom so I expected the same. Instead, we were put up back in the other part of the cave (oops, I forgot the name of the room!). It was a little crowded there but we managed to fit everyone in the area. After we unpacked and setup, the Scouts started exploring the cave. It seemed a few slipped away early but I wasn't quite sure about that point. The Scouts had fun exploring everywhere for a little over an hour before it was lights out. Except in Eagle Cave there isn't any "lights out" as the lights stay on in the cave all night. So, I guess instead we'll have to call it "in your bedding material with your eyes closed and the lights on". It took some time for the Scouts to settle in and other groups were still arriving. So, it wasn't too quiet in the cave until late.

Up in the morning and off to breakfast. Nobody went hungry and everyone was ready to explore more of the cave or play video games. I have to admit I tried looking for our Troop 510 Scouts during the day and couldn't find many of them. Usually I can wander through the cave and either see them or hear their voices coming from some hole in the cave. This time I couldn't find hardly one. So, it was hard to know if they were having a good time or not. I lucked out when they all showed up for lunch. The leaders were prepared to borrow a Scout from another Troop if we lost one in the cave. We were sure parents wouldn't notice the difference.

After lunch, there seemed to be less cave exploring and more time in the game room. However, a lot of the Scouts headed out on the Gold Nugget trail to try their luck at finding shiny rocks. The group with the most wins prizes (more on that later). Saturday afternoon really started to warm up real good. It provided time for the leaders to sit in the sun and warm themselves. Nighttime after dinner, the place really starts to rock. Yes, it was time for the counting of the Gold Nuggets. For the second time on a Troop 510 trip to Eagle Cave, we won second prize for the most gold rocks. Last time I know the Scouts polled their rocks together but I think Trevor did it on his own this time. Then, it was time for BINGO! Both old and young had a great time and many of the Troop 510 members earned BINGO and a prize! I think it was a record this year.

After all the excitement there was a star walk. For the Scouts it might be a star walk but the older ones in the group it was a star "run". A few of us older ones were dragging behind just a little bit but did catch up. Once the walk was done, there was time for a little more cave exploring before lights out, er, "in your bedding material with your eyes closed and the lights on". Sunday morning brought us breakfast, packing and loading. We found a restaurant in Rochester to take a break and grab some lunch. Then it was home and a chance to wash out the dirt.

It appears both new and old Scouts had a great time at Eagle Cave as we have in the past. It was a pleasure to bring the Troop 510 Scouts there and to spend time with my two other adults leaders. Thanks gang!