



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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Scoutmaster

Scouts, if your rank is between Second Class and Life, take a look at your badge of rank. What do all those badges have in common?

That's right, they all have the "Be Prepared" scroll with a knot dangling from it. Does anyone remember what the knot is supposed to remind us of? Right again. It's a reminder to do a Good Turn every day. If the knot could talk, it would tell us of billions of Good Turns stretching back over 99 years. Are you adding a chapter to that story each day?

Our troop often does big Good Turns for our chartered organization or the community. But does that mean that you can forget about Good Turns the rest of the time? Of course not. As Scouts you have pledged to do a Good Turn daily. Obviously that doesn't mean you have to spend several hours on some major project.

But it does mean that at home, in school, and when you're with friends you will go out of your way to do a simple kindness - take out the garbage without being asked, help a buddy with his homework, or run an errand for your mother without grumbling.

Those little Good Turns make life more pleasant for other people. They also add another link in that long string of Good Turns going back to Scouting beginnings.

I know that some of you read the sports pages and follow the big league pennant races. So probably you have heard of spring phenomenons. Who can tell me what a spring phenomenon is?

He is a player who stars the season like a superstar. In April, May and June he's hitting about, 350, stealing a lot of bases, and never missing a ball in the field. Comes July and August and he can't do anything right. That's a spring phenomenon.

Maybe you've seen some spring phenomenons in Scouting, too. They start up the advancement trail like a house afire, making Second Class and First Class as fast as the rules allow. Then when the going gets tougher for Star, Life and Eagle, they sort of fade away like spring phenomenons.

Maybe it's the troop's fault. Maybe we just don't challenge you enough. If so, let's change that. I'm challenging all of you now to set your sights on the next rank and make up your mind you're going to make it by Christmas.

Highway Cleanup

Mrs. Larson
Committee Member



Tuesday, May 12, is highway cleanup. All

Scouts should wear their Class B T-shirts and bring gloves. Please arrive at the church by 6:00 PM. If you would like to purchase Class B T-shirts, please see Mrs. Larson. Mrs. Larson will be at all Troop meetings in May. The price of the T-shirts is \$14.00 and up.

Special Notes

Ms. Bleichner
Newsletter Editor

I want to recognize Mrs. Arbogast for her contributions to the success of Troop 510. Her leadership has been most valuable.

I also want to say thanks to Tom Stafford for his handy work installing the deadbolt on the garage door.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

The troop is in need of a new Committee Chairperson. If you are interested or want more details, please call or email me. The position does not require many hours, but does need a parent dedicated to the troop and Boy Scouts. It is an excellent way to advance your knowledge of Boy Scouts and the community.



May begins the tent camping season. Make sure all scout items are labeled with your son's name. If your son is unable to make a campout which he signed up for, please make sure to contact a leader by the Wednesday of the week of the campout. If this is not done, you will be charged for the trip. Also make sure all troop items are cleaned properly before they

are returned to the garage. They need to be checked in with the quartermaster first.

We are in need of more parents to volunteer to go on camping trips. We always need a trained leader to attend and at least one other adult. This adult does not need to be a leader or trained. It is a fun way to experience Boy Scouts with your son. Please try to attend at least one campout. If each family signed up for one trip a year, we would be set for adults. Please consider this request. It is always disappointing when we have to cancel due to lack of adults.

The Parent Meeting in June will be devoted to Tomahawk. Hopefully your son is signed up already. This is a wonderful camp experience. If you have any questions you need answered about Tomahawk before then, please contact a leader or myself.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Isaac Mensink
Troop Guide

May 5th - Old Fogies have opening and closing. Every patrol will be presenting a unique game for the troop to vote on and play on the 19th. Personal fitness merit badge, new scouts will be finishing up fitness, and we will finish planning Fort Ridgley campout

May 9th - Garage cleanup 9 AM to 12

May 12th - Highway cleanup meet at 6:15

May 15-17th - Fort Ridgley

May 19th - Apes have opening and closing. Troop will be playing a unique game, uniform inspection, chemistry merit badge

May 26- PLC

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Pack 104 Tiger Graduation	TBD
12	Highway Cleanup	6:15PM
14	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.	5:00PM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	Memorial Day	

June

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12-14	Blue Mounds State Park	5:00PM
16	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
30	PLC	6:15PM

July

7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11-18	Tomahawk	7:00AM
17	Court of Honor at Tomahawk	6:00PM
21	NO MEETING	7:00PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

May 15-17	Fort Ridgley S.P.
June 12- 14	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