



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's 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.

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Did you know that although Thanksgiving has been an American tradition since 1621, it wasn't sanctioned a legal holiday by Congress until 1941. The actual date has changed several times as well. The same 1941 congressional session chose the third Thursday of November as the date Thanksgiving would be observed.

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# Good Medicine

Dan Suiter  
Assistant Scoutmaster

In the week before our campout there were predictions of cold weather, rain and maybe snow for our weekend. As the week went on it kept getting warmer and when we left the weather turned out to be surprisingly nice and stayed that way for the whole weekend.

After the long hike with all our gear, we settled in, had cracker barrel and some free time before bed. After Mountain Man for breakfast the Scouts went outside for "forienteering". They combined first aid and the theme of WWII with the skill of orienteering. Using coordinates they had to find war casualties and bring them back to camp. I liked Braden's head wound, even though it reminded me of the revolutionary war. Then they had some free time with most Scouts climbing up the hill and exploring the caves, which is always popular. Getting down the hill can be tricky, with the leaves covering holes and slippery rocks, with a few Scouts sliding down the hill, one in white pants.....(I hope they got clean!).

After lunch of burgers and a trip to the trading post, the Scouts split into two groups and went through an orienteering course. We got a little stuck when one of the marker posts was missing. When we got done it was time to get ready for dinner and Court of Honor.

I hope everyone enjoyed the slide show of pictures from the past year. Next year we would like to include some of your pictures. 59 people attended dinner and Court of Honor. Thanks to all the cooks the Thanksgiving dinner was delicious! The turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberries and rolls all tasted fabulous!

Next was a successful Court of Honor with 1 rank advancement, 27 merit badges and 8 special awards. Mrs. Vieths gave us an interesting and inspiring year in review. After, we went outside to retire two American flags in a very somber ceremony. Then it was back into the cabin for pie, cake and socializing. After saying good night to everyone it was time for bed.

In the morning we cleaned up, had breakfast and made the long haul again back to the parking lot and home completing a fun time.

# TROOP 510 BUSINESS

## PLC Notes

Isaac M.  
Troop Scribe

**Nov. 7-** The Miners have opening, and closing. The new scouts will be working on rank to be determined by troop guides. The experienced scouts will be planning Briggs lodge, and we will be doing the cooking merit badge.

**Nov. 10-12- Briggs Lodge** @ Stearns campground. The theme will be music.

**Nov. 14-** The Old Fogies have opening, and closing. The new scouts will be doing rank. The experienced scouts will be planning the Webelos visit in December. The Old Fogies will also have a skill on how to cook nutritious meals.

**Nov. 21-** The Koolio patrol has opening, closing, and a skill on how to plan meals efficiently. We will all be planning the holiday party in December. We will be doing the communications merit badge.

**Nov. 25- Timberwolves game**

**Nov.28- PLC- All patrols must be represented!**

## Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

It's hard to believe that we are already into November. The holidays will be upon us soon and many Scout activities. We had a very successful Halloween Party this year. We had some visitors plus Second Year Webelos. Games and treats were enjoyed by all and nobody left empty handed.

The Court of Honor at Good Medicine was also a success. I was pleased to see many parents in attendance. Many awards and merit badges were handed out. The boys have been working hard the past few months and it definitely showed. They are to be proud of their hard work and effort they put into Scouts. The turkey dinner was wonderful as usual. We had enough food for everyone. Mrs. Lenagh did a tremendous job of cooking four turkeys before hand. I don't think anyone left hungry. The flag burning ceremony was very touching. It definitely puts your life in perspective.

November brings us into our regular meeting schedule. Camping will be earlier this month due to Thanksgiving. Now that camping is in cabins, please make sure all Scouts have a pair of indoor shoes or slippers to bring to camp outs. This helps to eliminate splinters.

I am still looking for a couple of volunteers. We need a parent volunteer for Friends of Scouts. This position is to help organize the annual donation drive to benefit our Council. If we make our goal, all merit badges are paid for by the Council. Please consider volunteering. We need parent involvement in our troop in order to succeed and continue. We also need 1-2 parent volunteers to attend Pack 104 Committee and Pack meetings. They meet once a month. Without involvement, it's very difficult to grow our troop. We need more boys in order to sustain the troop.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

## Strength in Numbers?

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

Troop 510 is not considered a large troop and hasn't been for some time. There are several positive aspects of a smaller troop. The first is that the scouts all know and interact with each other. Because of fewer scouts, there is more opportunity for key leadership positions to be held assisting in rank advancement for all scouts. The troop as a whole is easier to keep track of and more manageable. We hope that we are more inviting and less threatening for some boys than a large troop.

On the flip side, we have fewer resources in both scouts and parents than a larger troop. As in any organization, there are people that seem to fit the "leadership" model with ease while others tend to shy away from the spotlight but are more than willing to run the spotlight.

One goal of our troop is to stay strong and continue to grow or at least maintain our size. We need to fill open positions in our troop and be present to our feeder Packs to make that possible.

Please consider being part of the "tech crew" needed to keep the troop a great place to be a scout.

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### November

7	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
10-12	Campout at Briggs Cabin	5:00PM
14	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
28	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

#### December

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Powderhorn Ski trip	TBD
19	Troop/Parent Meeting/Holiday Party	7:00PM

#### January

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
26	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
27-29	Good Medicine campout/COH @ Fred C. Anderson	
31	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

**November 9-11** Briggs Cabin

**January 12-14** Snowbase

**January** Eko Baken

**February 9-11** Eagle Cave, Wisconsin

**March 9-11** Yukon

**March 31** Shooting at Phillippo Rifle Range

**April TBD**

**May 4-6** Webelos Woods

**May 19** Climbing Tower at Phillippo