



TROOP 510



<http://troop510.home.att.net>

November 2007

Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

There was well-known leader of Scouting in early days named Daniel Carter Beard. If your grandfather was a Scout, ask him about Dan Beard because he'll remember him. Dan Beard was a legend in Scouting until his death in 1941.

Anyway he often wrote for Boys' Life in those days. I want to tell you just a part of his Thanksgiving message to Boy Scouts in 1913.

Dan Beard wrote: "Fellow Scouts: You have more opportunities today, you have more people devoted to your cause, a better chance to become noble, distinguished, brave citizens than ever before in the world's history. A great ancestry, a great history, a great country and the finest boys' organization ever invented. So give three cheers for the Boy Scouts of America, for the Scout Law, and for Old Glory, our flag!"

That was true then and it's true now.

As Americans, we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We live in freedom, most of us have an abundance of food and clothing, and we all have adequate shelter. We are as blessed as any people in the world, but sometimes we forget that and gripe that we don't have even more. Let's remember that a lot of the world's population goes to bed hungry in homes that few Americans would want to live in.

So it's good to remind ourselves occasionally that we are lucky and thank God for our blessings. That's what Thanksgiving really is, a time to give thanks. The Pilgrims started it more than 100 years ago when they gathered to thank God for a bountiful harvest.

Today Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings around a groaning 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.

The Good Turns we do in our daily lives are the things that make us useful. The Good Turn enables us to be useful in our home, school, community and nation. The Good Turn raises us above the ordinary. It makes our lives worthwhile. Have you done a Good Turn lately? We should all be looking for Good Turns to do for others during the next few months especially with the holidays coming up. Can we do a Good Turn as a troop for some one or group as an activity in December?

Good Medicine Campout and Court of Honor Ceremony

Mr. Suiter
Assistant Scoutmaster



Our annual trip to Good Medicine cabin started on Friday, we were a little worried about a wet evening but we lucked out and only had a few light showers on the way, the rest of the weekend was dry and cool. As we started down the trail the boys remembered how much of a hike they had to get to the cabin carrying all the gear. Of course the new Scouts kept asking "How much farther is it?". They eventually made it, setup everything and had crackerbarrel. Keeping with the Star Wars theme the boys had several light saber duels before lights out. I got the feeling they would have been happy to do that the whole weekend. In the morning they all had free time to climb the bluffs and check out the caves. I was disappointed not seeing a certain Scout sliding down the hill in white pants,...maybe next year.

After, the older Scouts had a service project fixing a knot tying workstation. The new Scouts completed an orienteering course. They had to hike to the parking lot, up the steep hill and the course covered a mile, which took several hours. So when we were done the boys were hungry for tacos for lunch. After lunch it was more free time on the bluffs, going to the trading post and hiking around camp. After the sugar rush from the candy at the trading post the older Scouts finished the knot tying workstation and the new Scouts worked on rank, with most of them working on knots.

As all the parents started to arrive we cleaned up and got ready for dinner. We had the usual turkey dinner with all the fixings. Thanks to the cooks for a delicious meal! After it was Court of Honor with many awards earned by the boys. 8 Scouts advanced in rank, 14 merit badges were earned, 10 Scouts and 3 adults earned the 50 miler award and 4 other special awards earned. Then the retirement of an American flag ceremony and back inside for pie and socializing. Bright and early Sunday morning we packed up and headed down the trail again to finish a good campout.

Good Medicine Awards

The following rank advancements, merit badges and special awards were given to scouts and leaders in our Good Medicine Court of Honor ceremony.

Daniel A.

Merit Badges: Cooking, Family Life, Personal Fitness
Rank Advancement: Life

Davis A.

Merit Badges: Dog Care

Michael B.

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Nick B.

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Cole H.

Rank Advancement: Scout

Wesley K.

Merit Badges: Environmental Science, Hiking
Rank Advancement: Star
Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Andrew K.

Rank Advancement: Star
Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Michael L.

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Jake M.

Merit Badges: Camping

Isaac M.

Merit Badges: Personal Fitness
Special Awards: 50 Miler Awards, World Conservation Award

David S.

Merit Badges: Hiking
Special Awards: 50 Miler Awards

Mitchell S.

Merit Badges: Camping
Rank Advancement: Star
Special Awards: Camper, 50 Miler, Most Service Hours Awards

Pat S.

Merit Badges: Art

Mark S.

Rank Advancement: Star
Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Thomas S.

Merit Badges: Personal Fitness, Personal Management

Braden T.

Merit Badges: Weather
Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Kyle U.

Rank Advancement: Star

Karl V.

Rank Advancement: Star
Special Awards: Most Service Hours

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Mr. Loher

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Mr. Schwarzbauer

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Ms. Tunseth

Special Awards: 50 Miler Award

Halloween Party a Success

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Our annual Halloween party was well attended by scouts and parents from both Troop 510 and Pack 104 with the second year Webelos joining us. Many wore costumes while some others took advantage of the game in which two scouts were blindfolded and had to dress in whatever clothes they could pick up from a very eclectic pile of clothing. Several of the older scouts seemed to be enjoying themselves more than expected! Bobbing for apples, the annual favorite, was again a big hit. They never seem to outgrow the love of the water. The treat table was full of great things to eat and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the parents that helped set up and facilitate the games and food. Thanks to the scouts for doing a nice, swift job on clean up.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Karl V.
Troop Scribe

Tuesday 6th – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. New scouts will work on cooking for rank. The experienced scouts will be involved in the Webelos visit and planning the Phillipa campout.

Tuesday 13th – The Happy Tree Friends have opening and closing. New scouts will work on safe trip afloat and finish cooking. Experienced scouts will work on personal management merit badge and planning Adirondacks campout.

Tuesday 20th – The Knights Who Say Ne have opening and closing. The new scouts are working on first aid. The experienced scouts will be planning the holiday party.

Tuesday 27th – PLC, all patrols need to be represented. Leadership positions need to know who

their adult mentors are. These are adults that scouts can ask leadership specific questions of.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Lights are on for the Troop! Our garage now has electricity, including motion sensor lights outside of the garage. If anyone has a ladder to spare, we are in need of one for the garage.

As a reminder, our troop goes shopping for campouts the Thursday before the campout. We shop at Cub off of Cliff at 7pm and typically finish by 8pm. If you shop, please also go back to the church to help unload. It usually takes 15-20 minutes. Updated rosters were handed out at the last parent meeting. Please see Jane Tunseth if you need a copy. Jane is also collecting the new health forms that were handed out in September.

The Committee is collecting ideas for additional fund raising for the troop to help cover the costs of the high adventure trips. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

We are now in the cabin camping season. Remember to pack both indoor and outdoor shoes for your scout. Also remember extra pairs of socks. Please make sure everything is labeled that gets packed for camping.

We are still in need of a troop liaison for Cub Scout Pack 104, our feeder pack. Please let me know if you are interested. The more time we can spend with the pack, the better the chances are that those boys will cross over into our troop.

Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths
Parent/Committee Member

- Shopping at Cub prior to a campout is from 7:00 to 8:00. If you drop your son off to help shop please pick him up promptly at 8:00. Often we need parents to assist with the shopping and to go to the church to unload and repack into totes. Scouts need to shop economically.

- Health forms need to be completed and turned in.

- High Adventure canoeing campout was more expensive than anticipated. Please check on account balances before campouts. Accounts need to have a minimum of \$50 at all times.

- Updated rosters were handed out, contact Ms. Tunseth if you did not get one.

- Garage now has electricity inside and outside including a motion detector light over the door.

- Scout Shop in St. Paul is looking for any class A Scout shirts that your son(s) may have outgrown for Scouts in need. If you have one or more shirts you are willing to donate, please take off all the badges and troop numbers and bring it to the St. Paul Shop.

National Logo Contest

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Have you ever wondered who creates the designs for all the patches you receive? Or have you ever read about moments in history and thought you just weren't born at the right time to be part of any great historical moment? Well, your time has come. Boy Scouts of America is looking for Scouts to design the patch artwork for the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. The winning Scout will fly to San Francisco to work with the renowned graphic artist and Eagle Scout Kit Hinrichs. Mr. Hinrichs is known for his patriotic work involving American flag memorabilia, and several of his pieces are on display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Every Scout is encouraged pick up a crayon, a pen, a pencil, or a computer mouse and submit ideas. All entries are due Nov. 30, 2007. Each Scout submitting an entry will receive the logo contest patch and a participation certificate. Winners in each category will receive a \$100 ScoutStuff.org gift card. The overall winner will receive a \$250 ScoutStuff.org gift card and the trip to San Francisco to assist in the final creation of the patch.

Entry forms, rules, and details can be found on the BSA 100th Anniversary Web site.

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/NationalLogoContest.aspx?tr=y&auid=3146345>

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
9-11	Polaris Lodge campout	5:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
27	PLC Meeting	7:00PM

December

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parents Meeting	7:00PM
	Christmas party	

January

1	NO MEETING	
8	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
11-13	Fred C. campout	
15	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

February

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
14	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice campout	TBD
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC	6:00PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

November 9-11	Warming House - Phillipps
January 11-13	Fred C. Anderson – Adirondacks
February 15-17	Camp Phillips – Fort Rice
Feb 29-Mar 2	Gebhearth Lodge, Camp Decorah La Crosse, WI
April 11-13	Igloo Lodge at Norseland
May 16-18	Bear Head State Park – Sudan Mines
June 20-23	Gooseberry Falls State Park