



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

A ruler is some people call a rule. Most of them are not golden but it does remind me of the Golden Rule. Do you know what the Golden Rule is?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That's a great guide for living, Scouts. If we always followed that rule, we would always be kind to others because no-one wants unkindness done to him.

The trouble is, we aren't saints. And so we don't always follow the Scout Law - A Scout is kind" - or the Golden Rule. Some of us follow the Golden Rule for about three inches. Others make it eight inches. A few of us might make it all the way to eleven inches.

How far do you go on the Golden Rule? Probably not as far as you could. So the next time you're tempted to do something unkind, or say something that will hurt someone, **stop and think**. What will it do to your place on the Golden Rule?

Can you improve your place on the ruler this month? Let's make this a goal for everyone.

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Court of Honor

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Our Spring Court of Honor is just two weeks away. Please remember to RSVP for dinner. This is a special gathering of scouts and their families to enjoy a meal, special entertainment provided by the scouts and take care of the business at hand. The highlight of each Court of Honor is the award ceremony recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of the boys. I remember being a new parent at our first Court of Honor. I wasn't sure what to expect. With that in mind I thought I would give a little information that could make our new parents feel more comfortable. The meal and entertainment portion is easy. The "business at hand" is the part that needs gets confusing if you aren't sure of what to do. Anyone that hasn't yet completed a health form must do so. Your son will be registering for activities at Tomahawk. New scouts usually sign up for Brownsea a.k.a. Tomahawk 101. They will sign up for merit badges as well. It is recommended that they sign up for only two of the easier badges such as basketry, mammals or leatherwork. Their first year at camp is usually an adjustment in itself so keep it manageable. There is a separate section regarding Tomahawk in the Scout/Parent Handbook you can refer to. Also, please ask questions of leaders and parents. We will be glad to help both you and your son feel welcomed and comfortable. Lastly, welcome to Troop 510. We hope this is the beginning of years of great scouting adventure for your sons.

Fort Rice Camp Out

Mr. Schwarbauer
Assistant Scoutmaster



The theme of this camp out was Emergency Preparedness. Assistant Scoutmaster David Hammer was the counselor who led the lecture section and the actual preparedness drill. The morning session was a lecture on preparedness planning, knowledge of police, fire and hospital locations and other useful information. During the afternoon session the scouts were told that one of their members was lost and presumed injured. The scouts had to form a search party covering all areas of the camp and find, stabilize and return the injured scout to base camp. The leaders put a twist in this search. There was not one missing scout but two. Both scouts were found and returned to base camp.

TROOP 510 BUSINESS

PLC Notes

Karl V.
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 4th – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. New scouts will finish rank and Scout badge. Troop elections will be held

Tuesday 11th – Fogies patrol have opening and closing. All scouts will be watching “Time to Tell” video.

Tuesday 18th – Spring Court of Honor. All troops must have a skit or song ready. The theme is Olympics.



Tuesday 26th – PLC, all patrols need to be represented.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

The Committee and Troop are busy planning for the Spring Court of Honor. Invitations were handed out at the last regular meeting and PLC. It is on March 18th. Please RSVP to myself, either email or call. The theme this year is the Olympics. Please plan on attending. There will be opportunities to sign up to volunteer and donate needed items for the troop. Our troop is selling popcorn as a spring fundraiser. See Paul Mensink if you need order forms or have any questions. This is an optional fundraiser. Approximately 35% of sale proceeds go into your son’s account.

Please remember to ask what time the scouts will return from campouts before they leave on Fridays. We only do a calling tree if it’s a longer distance than usual. A leader must stay until all scouts are picked up. Only water is allowed in the vehicles to and from troop activities. No extra food or other beverages are allowed. Also remember that all electronics must stay in the car and are not to be brought into the cabins or tents.

The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The door is always open for all, unless there are personal issues being discussed. Parent meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Parent Meeting

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Secretary

The outcome of the leader’s meeting held on Monday, February 19th was that only water will be allowed in vehicles transporting scouts to and from outings. If the caravan stops for a break along the way, limited snacks will be allowed to be purchased. A few scouts have purchased large quantities of snacks leaving a mess in the vehicle in which they were riding. Therefore a new policy has been set.

- Next campout is to Gebhearth Lodge north of LaCrosse, WI. We will plan on leaving the church at 5:00 on Friday, February 29th.

- Electronics are not allowed in the cabins or tents during campouts. They must stay in the vehicles.

- The Troop will be doing the spring popcorn sale. This is optional to for the scouts. Because it is a BSA event, boys may wear their uniforms. See Mr. Mensink if you are interested. 35% of total popcorn sales goes into the scouts' accounts.

- We will again be having the Duck Pond at the Eagan July 4th festival for our fundraiser. If you have any new or gently used stuffed animals or small trinket type toys to donate to the booth, please let us know.



You will be given your Friends of Scouting card at the spring Court of Honor. All pledge cards must be returned whether you are able to make a pledge or not. Some of you may have employers that have a match or contribution program, if so, please include them in this very worthwhile cause.



Scouting for Food Date is Set

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

The kick – off date for the annual Scouting for Food drive has been announced. Saturday, **April 26th**, is the date that Scouts throughout our Council will be going door to door gathering food for local food shelves and shelters. 2007 marked the 20th year that Scouts in Minnesota participated in this event. Last year nearly 400,000 pounds of food was collected in the Northern Star Council alone. This was a new record and one we hope will be broken soon! Mark this date on your calendar and plan on being part of this great day. Remember Scouts, this is a super way to get some service hours needed for rank advancement.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
25	PLC	7:00PM

April

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	5:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
26	Scouting for Food	TBD
29	PLC	6:15PM

May

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
16-18	Troop campout – Sudan Mines	TBD
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM

June

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
19	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park	TBD
25	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

Feb 29-Mar 2	Gebhearth Lodge, Camp Decorah La Crosse, WI
April 11-13	Igloo Lodge at Norseland
April 26	Scouting for Food
May 16-18	Bear Head State Park – Sudan Mines
June 20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park
July 3-5	July 4 th activities
July 12-19	Tomahawk – Rice Lake, Wisconsin