



TROOP 510



November 2002



Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Thanksgiving is almost here, and that means a school holiday, probably some football games to watch, and surely a big meal of turkey with all the trimmings.

It's a great time for everybody. But before the holiday passes, take a few minutes to think about what it really means. Thanksgiving started out to be a time for giving thanks to God for his blessings. We should make sure to keep that thought in our celebration today.

That doesn't mean we have to spend the whole holiday time in prayer. By all means we should enjoy the feast and the football. But we should also remember that a Scout is reverent, and part of that point of the Scout Law is praying and giving thanks at appropriate times. So when you sit down to your big Thanksgiving dinner, don't forget to offer your thanks to God, not only for the food but for all your other blessings.

Young Scouts are learning something about food and cooking and how to use recipes to whip up a tasty meal. I hope you're learning that following a recipe is vital to good cooking, unless you're satisfied with hot-dogs, hamburgers and sub's all the time in camp. You've probably found out that a pinch of salt, a dash of cinnamon, or a teaspoon of sugar makes all the difference. In fact, everything in the recipe has a reason for being there.

Scouting is like a recipe for living. We call the ingredients our ideals - our Oath and Law, our motto, our slogan. you might say that Scouting's recipe for living calls for a cup of each of the 12 points of the Scout Law, a tablespoon of Good Turns, a heaping cup of duty to God and country, and a couple of dashes of duty to self - that is, physical, mental and moral fitness. Add a quart or two of fun. Mix well and you have good Scouting.

But if we ignore one of the ingredients, the Scouting dish doesn't taste as good as it should. Let's remember that for good Scouting, and a full satisfying life, each of Scouting's ingredients are important.

For the next couple of months the troop meetings are going to be evolving. Please participate in all of the activities and give feed back to your patrol leader or the PLC. If you are asked to present or help out, please do with a cheerful attitude. The idea is to bring more of the scouting ingredients to the troop meetings.

OA News

Devin Tunseth
OA Representative

In case you are wondering, OA is Order of the Arrow, an organization like the "national honor society" of scouting. If you want to know more about OA, talk to me. OA members meet several times throughout the year to do service projects, but also for fun and fellowship.

The big event for OA this month is the Agaming Lodge Fall Fellowship. It will be held on Friday to Saturday, November 8 and 9, from 10 pm to 5 am, at the Maplewood Community Center. Arrowmen can spend the night playing racquetball, tennis, basketball, or cribbage or swimming. There will also be carnival games, movies, a radio controlled car race and patch trading, and of course food. If you haven't registered, you can sign up at the door for \$25. For questions, call the OA Hotline at 651-287-3680.

Fundraisers

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

No word on the Pancake Breakfast sales yet to publish here. I did ask about deadlines for the Wreath Sales and Popcorn Sales to publish here. The coordinators were nice enough to provide me that information. However, it is only a little bit before the meeting and I forgot that information at home to publish here. Sorry.

PLC Notes

Chris Larson
Troop Scribe

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5th Opening and Closing = Flamingos, New Scouts = Rank, Experienced Scouts = Plan Cub Scouts Meeting and Plan Baden Powell, Skill = Trevor (Hackey Sack), Backup Skill = Shawns (both) (Lashings)

8-9th OA Fall Fellowship

12th Opening/Closing = Ghost Busters, New Scouts = Meet shortly with T. Guides, Exp. Scouts = Plan Baden Powell and Plan Non-Denominational Mid-Winter Celebration (or Festivis), Skill = Shawns (both) (Lashings), Backup Skill = Scott (Bow Tie)

15-17th Baden Powell

19th Opening/Closing = Basilisks, New Scouts = Meet shortly with T. Guides, Exp. Scouts = Finalize Cub Scout Visit and Finish Planning Non-Denominational Mid-Winter Celebration (or Festivis), Skill = Scott (Bow Tie), Backup Skill = T. Guides (undecided skill)

26th PLC

28th Thanksgiving

29th Chanukah begins at Nightfall

November Merit Badges

Mr. Hammer
Editor

According to the Troop calendar, Family Life and Music merit badges are coming up this month.

Troop 510 Web Site

Mr. Hammer
Editor

Once again Troop 510 rides on the Information Superhighway (Internet). I have started a Web site at <http://troop510.home.att.net>. I only had about 5 minutes at it and will add more soon such as this newsletter.

The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

As we near the holiday season, it can be stressful and emotional for some people. If a Scout doesn't worry as much about what he will be getting for himself but instead does a "Good Turn Daily" it can go far to put a smile on someone's face.