



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

True patriotism is more than getting a lump in your throat when the flag passes by. It involves determination on your part to see that America remains free. It involves your willingness to put the best interest of the nation ahead of your own self-interest. Single interests may be important. But the art of democracy is the ability to recognize the common good. The ability to give and not just to take. 231 million people can pull our nation apart or pull it together. Which way did you pull today? With the Presidential elections today did every one vote for best interest of the nation or for there own self-interest? If you are not old enough to vote, did you discuss this topic with your parents?

As Scouts and as students, you spend a lot of time meeting standards. In school your work may be graded on a scale from A through F. In Scouting, you're asked to meet a set of standards before you can earn a skill award, merit badge or new rank.

These are all pretty clear cut standards. Either you can tie a bowline and perform rescue breathing, or you can't. There's nothing in between. We have other standards in this troop that are harder to measure. I'm talking about our standards of behavior, dress and grooming, and Scout-like conduct.

I hope you'll all remember that and do your best to be neat and clean, wear your uniform when it's appropriate, and, above all, to conduct yourselves as Scouts should all of the time.

That doesn't mean that you have to be a goody two-shoes. There's a time for horseplay, getting mussed up, and teasing. But in this troop, the standard is that when the horseplay and games are over, we look like Scouts, sound like Scouts, and conduct ourselves like by the Scout Law.

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 you're thanks to God, not only for the food but for all your other blessings.

I'm sure all of you Scouts have played team sports, so you know what teamwork means. Most football fans see a touchdown run and say, "Wow! Isn't that guy a great runner?" Maybe he is, but if you have played football you that what really made the great run was the blockers on the line and in the secondary. Teamwork made the touchdown. Not just one guy's talents.

Patrols are the same way. If you win one inter-patrol contests, or if you have the best campsite at a fall camporee, it's not just because one guy is such a great Scout. It's patrol teamwork.

The secret of patrol teamwork is to have every member do his job, whatever it is. If one Scout goofs off, the patrol suffers. If every Scout does his part, the patrol is bound to be a winner.

The winning attitude is what we call patrol spirit. Is your patrol a winner? I'm not asking whether you win every contest. I'm asking: Is your patrol doing the very best that it can and is every member contributing? If your answer is no, then ask yourself: "Am I doing my very best? Do I have real patrol spirit?" Let's try to bring a little more patrol spirit into the troop meeting, can every patrol bring their patrol flag and display at every meeting?

PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke
Troop Scribe

November

- 2 The Old Fogies have opening, closing, and a game. The new scouts will learn Safety Afloat. The rest of us will plan all of Polaris.
- 5-7 Polaris Lodge
- 9 The Chinchillas have opening, closing and a game. The new scouts will learn about different bandages and first aid techniques. The rest of us will discuss the good and the bad things of the last year. Mrs. Tunseth will discuss the Reading Merit Badge.
- 16 The Enigma patrol has opening, closing, and a game. We will all plan the holiday party.
- 23 The Younglings have opening, closing, and a game. We will plan the New Scout visit.
- 30 PLC at 6:15

Reminder

- On campouts you can get a lot of requirements done toward your next rank.
- Everyone who has a leadership position **NEEDS** to be at the PLC's **EVERY** month or you will not receive credit for your troop position.

Troop 510 Garage

Mr. Amundson
Assistant Scoutmaster

Congratulations Troop 510 and parents and don't forget the Webelos and their parents. We made a rousing start on the garage this weekend! A large number of you braved the wind and rain to raise the side walls and two thirds of the trusses on Saturday. Sunday we picked up where we left off and set the rest of the trusses and started sheeting the roof. We got about two thirds of the south side of the roof finished before dark and trick or treaters chased us home. If you stop by and take a look at the garage don't worry we do plan to have doors. We just filled them in for the moment to be able to store the supplies we have not used yet. The service door may get installed yet this week depending on the weather and Greg and Roger's energy level. The big door is on order and will come in about 4 weeks.

As you probably have noticed the weather is turning cold. No big surprise to anyone that has been through one of our winters. You also know that weather in November is very undependable. We are currently planning to work on the garage next Saturday starting at 8:00. Bring your tools and your enthusiasm and weather permitting we will make great strides this weekend. I think there is something going on at the church so we need to be sensitive to that and try to not get in there way. Also if someone can remember to bring a broom to help with clean up we can make sure we are good neighbors.

Thanks again to all those who helped out. It is very true that many hands make light work. If we have a good turn out this weekend we will be able to just as good progress as last weekend. Oh, who is going to volunteer to bring the good weather? I didn't do so well last weekend, so I figure I had better delegate that task to someone that has more influence.

See you Saturday.

Fundraisers

Ms Offerdahl
Troop Committee Chair

Popcorn **MUST** be picked up at the Erickson's house after 6:00 p.m. on the date below. If you are unable to be there on Friday, please let the Erickson's know!!

Wreaths **MUST** be picked up at the Mensink's house on the date below (a time will follow based on the time given to us by the delivery company). If you are unable to be there on Tuesday, please let the Mensink's know!!

Payment is due on delivery of the product (not at order time). Checks should be made out to "Troop 510".

	POPCORN	WREATHS
Orders due:	October 26 th	October 26th (at scout Halloween party)
Pick up product:	November 12	November 18
Payment due:	December 7	December 14 (at scout meeting)

Good Medicine

Mr. Amundson
Assistant Scoutmaster

Another Good Medicine has come and gone. Friday night was filled with setting up and the cracker barrel. Things went quite smoothly as we were the only campers in the lower part of the camp. Rickshaws were abundant and the camp staff had extra time so they came to share cracker barrel.

Saturday morning got off to a great start with Mountain Man and Dutch Oven Soufflé for breakfast. Both were a big hit. The morning was filled with program activities and fun. Some knots, some lashings, a camp gadget, several boards of review, some planning for merit badges, penny hockey, cribbage, and preparation for the Court of Honor were some of the activities that filled the morning. Tacos for lunch were well received. A trip to the Trading post, a small service project, more preparation for the program and lots of baking and cooking for the dinner were some of the afternoon activities.

The traditional turkey supper with all the fixings was very much appreciated. Thanks to all of the cooks are in order. Our first time MCs put on a good program. It included several rank advancements with one scout getting a life. Well done all of you! The skits were full of imagination and were quite funny. Even the camp staff treated us to a brain teaser and tongue twister of a skit. I would put it down here but I got confused after the fourth item and can not dredge up the rest anymore. If you can remember it please write it down and share it with the rest of us. I for one would like to have a copy. The table decorations were lots of fun as usual. The evening wrapped up with the scoutmasters minute and the retiring of 2 flags. A very moving ceremony. This was followed by pie of many kinds and the taking leave of the parents. We even had some guests stay over Saturday night. A quick round of capture the flag in the dark was completed before lights out.

Sunday morning brought baked rolls and cereal. Lots of packing and clearing up. Lots of rickshaw trips and a then the trip home. All in all a good weekend was had by all.

Venture Crew

Trevor Janke
Scribe

Last Tuesday before the PLC Venture Crew 510 had crew elections and the results were: Trevor Janke – President; Shawn Lenagh - Vice-President of Program; Jeremy Bleichner - Vice-President of Recruitment; Chris Larson - Crew Secretary; Devin Tunseth - Treasurer. Our next meeting is on the 9th of November.

Jamboree Troop 1414

David Hammer
Parent

Congratulations go to Trevor Janke being elected as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Jamboree Troop 1414.