



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report



**Tom Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

A long time ago, a joker said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." That isn't really true anymore because scientists can seed clouds with chemicals to make rain fall - if there are clouds, that is.

Next week we're going to be outdoors, possibly in foul weather, for our May campout. It may be snowing or raining cats and dogs while we're out there, but we'll be there just the same because this is not a fair weather troop.

It may not be as much fun as being outdoors on a sunny summer day, but it's part of outdoor life, and as Scouts we belong outdoors. As long as you have a poncho, warm clothes and a pair of dry socks and underwear in your duffel bag, you can enjoy bad weather, too.

At least I hope you can. I like to see Scouts smiling in the rain because a real Scout is cheerful even when things aren't 100% perfect.

The weather, and life, aren't always predictable. One of the lessons you should be earning as Scouts is to be prepared for foul weather as well as for fair.

So the key words for next weeks outing are "Be Prepared" and "A Scout is cheerful." If you follow that advice, you'll have a fine time, no matter what the weather is.

In the patrol leaders council (PLC), we often talk about the skills of leadership. Patrol leaders who have taken the junior leader training course know even more about them. Of the 11 skills of leadership, I believe the most important is setting the example. There's an old saying that sums it up well. It goes something like this: "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your example.

It seems to me that when it comes to setting the example, we are all leaders. Even if you're not a patrol leader, the way you conduct yourself will rub off on others in your patrol. If one patrol member goofs off and is sloppy in his habits, there's a temptation to say, "Well, Mac gets away with it, why shouldn't I?"

That may be human nature, but it's not the nature of a good patrol or a good troop. A good patrol and troop have to work like a team, with every member setting a good example of Scoutlike behavior. Let's keep that in mind always, but especially when we're in camp this summer. Let's show our pride in our troop and in ourselves as Scouts and young men.

## SPL Corner

**Trevor Janke**  
Senior Patrol Leader

I just want to welcome all of the new scouts into the troop. In the next six months the Leadership Core has tons on fun planned. I wanted to thank Shawn for leading us for the last six months. At JLT the Leadership Core talked a positive attitude and leading by example, I expect that when asked to perform a task that it is done to the best of your ability and with a smile on you face. By doing this it will set a standard and everyone will be in a better mood. The mood of a troop affects what message is expressed when we have visitors from other troops / packs. If we are all grumpy then people will think that we don't do anything for fun and will not join the troop. But if we all are laughing and smiling then the visitors will think that this is a fun troop and will join us and we will be able to go on other activities that cost a bit more (like Fort Rice). All this started with a person doing a task to the fullest and with a positive attitude. So if you don't think and your attitude makes a difference then here is proof that it does.

# EAGLE CT. OF HONOR FOR JOSEPH MOSCHERA

Joseph's Eagle Court of Honor will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at Rosemount United Methodist Church, starting at 2:00 p.m. There will be refreshments at the church immediately following the ceremony. Joseph hopes you and your family will be able to attend.

## Boy Scout Popcorn

**Linda Offerdahl**  
Committee Chair

Spring 2003 popcorn sales got underway on Saturday, March 22. Here are the following deadlines:

**May 6th** Popcorn will be delivered to the boys at the troop meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please arrange to have your popcorn picked up at the church at 7 p.m.

**May 13th** Popcorn money due. Please bring to the troop meeting and give to Linda Offerdahl. (Reminder: Any checks for popcorn should be made payable to "Troop 510")

Note: 35% of your popcorn sales goes directly into your own account!! This is a great way to build up your account to help out on summer camping!

If you have any questions, please call Linda Offerdahl (Joseph's mom) at 651-405-1640.

## The very end story

**Mr. Hammer**  
Editor

A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain.

**Mark Twain**

The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.

**John F. Kennedy**

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

This is the end. There is no more.

**David Hammer**