



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report

**Tom Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

In the Junior Leader Training (JLT) and 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 Scout like 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.

Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer, The Nobel, Oscars, Tonys, Emmys and even the lottery. But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back, a four pound bass, a full moon, an empty parking space, a crackling fire, a great meal, a glorious sunset, hot soup, or a cold pop. Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights. There's plenty for all of us.

## PLC Notes

**Isaac Mensink**  
Troop Scribe

May 6 – Black hills information meeting @ 6:30 pm.. The Dragons have opening and closing. Uniform Inspection. New scouts will be learning first aid and talking about first aid kits. We will be planning Star Fun and finishing up the painting Merit badge.

May 5/7 – WEBELOS Woods Campout

May 9 – Highway clean-up at 6:00 p.m.

May 12/13 – OA Work Weekend

May 16 – The Mario Brothers have opening and closing. There will be a Tomahawk packing demo and talking about tomahawk planning. New Scouts will be doing first aid kits.

May 19/21 – Star Fun at ValleyFair

May 23 – The old fogies have opening and closing. we will be planning the black hills and the MARIO Brothers will have a skill on first aid.

May 30 – PLC at 6:15 pm.

# Heads-up

Mr. Hammer  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Here is a head-up column of upcoming campouts. I'll work to keep this column updated so everyone knows what is coming in the next few months.

5-7 May 06 – WEBELOS Woods @ Spring Lake Park, Hastings

19-21 May 06 - Star~~★~~fun at Valleyfair.

18-24 Jun 06 – Black Hills trip, South Dakota

8-15 Jul 06 – Tomahawk SR (summer camp with Summer Court of Honor 14<sup>th</sup>)

11-14 Aug 06 – Apostle Island (Madeline Island)

22-24 Sep 06 – Fall Camporee @ Phillippo SR

27-29 Oct 06 – Good Medicine Cabin @ Feed C. Anderson SR (Fall Court of Honor 28<sup>th</sup>)

## Notes

Ken Loher

There will be an informational meeting this Tuesday, May 2nd for all scouts and their parents about the upcoming Black Hills South Dakota trip in June. The informational meeting will begin at 6:15PM and will be finished by 7PM. Drivers who have signed up for the trip should plan to attend as tour permits need to be filled out.

Also, a reminder that Tuesday, May 9th is Highway Clean-up night. Scouts should be at the church by 6PM. Class B uniforms are OK for highway cleanup.

## Seeonee Cabin Campout March 31 - April 2 (Part I)

Mr. Erickson  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Seven scouts gathered at the church at 5:30 to prepare for our departure for Camp Phillippo near Cannon Falls, MN. After loading most of the gear into the trailer, the scouts got a demonstration on "how to change a flat tire on a minivan" by Mr. Erickson, due to a couple of nails he must have driven over on the way to the church. But rather than drive on the undersized spare, Mrs. Erickson brought their other car to use for the trip.

Once underway, the trip south was rather uneventful. We arrived at the cabin after dark, and carried our gear through the mud into the cabin, although at least it wasn't still raining! Seeonee cabin looked impressive inside, with its recently refinished wood floor. Friday evening was spent settling in, playing some card games, and a cracker barrel.

Saturday breakfast was pancakes and sausages, with everyone helping on flipping and turning duties--and not too many misses off the side of the griddles. Jake arrived just after breakfast. We discovered that the rifle range wasn't being used by anyone else, and since Mr. Lenaugh is certified to run the range, spent most of the morning shooting 22s. Andrew quickly improved his marksmanship once he followed the advice to "take a deep breath, let it out slowly, and squeeze---don't jerk--the trigger". We THINK Collin made the "dime club", but no one had a dime to check for sure.

Mr. Callinan arrived in time to watch the attempts to light a fire for lunch, which were EVENTUALLY successful. The chili dogs (or hot dogs and chili) were a big success. Collin and Mr.

Erickson had to leave after lunch, as the rest of the troop headed off for their service project--a 5 mile trash pick-up hike to get rid of the junk that had been hidden by the snow for the last few months. . . .

## **Seeonee Cabin Campout March 31 - April 2 (Part II)**

**Mr. Callinan**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

The 5 mile trash pick-up was also a part of the Scouts attempting the orienteering course. Unfortunately the group was thrown off by a pipeline marker that mistakenly was thought to be an orienteering marker. We attempted to find the right marker but were not successful.

We continued to hike the trails and pick up trash along the way. The hike went up to Friendship Point and then back towards the cabin. On the way back the Scouts stopped off at the obstacle course area for awhile before coming back to the cabin

Thankfully the rain held off for the afternoon. In the evening the clouds broke so we could see some of the stars.

For dinner everyone helped prepare dinner of pork and rice with onion and green peppers. Also prepared was broccoli with cheese and butterscotch cake with pecans. The pork chops with rice and the cake were cooked in Dutch ovens. These were primarily handled by Mr. Lenagh.

In the evening the Scouts worked on Scout requirements or played games. Jake Chicos built a dust bin out of cardboard and duct tape. Wesley Kimball repaired his shoes and shoe laces with duct tape.

Later in the evening we made donut holes for a snack. Afterwards we turned in for sleep. During the night, the rain returned accompanied by thunder.

Sunday we had breakfast of donuts, cereal, juice and milk. We held a Sunday service, cleaned the cabin and packed the trailer (unfortunately in the rain). Back at the church we unpacked the trailer.

## **Scouting for Food – “A Good Turn”**

**Mr. Loher**

Fourteen scouts and four adults from Troop 510 did their “good turn” by volunteering their time on a rainy Saturday morning on April 29<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Northern Star Council’s Scouting for Food day. A little rain wasn’t going to stop these scouts from helping others in the community who are in need of food. The scouts went door to door in the pouring rain asking for food donations that would ultimately be given to the Dakota county food shelf. Families in need of food can come to the food shelf for support. A total of 667 pounds of food were collected by the scouts of Troop 510! Way to go guys!

After the drop-off of the donated food, it was time to head to Shooters for some pizza and pool. No, not the swimming kind, but the billiards kind! It was the first time at pool for many of the scouts. “Eight ball” was the game everyone seemed to enjoy. After the scouts were warmed up, they decided to hold their own little Troop 510 Pool Tournament! Isaac Mensink, the ever faithful Troop Scribe, put together the tournament brackets. It was double elimination. The competition was fierce but a friendly atmosphere remained throughout the tourney! After a total of 19 hard fought games were played, a champion was crowned. And the winner is.....

Andrew Kline, the first ever Troop 510 Pool Champion, followed by Kyle Unzicker who took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and David Salter who took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Congratulations to all the boys that came out to participate in Scouting for Food. You are ALL WINNERS for volunteering your time for a worthwhile cause!!!!