



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Once a long time ago, a hound was out with his master trailing a mountain lion. The hound came to a place where a fox had crossed the trail, and the hound decided to follow the fox instead of the lion.

A short time later, a rabbit crossed that of the fox, and again the hound changed direction. Why should he chase a fox when a rabbit might be easier to catch?

When the hunter finally caught up with his hound, the dog was barking at a small hole in the ground. The hound had brought to bay a field mouse instead of a mountain lion.

Well, how about you? Have you set out on a trail to achieve your ambition? Are you able to follow it, or are you sidetracked by easier trails that cross it from time to time?

Don't be like that hound. Find out what it takes to achieve your ambition, and then get started. The best way to achieve anything in life is to set a true course for it and then stick to that trail.

With great regret we announce the loss of one of the troop's most valuable families - Mr. & Mrs. Someone Else have moved away, and the vacancy they have left will be hard to fill. The Elses have been with us for many years; they have done far more than their share of the work about the council. When there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, their name was on everybody's lips: "Let Someone Else do it". Whenever a committee was mentioned, this wonderful family was looked to for inspiration as well as results: "Someone Else will set up the event." And when there was a trip to take Mr. & Mrs. Someone Else were thought to be the best transportation: "Let Someone Else take them."

The Someone Elses are wonderful people, but they are only human, they could spread themselves only so thin. Many a night I have sat up and talked with someone and heard him wish aloud for more help in the troop. He and his wife did the best they could, but people expected too much from them. We have to face the fact that there were just not enough Someone Elses to go around. And now the Someone Elses are gone and we're wondering what we are going to do without them. They have left us a great example to follow, but who will follow it? Who is going to do the things that someone else did?

Court of Honor

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor

Our Spring Court of Honor is just two weeks away. 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.

Being a new parent at your first Court of Honor can be a bit confusing. With that in mind here is a little information so you know what to expect. The meal and entertainment portion is easy. The “business at hand” is the part that gets confusing:

- Anyone that hasn't yet completed a health form must do so
- Your son will need to register 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
- First year at camp is usually an adjustment in itself so keep it manageable
- Review the Tomahawk section of the Scout/Parent Handbook
- Friends of Scouting Campaign – One hundred percent of all funds raised goes directly to the council. Monies from this event are used for scout programs, training, scholarships, camper insurance, campgrounds and equipment maintenance throughout our region and many, many other events.
- You will be receiving your pledge card at the Spring Court of Honor on March 17th. 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.

Please do not hesitate to 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.

Church Entrances

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Please use the lower level doors for troop meetings and PLC. If the door is locked, that indicates that there are not any leaders in the building yet. Please do not go in through the upper doors of the church. Troop meetings begin at 7pm and PLC begins at 6:15pm. Leaders usually arrive 5-10 minutes earlier. **DO NOT drop your son off without making sure the lower level door is open.** We cannot have scouts in the building unless leaders are present.

Merit Badge

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor

Dick Phillips, the Chief Black Dog District's Advancement Chair will be having a **Merit Badge Fair on Saturday, March 14th at the LDS**



Church. All Boy Scouts are invited to attend. You will either finish a Merit Badge or get a good start on one. Please contact Dick at 952-882-0379 or p51dman@aol.com.

Scouting for Food

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor

The kick-off date for the annual **Scouting for Food** drive has been announced. **Saturday, April 25th**, is the date that Scouts throughout our Council will be going door to door gathering food for local food shelves and shelters. 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.



Philmont Prep Hike

Mr. Schaezner
Assistant Scoutmaster

On February 16, 2009, Presidents Day, we had our second Philmont hike with packs. We hiked 10 miles with 25 pounds in our packs. The navigators of the hike were Michael Loher and David Salter. Hikers included: Wes Kimball, Mike Loher, David Salter, Andy Kline, John Schaezner, Mr. Schaezner, Mr. Lenagh, Diane Kline, and Sue Salter.

We were planning on hiking in Lebanon Hills, but the trails were very icy. After all the scouts wiped out (except for David), we changed plans and hiked along the roads. While waiting during the quick water breaks of less than 5 minutes, we used one of the two ways to rest. The two types of resting include: leaning against a pole or tree and leaning on your knees to take the pack's weight off your back and shoulders as is shown in the pictures. The last men standing were: David Salter, Mr. Lenagh, and Mr. Schaezner.



Eagle Cave

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

On Friday evening (Feb 20th), eight Scouts and three adults headed southeast into the dark snowy night. Our goal was an Onyx Cave located just north of Blue River, WI. After a slow trip due the road conditions, we arrived just before 10:00 pm.

We unpacked the vehicles in the blowing snow and then were lead deep into the dark, small, eerie cave. Okay, it wasn't dark, it was large and there were youth climbing all over the cave making noise. But, it was a cave and it could have been eerie!

Our guide pointed out our sleeping area. It was off the beaten path but it was on a climbing route. It was a little darker than some areas. The Scouts and Leaders worked to fit 11 people into an area that seemed better for a smaller group. But, it all worked out and we had plenty of room for our gear and to sleep. Next it was back out of the cave for our snack which was a frosted donut and hot chocolate. While the "lights out" was set for 12:30, I think all our Scouts were bushed because they turned in early.



On Saturday morning, our breakfast was scheduled for 7:00 am. We woke up to find about six inches of snow on the ground. We all made it on time and there was plenty to eat. After breakfast and during the day, the Scouts explored the cave and spent some time in the game room. Having been on this campout a few times in the past, I was impressed that the Scouts didn't spend all the time playing Sunset Riders! The Scouts were even seen to play cards and a game of spoons. The Scouts did miss seeing the leaders go spelunking. We did it without even getting dirty!

On Saturday evening everyone went to play BINGO. We overheard one Scout mention that they might call "A4". That is a funny way to play BINGO. We played quite a few games and my favorite is "stand up" BINGO. Everyone had a good time. There was still some time after the game to explore the cave and do other activities.

After a good breakfast on Sunday morning, we finished packing and headed home. Another great campout!

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 17th. **Please RSVP to myself, either email or call.** Please plan on attending. There will be opportunities to sign up to volunteer within the troop.

The troop needs more parents to sign up as volunteers for camp outs. We need one trained leader and at least one other adult (depending on how many boys attend). The sign-up sheets are at the front table at each meeting and are for the next several camp trips. If you know your schedule, please put your name down in advance rather than waiting until the last minute.

As stated at the Parent Meeting and in an email, the **troop is in need for a new treasurer.** Terri Scott is resigning from the position. She will finish her duties mid-March. Please contact me if you are interested. The position takes no more than four hours per month.

As a reminder for camping trips, please be at the church promptly to pick up your son on Sundays. We do a calling tree only on longer than normal trips. 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 7 pm. The door is always open for all, unless there are personal issues being discussed. Parent meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Eric Smith
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 3rd – Bat Men have opening and closing. Elections and plan skits for Court of Honor. Merit Badge: Chemistry

Tuesday 10th – Pheasants have opening and closing. Time to Tell Film. Plan skits for Court of Honor and Diamond Lake Lodge. Merit Badge: Environmental Science

Tuesday 17th – Court of Honor

Tuesday 24th – New Scouts have opening and closing. Game day and plan Fred C. Anderson. Shooting skill by Bat Men. Merit Badge: Computers

Tuesday 31st – PLC, all patrols need to be represented.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop Shopping at Cub	7:00PM
13-15	Streams Campout	TBD
17	Troop Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
20-21	JLT	
24	Troop Meeting	
31	PLC	6:15PM

April

7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
14	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	Scouting for Food	9:00AM
24-26	Fred C. Campout	TBD
28	PLC	6:15PM

May

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Pack 104 Tiger Graduation	TBD
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00 PM
25	Memorial Day	

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

Mar 13-15	Stearns – Diamond Lake Lodge
April 24-26	Fred C Anderson – Shelter #3
May 1-3	Webelos Woods – Spring Lake Park
May 15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.
June 12- 15	Blue Mounds State Park
July 11-18	Tomahawk
August 8-11	Glacier Lake State Park
September 25-27	Phillipo – Fall Camporee
October 23-25	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine

Troop Activities

Because the Troop depends on volunteers, we thought it might be helpful to provide a list of the various opportunities available. Please give consideration to where you can lend a helping hand. Please contact the Activity Chair or our Committee Chair, Mrs. Arbogast, if you're interested. Thanks!

Activities	Activity Chair(s)
Adopt-a-Highway	Arlene Larson
	Linda Offerdahl
Advancement & Awards	Jane Tunseth
	Sona Mehring
Campouts: Signups	Dan Suiter
Leader Coordinator	Laurie Vieths
Recorder	Liz Schwarzbauer
Reservations	Bonnie Suiter
TSR Reservations	Phyllis Lenagh
Christmas Wreaths	Diane Kline
Class B T-Shirts	Arlene Larson
Council Product Sales (popcorn)	Paul & Tammy Mensink
Friends of Scouting	Jeanne Stafford
Family Picnic	Tom & Jeanne Stafford
	Diane Kline
	Nancy Arbogast
4th of July Food Stand	OPEN
4th of July Parade	OPEN
Health Forms	
High Adventure	Kevin Schwarzbauer
Junior Leader Training	
Leader Historian	Dave Hammer
Merit Badges	Ken Loher
	Jane Tunseth
Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator	Dennis Callinan
Name Tags	Bonnie Suiter
Neckerchiefs	Jeanne Stafford
	Laurie Vieths
OA Advisor	Kevin Schwarzbauer
Pack Liaison	OPEN
Quartermaster Coordinator	Phyllis Lenagh
Scouting for Food	Sue Salter
	Laurie Vieths