



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report

Tom 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 (State Parks, Apostle Island, Tomahawk, Fall Camporee, etc.) they will help you and the troop have a successful camp.

Did you know that car manufacturers try out there new models on some of the worst roads in the world? They can't find any ordinary roads that are bad enough for the purpose, so they build special tracks with ruts, bumps, and potholes that are incredibly bad.

Now why do they do that, do you suppose? That's right; they want to give their cars the toughest possible test so that they can learn about the weak spots. The idea is that they will fix the weak spots before the cars go on sale.

Are you like a new car model that never was tested? Are you cheerful when the going is easy but a grumbler and griper when there is trouble? Are you like a shiny new car that falls to pieces when it gets a tough road test?

In a way, Scouting is like a road test. We challenge ourselves with camping trips and other adventures to see whether or not we can take it. As Scouts we like to find out what our limits are, and if we find weak spots, we try to correct them.

That way, we'll be ready for life's bumps and potholes. Then people will say of us, "Those guys can take it".

## Igloo Lodge Campout

Mr. Mensink  
Assistant Scoutmaster

We arrived at camp around 7:30 and checked in with the Ranger. After getting our gear unloaded and organized, we enjoyed cracker barrel and several rounds of poker before lights out.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed a delicious breakfast highlighted with pancakes and bacon. After clean-up the younger scouts worked on rank advancement. The older scouts assisted the younger scouts and worked on some of their previously started merit badge items. Around 11:30 lunch was started. Shepherds' pie was the main course but Mr. Lenagh also brought along some Spam which I believe may be a new campout favorite. The initial moans and groans about the thought of eating a Spam-burger, turned into, "I'll have another one!"

After lunch Mr. Lenagh led a discussion on April's theme of engineering as the group discussed who an engineer is, what types of work an engineer does, and how engineers effects our everyday life as well as reviewing the requirements of the engineering merit badge. Later the group took a hike to Mitch-Mitch Island and made a trek around the camp past the different outdoor campsites. We ended the afternoon with some exercise playing Frisbee.

For dinner the boys cooked lasagna and a Black Forest cobbler in Dutch ovens. After dinner clean-up there was some time free time for capture the flag and some more poker before lights out.

On Sunday morning all the scouts pitched in to pack, clean up and pack up for the ride home. Breakfast was made simple and we had time for the Cobra's scouts to practice a flag ceremony before heading back to Eagan.

## Igloo Lodge

Mr. Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

It was the best of times it was the worst of times.

Before the weekend started, many boys cancelled out of the weekend. It was the worst of times. As the weekend approached the weather prediction was for a lot of snow on Friday. As it turned out we had only some flurries on the drive down to camp. Once at camp we unpacked the trailer, picked bunks and settled in. The boys played Frisbee inside, had cracker barrel and played cards until lights out. It was the best of times.

On Saturday, breakfast was pancakes and bacon with fruit. It was delicious. After breakfast rank was worked on before morning free time. Lunch was Sheppard's pie with fruit. The fruit was prepared late and the Sheppard's pie was a little over cooked but the Dutch oven was cleaned out anyway. We also had span paddies for lunch, almost everyone tried the Spam. Some boys had more than one.

After lunch we took a walk around camp. We visited Mitch--Mitch island. The boys played on the island for awhile until someone got wet tennis shoes. Next we followed the trail around the lake. We found a large campfire ring and stopped to play Frisbee for awhile. We arrived back at the cabin in time to start fixing supper. Supper was lasagna with garlic bread. Dessert was black forest cobbler. Everything was eaten. The boys played capture the flag. Later that evening another game of cards was enjoyed. It was the best of times.

Sunday morning was a normal Sunday, some scouts packed quickly and others moved a little slower. After breakfast the lodge was cleaned and the trailer packed. Before leaving camp we conducted a flag ceremony for the new scouts to complete a rank requirement. We arrived back at the garage on time after a little detour to Hwy 42 on the way home. That made the whole weekend the best of times!

## Scouting for Food

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

This year's Scouting for Food will go down as one of the more memorable ones. The temperature was in the low 30's with 35 mile an hour winds and snow. Heavier snowfall would have made blizzard



conditions. As it was the snow was falling, or should I say blowing in a completely horizontal direction! None the less scouts and adults turned in great numbers to join with

Cub Scout Pack 104 to canvas a rather large area of our community. People were generous even in these tough economic times and we had a nice amount of food to show for our endeavors. There were close to 50 scouts and parents combined gathering non-perishable items which were then taken to the Eagan drop site. Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 51018 for helping our efforts again this year.

## Canoe Shakedown

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

For all older scouts that have signed up for the Boundary Waters high adventure trip this August, we will be doing a canoe shakedown on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Stearns Scout Camp outside South Haven, northwest of the Twin Cities.



Canoes, paddles and PFD (life jackets) will be furnished at the camp. The troop will provide lunch. Dress for the weather the water is still very cold and even if the air temp is warm it will be

considerably colder on the water. Make sure you have a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

We will be leaving the church at 6:30 AM. Please be on time.

## PHILMONT? PHILMONT, PHILMONT!!!!

Mr. Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

The troop has reservation at Philmont Scout Ranch in August 2009. We need to have a kick off meeting on 22 May (Thursday). The time and place will be announced at a troop meeting later this month. Scouts, parents, and leaders are invited to attend. We will be discussing things like: person equipment needed for the trip, physical conditioning, crew responsibility, expenses, possible merit badges, and transportation.



The crew going into Philmont can be as large as 12, we have 10 in our crew so far. If you know of anyone else who would like to participate / experience Philmont have them come to this meeting. They must be 14 years old on January 1, 2009 or talk to one of the leaders going for special requirement to be able to attend.

## Stuffed Animals Needed

July 4<sup>th</sup> Concessions Committee

Due to new requirements and restriction at the Eagan Funfest, the troop is taking a closer look at what will be in our concession stand. Back by popular demand we will have the Duck Pond featuring stuffed animals and small trinkets. If you have stuffed toys that are



taking up space at your house but are much too nice to toss we can put them to good use.



Any size will do we just ask that the toy is clean and in good condition. Bring any or all toys to a meeting and give them to any committee member before July.

We are also interested in small novelty toys you may want to donate such as beaded necklaces, yo-yos, super balls, etc.



## Fundraiser Opportunity

Mr. Loher  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Our troop will be bagging groceries at Cub in Rosemount on County Road 42 and Shannon Parkway on Friday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 to 9:00. Please sign up for one time slot so that each scout that wants to work can. Sign up sheets will be on the table in front at all upcoming troop meetings. There may be another bagging time in July during the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Details for that date to follow.

## Scouting for Food Activity

Scouts that participated in the Scouting for Food event on April 26<sup>th</sup>, are invited to a day at Grand Slam on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 11:40 and head over to Grand Slam at their new Burnsville location. More information to come.

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Karl V.  
Troop Scribe

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – The Scorpion patrol has opening and closing. Plan Sudan Mines trip, badgers will do a tent set up demonstration. Working on Personal Fitness Merit badge.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cobras patrol has opening and closing. Scouts will on whipping and fusing rope and 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits. Engineering skills and uniform inspection.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Highway cleanup - NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!** We will meet at the church at 6:15, caravan to our pick up spot. Wear shoes, long pants and gloves

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – PLC all patrols need to be represented.

# Committee/Parent Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

The April Committee meeting was spent discussing the troop's Fourth of July booth and additional fundraisers. We have decided this year to eliminate the bananas and caramel apples from the booth. It was much more profitable with the duck pond. We will continue selling bottled Pepsi products at the booth. Please remember to save gently used stuffed animals and any trinkets that can be used as prizes for the duck pond. We will be collecting these items in June. If you know of any neighbors that are having garage sales, please ask if they would be willing to donate any left over stuffed animals. May starts the troop's outdoor camping. We will be organizing a Saturday to clean out the garage. If you have any troop items at home, please make sure to check them in with the Quartermaster. All items taken home after a campout need to be properly cleaned before returning to the troop.

During the parent meeting last month, I reviewed the troop's policies regarding campouts. Parents must stay in the church's parking lot until the troop has left for the campout. Any medications must be given to a leader going on the campout. All scouts must be in uniform, including neckerchief, with shirt tucked in. If you need to cancel a campout, it must be done before the Thursday before the campout. If not, you will be charged for the trip.

Parent meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

## Attention Soudan Campers

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

At the time of publishing this newsletter the camping trip to Soudan Mines is still on. Please note that this trip may be cancelled due to lack of adult leadership able to commit to the outing. Boys should be listening for itinerary changes at the meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. An email will also be sent out following the final decision with any cancellations or event changes that will be taking place.

# TROOP AT A GLANCE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May		
6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Canoe Shakedown - Stearns	6:30AM
13	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
15	Shopping at Cub for campout	7:00PM
16-18	Troop campout – Soudan Mines	TBD
22	Philmont meeting – place TBD	TBD
20	Highway Cleanup	<b>6:15PM</b>
23	Cub – grocery bagging	4:00 – 9:00PM
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
24	PLC	6:15PM
July		
1	Troop meeting	7:00 PM
3-5	Eagan July 4 <sup>th</sup> festivities	TBD
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12-19	Tomahawk	TBD
18	Summer Court of Honor at Tomahawk	6:00PM
22	NO MEETING	
29	PLC	6:15 PM
August		
5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8-12	Boundary Waters campout	TBD
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
19	Family Picnic	6:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM

## SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

<b>May 10</b>	Canoe Shakedown – Stearns
<b>May 16-18</b>	Bear Head State Park – Soudan Mines
<b>May 23</b>	Grocery bagging at Cub in Rosemount
<b>June 20-23</b>	Gooseberry Falls State Park
<b>July 3-5</b>	July 4 <sup>th</sup> activities
<b>July 12-19</b>	Tomahawk – Rice Lake, Wisconsin
<b>August 8 – 12</b>	Boundary Waters high adventure