



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

Scouting is almost a century old. Scouting wasn't very different then, at least not in the basics. The Scouts of the Twenties came into Scouting for the same reason you did - to enjoy the outdoors, learn some new skills and to have some fun.

There's something else that is not different: Our Scout Oath and Scout Law. Ever since 1910, more than 95 years ago, boy Scouts have been gathering at troop meetings and repeating the exact same Scout Oath and Law.

I think that's amazing. The world has changed in many ways over 95 years. When Scouting was new, a boy's life was very different. There was no television, no radio, no video games, movies were brand new, most people traveled by horse and carriage or train, adults worked long hours six days a week - and so did some kids. It was just a different world.

But the first Boy Scouts in 1910 pledged themselves to the same Scout Oath and Law. And they tried to live by it, just as I hope you do today. Let's think about that every time we repeat the Scout Oath and Law.

## Come One Come All



Troop 510 is shooting rifles. Later this month we will be at the rifle range at Phillippo Scout Reservation. This activity is open to all scout and family members, please signup at the troop meetings. Boy scouts and older youth can shoot the 22 caliber rifles; youth between the ages of 9 through 11 can shoot BB guns. BB guns will need an adult with each youth or two. We will need at least two additional adults (over the age of 21) to help me run the range. Please step forward and volunteer so the boys can have fun day at the range. If enough adults volunteer we can lower the age limit for BB guns. The troop has invited Packs 104 & 517 WEBELOS to participate with us at the range. The troop will also be planning a lunch for the day. Lets all have fun. Who will be the better shot? Who can score the highest points? Can anyone make the dime club? I can!!

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## Spring Court of Honor

Be sure to mark your calendar and join the troop at our spring Court of Honor on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be handed out at the meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> or mailed to families of scouts that were not at that meeting.

## Eagle Cave

Karl V.  
Scout in attendance

We met at the church 4:30, on February 9<sup>th</sup>, in the hope of getting an earlier start. We left at 5:00 with about four hours drive ahead of us. On the way down we made a stop in Rochester for a “potty break”. There were four vehicles in the caravan that held four adults and about twenty scouts, some were cave veterans and some were “newbies”.

Upon our arrival we unloaded the gear and then headed to the mess hall for a doughnut and hot chocolate. When we were done, we grabbed our gear and went to the cave. This year we were assigned a spot right in the front of the cave. The location made is impossible to get much sleep because all the other troops had to walk right past (or in some cases through) our campsite all night long. The only visible bat in the cave decided to bunk above us.

Saturday we explored the caves and caverns up until noon, then we went up to eat lunch. The lunch consisted of “barf filled buns” a.k.a. sloppy joes, pickle and chips. Next, most of us, went to the rec hall/trading post to play arcade games. We fought over who got to be “Mexican Joe” in Sunset Riders, or who got to be “Gnungi” in Jambo Safari. After beating bad guys, roping zebras and being pooped on by dinosaurs we went over to look at the donkey that tried to eat my shirt. We went back down to the cave and explored some more. When we found out somebody had used the cave as an outhouse we sprinted out and back to the arcade to be “Mexican Joe” once more.

Sunday morning we set out for Eagan. We stopped in Lacrosse for another “potty break” and to eat lunch. This trip was a lot of fun. No matter what color we were going in, we all came out a mud brown.

## High Adventure

Mr. Loher  
Assistant Scoutmaster

We are finalizing plans for this summer's High Adventure trip. The dates of the trip are from August 6th through August 11th so mark your calendars! This summer's trip will include canoeing and whitewater rafting in northern Minnesota. Details will be presented at the March COH.



Friends of  
Scouting

Mr. Schwarzbauer & Mrs. Stafford  
Troop 510 FOS Coordinators

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us at our Troop Court of Honor on March 20, 2007. We are very proud of all of the scouts' achievements and extremely appreciative of all the parental involvement.

During the Court of Honor a brief presentation will be made about the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign which helps underwrite the cost of Scouting for all involved.

During the Court of Honor you will receive a pledge brochure and form. Please be prepared by bringing your credit card, check book, or cash. We hope that each family will consider a gift and turn in their pledge form that night. Please remember that any gift will be greatly appreciated regardless of the amount. Thank you

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Isaac M.  
Troop Scribe

**Tuesday 6** – Old Fogies have opening, and closing. we will have elections, and do a merit badge survey.

**Thursday 8** – Troop shopping at Cub

**Friday – Sunday 9 - 11:** Yukon cabin campout – providing we have adult volunteers for driving and assisting at the campout.

**Tuesday 13** – The koolio patrol has opening, and closing. we will be watching videos, and planning fireside lodge.

**Tuesday 20** – Spring Court of Honor, meal served at 6:00 with COH ceremony following at 7:00.

**Friday – Sunday 23-24- JLT**

**Tuesday 27- PLC All patrols must be represented**

**Saturday 31-** rifle shooting.

# Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

Thanks to all parents that attended the parent meeting in February. These monthly meetings are always a good source of information and I appreciate any and all feedback.

As usual, we can always use more parents to volunteer for the campouts. Please consider helping out the troop. It is always disappointing when we have to cancel activities due to a lack of adult volunteers. Please remember when you drop your son off at the church for any activity, you must stay with him until they have physically left the parking lot. If you must leave before the troop leaves, you must tell a leader. Sometimes things come up that we have to speak with the parents before leaving. Scouts are not to leave an activity (including campouts) until the Senior Patrol Leader has dismissed them.

The spring Court of Honor is in a few weeks. Your son will be bringing home an invitation. Please remember to RSVP. The cost of the meal will come out of your son's account. Please plan on attending.

# Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

The third Tuesday of each month there is a parent's meeting from 7:00 to 7:15, in the room adjacent to the scout's meeting. This is a great time to get information, ask questions and meet other parents in the troop. Also on this night, at the end of the scout meeting, awards are given out for any rank advancements, merit badges or special achievements earned by the scouts. Parents are always welcome to attend any or all meetings but are strongly encouraged to be at this meeting. Starting with this newsletter, I will recap the issues discussed at the parent meeting in the next month's newsletter. If you are unable to attend the meeting you will still get the information discussed. Please note too that our newsletters are posted on the troop website each month. The address is: <http://troop510.home.att.net> Here are the meeting notes from the parent meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Health forms need to be in for all new scouts and/or parents going on a campout. There is a separate health form for Tomahawk. Tomahawk requires Scouts to have a physical and doctor's signature every three years. This year there is also a special Ripley health form for everyone attending Ripley Rendezvous.

Spring Court of Honor will be held in the social hall of Christ Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal served prior to the meeting and ceremony. Invitations will be handed out the beginning of March. This is a family event. Please RSVP so we know how much food to order. Scouts can sign up for the merit badges they plan to work on during their week at Tomahawk. New scouts should ask one of the leaders for directions/information on signing up for badges that will give them the most benefit from their week. Scouts can also order class B shirts. Class B shirts are a t-shirt with the Troop 510 logo and is the uniform shirt for summer meetings.

Tomahawk campout will be July 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Swimming test are required for all Scouts attending Tomahawk. The troop is planning to set up a day at a middle school pool for the boys to take the swim test prior to Tomahawk. Any scouts unable to make that date will have to take the test at Tomahawk.

Our high adventure outing is being planned for August in Jay Cooke State Park. It will be four to five nights of camping. We are looking at leaving either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of August and coming back on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be white water rafting and canoeing.

The troop is always in need of parents to drive and help out on campouts. BSA rules are that there are two adults present and one needs to be a trained leader. Don't let not being a trained leader stop you from helping out. If we can't get two adults the campout will be cancelled. We are still in need of two adults to drive and be present for the March campout at Camp Phillips in northwestern Wisconsin. We will be in the Yukon cabin. Please see Mr. Lenagh or any of the Assistant Scoutmasters if you are interested and able to help for the weekend of March 9-11.

The next parent meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> as our spring Court of Honor will be the third Tuesday of March. Please mark your calendar.

# Newsletter Challenge

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

Along with the upcoming events and activities, we like to have articles that recap each campout or event our scouts attend. Often the leader in charge or second in charge will write and submit an article. When possible, I will include a photo or two. However, there are times when leaders that were in attendance simply don't have the time to compose an article due to other life commitments. Therefore, I would like to encourage scouts to submit an article and/or photos. This is your newsletter and your opportunity to grow as a writer. All submissions will be edited where needed. Understanding that boys from 12 to 17 years of age may look at things in a somewhat different light than parents and leaders, I know that the verbiage of choice isn't always what I may write. As long as the language and thoughts are appropriate I will not edit the article too stringently. I will not think twice about removing inappropriate language or even cutting a submission. Remember the words to the scout oath, "courteous, kind and honest" apply to your accounts of an event. Therefore, I challenge all scouts to write an article for any newsletter. You can email it to me at; [vieths88@usfamily.net](mailto:vieths88@usfamily.net)

My predecessor, Mr. Hammer occasionally did a "reader challenge" and offered a prize to the first scout that contacted him after reading the newsletter. This month I will have a special "sweet treat" for the first scout that can answer a question after reading the newsletter. I'm around, come and test your comprehension.

## Did You Know?

*Scouting Magazine*

This past January, following the death of President Gerald Ford, 400 Eagle Scouts – age 15 to 85 – lined the road to his Grand Rapids, Michigan presidential museum. They were there to welcome home the only Eagle Scout to serve as president of the United States. Ford's family had requested an honor guard of 200 Eagle Scouts but there were many Eagle Scouts that volunteered to be part of the ceremony. There were thousands of Scouts that lined the streets as the motorcade carry President Ford's casket proceeded to its final resting place. The first people allowed into the viewing were members of the Eagle Scout honor guard.

President Ford became an Eagle Scout in 1927. In 1970 the BSA recognized him with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for "service to the nation and community". President Ford said, "One of the proudest moments of my life came in the court of honor when I was awarded the Eagle Scout badge. I still have that badge. It is a treasured possession".



## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### March

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop shopping for campout - Cub	7:00PM
9-11	Yukon Cabin campout	5:00PM
13	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Spring Court of Honor	7:00PM
27	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### April

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
13-15	Norsland campout – St. Peter	5:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
28	Scouting for Food	TBD

#### May

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
3	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
4-6	Webelos Woods	5:00PM
8	Troop Highway Clean-up	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### June

1-3	Ripley Rendezvous campout	TBD
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### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

<b>March 9-11</b>	Yukon – Camp Phillips, Wisconsin
<b>March 31</b>	Shooting at Phillippo Rifle Range
<b>April 13-15</b>	Norsland, St. Peter, MN
<b>May 4-6</b>	Webelos Woods
<b>May 19</b>	Climbing Tower at Phillippo
<b>June 1-3</b>	Ripley Rendezvous
<b>July 7-14</b>	Tomahawk