



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Common sense tells us that the thicker rope must be stronger. But how much stronger is it? Is a half inch rope twice as strong as a quarter inch rope? Sound as if it should be, doesn't it? It's not though. In fact, a half inch rope is four times stronger than a quarter inch rope of the same material.

Why is that? It's because there are more strands in the bigger rope, and each strand helps to make the others stronger. When the strands are laid together in a rope their strength is much, much greater than when they are separate.

Our troop works the same way. If the members of your patrol help each other, then your patrol will be much stronger than if each patrol member does his own thing. And if all the patrols work together when they're doing things as a troop, the whole troop becomes much stronger than if each patrol goes its own way.

So let's share our skills, knowledge, and leadership as we share the fun of Scouting. Everyone - you, your patrol, the troop leadership, and our whole troop - will benefit if we pull together.

Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings around a table followed by watching football games. There's nothing wrong with that. But it's important that we don't forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving. So when you sit down with your family for Thanksgiving dinner, take time to count your blessings and thank God for them.

PLC Notes

Issac Mensink
Troop Scribe

Oct 4 – Bacon Patrol Has Opening, Closing and a game. Troop Guides will be checking younger Scouts books to check progress. Uniform Inspection.

Oct 11 – Dragons have opening closing and a game. We will be planning Good Medicine.

Oct 14/15 – JLT all new leadership should come

Oct 18 – The Ghost Busters have opening, closing, and a game. We will be planning Good Medicine.

Oct 25 – PLC at 6:15 and the Halloween party at 7:00

Oct 28/30 – Good Medicine

Mission Impossible? (Not!)

Ken Loher
Second in Command (or Q?)

Your mission Scouts (if you decide to accept it) is to have a fun time at this year's Fall Camporee! Eighteen boys and six leaders headed to Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls on Friday, September 30th to the Chief Black Dog District Fall Camporee. Lucky for us, Mrs. Lenagh arrived earlier in the day to stake out a prime campsite! Upon arrival at camp, 18 enthusiastic scouts (and soon to be Spy Masters-in-training) unloaded the trailer and began to pitch camp. Once tents were pitched, and gear stored, it was time to prepare "cracker barrel" and chow down for the evening snack. Later that evening we took a short hike up to Friendship Point for some star gazing where Mr. Cherland and Devon Tunseth shared some of their constellation knowledge with the boys to help point out the Big Dipper, North Star, Little Dipper, Orion's belt, Cassiopia, and Milky Way to name just a few. The evening closed with a fine rendition of TAPS thanks to our bugler in training Eric Senst!

It was up bright and early on Saturday morning for our group of young scouts eager to show off their cooking skills and earn some rank credit as well. And NO, it was not the usual eggs in a plastic bag this time. The troop was treated to a fine dining experience of French toast, bacon and juice. Way to go guys! Following breakfast it was time for the scouts to head off to Spy Master training, which was the theme of this year's camporee.

The scouts divided into 3 separate patrols where they were given a number of "missions" they needed to accomplish. One mission, Mine Field, involved helping a team member navigate blind folded and on crutches through a "mine field". Another mission, "Jail Break, involved shooting the lock off a door so the team could escape to freedom. (OK so it was really pop cans and ping pong balls, but use your imagination! The shooting part was real however!) One of everyone's favorites, "Sneak Attack" involved sneaking through the woods past a sentry to make it to the tunnel without being spotted! Points were awarded to the team/patrol for each mission based on the team's achievements. The team spirit really came through during the "Wall" event where team members had to help one another over a six foot wall.

The final mission of a very fun-filled day was for each patrol to prepare their cooking recipe for the camp wide cooking contest! Just when you thought the scouts out did themselves with that delicious breakfast, each patrol broke off and feverishly began working on their own cooking recipes which included preparing both their own dinner as well as their special recipe for the cooking contest. I never saw so many Dutch ovens in use at one time. Some of the dinner specialties included: Coca-Cola chicken by Tiki/Jaws, Fahitas by Old Fogies/Blaze, stuffed pizza by Dragon/ET. Once dinner was prepared, it was time to begin preparing the special dessert recipes for the camp wide cooking contest. Some creative recipes were once again tested for the cooking contest. Tiki/Jaws prepared a new "Chocolate Lovers Delight" recipe while Old Fogies/Blaze worked on their Apple Cake/Cobbler recipe. Dragon/ET made their own unique creation that they called "Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate, something.....". Can you figure out the main ingredients to that one?? While the presentation of this unique creation was not of the Martha Stewart standards, it must have delighted the taste buds of the judges as the Dragon/ET patrol took second place in the contest! Congratulations! The adults were treated to three, yes three, wonderful dutch oven dessert creations from Mrs. Lenagh. There was an adult category in the camp wide cooking contest as well. This will be covered in a separate article! The best part was eating all those wonderful desserts. The day ended with a James Bond movie, an evening campfire, and games.

All in all, it was a great weekend. When the boys were asked if they had fun at the camporee weekend, the response was a resounding YES. With that I'd say, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

Good Medicine

Mr. Schwarzbauer
Assistant Scoutmaster

The near perfect weather added to yet another wonderful weekend and Fall Court of Honor. For a number of the younger scouts this was their first trip to Good Medicine at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp. Saturday morning started out with scout skills and advancement. Four scouts were advanced to Second Class and two scouts to Star rank. The kitchen was rather crowded in the late morning as all the patrols were preparing their dish for the dessert cook off. It was a tight contest but the best was the chocolate pumpkin. The judges bounced off the ceiling from a sugar high the rest of the afternoon. Right after lunch was free time. The scouts went exploring and climbing the bluffs right behind the cabin. Climbing the bluffs has always been a favorite with the scouts. Mid afternoon was realistic First Aide. Some of the victims looked so real they could have fooled a doctor. Assistant Scoutmaster Scott White took on the role of makeup artist to prepare the victims. As friends and family were arriving for the court of honor the scouts were preparing their table decorations. Much planning and preparation went into some assume ideas with a Halloween theme. Troop 510s busy cooks prepared a dinner for 65 scouts and family members. After the Court of Honor two American Flags were retired in a very somber ceremony. It was then back into the cabin for pie and saying good night to parents and siblings. Not even the rain Sunday morning could dampen the spirits of the 2005 Fall Court of Honor.

OA Chapter Information

Mr. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

Reminder that there is a Chapter meeting at the next Roundtable scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2005 starting at 7:30 p.m. The monthly roundtables are held at the LDS Church in Burnsville on Southcross Road.

Also, current OA members should have received a ballot to pick one of two names for our new OA Lodge. Don't forget to vote. If you didn't get a ballot, contact myself or Mr. Schwarzbauer.

The last word

Ms. Hammer
Assistant Scoutmaster

It is a hunch of mine that since Joe Moschera left, there aren't any Scouts reading this newsletter anymore. Well, the first Boy Scout (not Committee Member!) that comes up to Mr. Hammer and says the words, "I read the excellent Troop 510 Newsletter" will earn himself a worn crumpled US \$1 bill.

Remember to honor veterans on 11 Nov. Veterans Day started out as Armistice Day when at 5 A.M. on Monday, November 11, 1918 the Germans signed the "Armistice", an order was issued for all firing to cease; so the hostilities of the First World War ended. As time went on and another World War passed there was less people to honor World War I. On 11 Nov 1953 in Emporia, Kansas, they had a Veterans Day observance instead of Armistice Day. That caught on and in 1954 Congress made the name Veterans Day official.

We should also take time to remember Rosa Parks who died 24 Oct at the age of 92. Parks, a black woman in Montgomery, AL, was arrested on 1 Dec 1955 for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man on demand, as required by law at the time. She then turned to her minister, the Rev. Martin Luther King, for aid. King in turn led a 381 day boycott of the city's bus system that helped initiate the modern civil rights movement. It is said so many owe so much to the actions of this one woman.

So important is the actions of this one woman that Congress authorized her body to lay in state in the Capitol rotunda. Congress has only done this 29 times since 1852. Most were for US Presidents and unknown soldiers from war. Rosa Parks is the first female to have this honor. Prior to being in the Nations Capitol, Parks body was back in Montgomery for a memorial service. The news reports from that event reported:

"If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be able to go to the school I go to or do the things that I do now," said 13 year-old Boy Scout Micah Jones, who helped unload Parks' casket at the church. Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright told the Boy Scouts to learn from Parks' life. "She changed the world and she never fired a shot," he said. "She never raised an arm in anger against anyone."