



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report

**Mr. Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

As we look at local government, perhaps we can gain a better understanding of its duties and responsibilities, if we compare it with our own troop experience in camp.

A camp is a city in many ways. First of all, the camp has certain rules and regulation (laws) developed for the good of all campers. Then of course, someone must enforce these laws, and it is the responsibility of troop leaders (police and courts) to see that camp regulations are followed. Wherever groups of people live there is need for fire protection, and the camp is no exception. We organize a troop fire guard (firemen) while we are in camp to protect our property from the danger of fire.

Sanitation, including proper disposal of refuse and garbage, must be taken care of both in the city and in camp. In our patrol rotation of duties we have kitchen and campsite "cleaner-uppers" (sanitation department).

There are other similarities between camp and city, but the ones I've mentioned are enough to point out the value of participating citizenship. You all know what happens in camp when we have indifferent citizens. Everyone suffers because of the failure of a few. The same thing is true in a government.

Remember these responsibilities when you go camping this summer (Apostle Island, Tomahawk, National Jamboree, Fall Camporee, etc.) they will help you and the troop have a successful camp.

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 troop. When there was a job to do, a M.B. 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?

Can you step forward and take over some of the activities that the Someone Elses were doing. It would help the troop greatly. Thank you for your consideration and effort to fill in for the Someone Elses.

# Webelos Woods Campout: April 29 - May 1, 2005

**Ms Schwarzbauer**  
Assistant Leader in Charge

Webelos Woods is a special campout put on by Chief Black Dog District for 4th grade only Webelos. Troop 510 again took the lead in running this special weekend. Our scouts along with an adult were the instructors for fire building, orienteering, first aide, knots, obstacle course/river walk and cooking. All of the teams did a fine job. Mrs. Lenagh and Mrs. Schwarzbauer did the cooking for the Troop, as the scouts were busy instructing. No complaints from the scouts.

Upon arriving at Spring Lake Park the Troop discovered they would be in two different campsites. Half of the Troop went THIS way to the Eagle site and the other half went THAT way to the Osprey site. Pack 104 and 517 took up residence in the Chickadee campsite. All of the cooking and most of the eating was done in the outdoor classroom.

Cub scouts and parents attending from Pack 104 and 517 joined the troop in the Eagle site for Friday night cracker barrel and campfire. Since this campout was for Webelos and it was a little cool outside all were in nice warm sleeping bags fairly early.

A new Dutch oven recipe was tried for lunch, Shepards Pie hmmm (Grant had 4 helpings). The scouts anxiously awaited the Death by Chocolate dessert that was served after Saturday night campfire. Sorry no seconds on chocolate.

Isaac and Sam lead the non-denominational church service and were the MCs for the campfire on Saturday evening. The Troop 510 patrols along with a number of packs did skits for entertainment. This was a great opportunity for pack leaders to bring out their cameras.

The excitement for the weekend was a wild turkey in the Eagle campsite seen by Mr. Lenagh. Mr. Larkin had a 3:00 a.m. encounter with a masked bandit (be sure to ask him about it).

A great weekend was topped off by a short drive home in, believe it or not, SNOW flurries.

## PLC Notes

**Trevor Janke**  
Troop Scribe Standin

### May

- 3** Old Fogies patrol will have opening, closing, and a game. We will plan activities for Tomahawk. The new Scouts will work on First Aid.
- 8** Mothers Day
- 10** The Tiki patrol will have opening, closing and a game. Trevor Janke will lead a Tent Demo. Music Merit Badge will be offered. The rest of the Troop will finish up Merit Badges and Rank.
- 12** Roundtable
- 17** The Blaze patrol will have opening, closing and a game. The new Scouts will finish their Fitness Test requirement. The rest of the Troop will plan Apostle Islands.
- 24** Highway Clean-up. Meet at 6:00 p.m.
- 31** PLC @ 6:15 pm.

June 4: Scout Day at Valleyfair

June 24/27: Apostle Islands

July 9/16: Tomahawk

July 20/August 4: National Jamboree

# Advancement

**Mr. Callinan**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Rob Amundson received the Communications Merit Badge.

## OA Information

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

I received some information from Bruce Paulson. He is will holding a Chief Black Dog OA Chapter meeting in May at the Roundtable on May 12, 2005 starting at 7:30 p.m. They will discuss doing local service projects. Some under projects that may be scheduled for May 15 are:

1. Apple Valley: Clean up the parks in town and/or plant trees.
2. Eagan: Clean up the parks in town and/or plant trees.
3. Burnsville: Clean up Neill Park by picking up trash, removing brush and planting trees.
4. Rosemount: Clean up the parks in town and/or plant trees.

Please attend the meeting to help decide on a project and support OA in your local area. Further information from Mr. Paulson reports:

We had a very good turn-out for the service project this morning (May 7) at Galaxie Park in Apple Valley. The weather did conspire against us and we were not able to finish painting the park building. If the weather cooperates, we may try to finish the painting next Saturday afternoon (May 14).

The main community service project set for next Saturday (May 14) is clean-up at Thompson County Park in West St. Paul. A waiver form needs to be completed for everyone who participates in this project. For Scouts, this waiver form has to be signed by their parent(s) or legal guardian.

Mike Gabriel has spoken with the Dakota County Parks Department's Volunteer Coordinator about the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts providing community service this spring. The following link has information on Thompson County Park (<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/thompson.htm>)

Thompson County Park in West St. Paul is in need of our help cleaning up the park grounds. We have set Saturday, May 14, 2005 as the day to help clean up this park. We will meet at the Park at 9:00 a.m. This link has a map to show how to get to the park (<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/maps/thompsonmap&directions.pdf>)

All participants will need to sign a Dakota County waiver. Youth will need to have it signed by a parent or legal guardian. We are still waiting for the electronic version of this waiver to be emailed to us. As soon as it arrives, I will send it to anyone who indicates an interest in participating in this service project.

John Gabriel has volunteered to be the Youth Chair for this event and his Dad, Mike Gabriel, has volunteered to be the Adult Advisor. Thank you John and Mike.

The Dakota County Parks Department will provide the trash bags and ties. Everyone who participates will need to provide their own gloves to protect hands and fingers. We expect that this project will last up to 4 hours, depending on the number of participants. Please do not feel you have to stay for the entire length of the project. Any time anyone can contribute will be greatly appreciated.