



TROOP 510



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November and December 2008

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

Doctrines, credos, manifestos, laws, declarations, codes of ethics. Ever since people have been able to communicate they have compiled words to live by. But the world is still troubled. Take these words: Honesty * Workmanship * Ambition * Faith * Education * Charity * Responsibility * Courage. (They sound a lot like Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean & Reverent).

Chances are that four and half billion people won't agree to live their lives by them. But think how much better your life would be if just one person does. YOU!

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Christmas and Hanukkah are, for the most people, the most joyful holidays of the year. The holiday parties, the exchange of gifts, and the brilliant lights of the Christmas trees make a guy glad to be alive at this season.

Sometimes we forget that these holidays are really religious festivals. It's well to remember that the real holiday spirit is cast by the Star of Bethlehem and the Hanukkah candles, reminding us of the miracles in times past.

In the 12th point of the Scout Law we say that a Scout is reverent. That doesn't mean that he has to go around all the time with a long face or with hands folded in prayer. It means that he does his duty to God, which includes doing things for God's other creatures.

I would like you all to think about the four basic food groups we all need to be healthy. And we've all looked up some of those recipes, using those four food groups. I hope you'll remember them when you're planning our campout each month. But just as a balanced diet of foods is vital for your physical health, so is a balanced diet of activities vital for your mental and spiritual health. You all know by now, that if you ate nothing but potato chips, candy and soda, you wouldn't stay healthy very long. The same idea applies to your activities.

If you did nothing but play sports all the time, and neglected your schoolwork, your religious duties, your Scouting, and other activities with friends, you would be a pretty sad case before long. Oh, you might be a good ball player, but that's all. You would not make any progress mentally, spiritually or as a person who is a pleasure to be around.

Well, you might say, I love sports. Fine - play them - and play for all your worth. But remember that life has many satisfactions besides sports. Don't cut yourself from them by spending all your time in one activity. Join a school club. Become active in your churches youth group. Come to every troop meeting and activity. Take full advantage of school; don't do just enough work to get by. And play sports.

You can do it all, and if you do, I think you'll enjoy life even more than you do now.

A Merry Christmas and Hanukkah to all of you and your families!

Court of Honor Awards at Good Medicine

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

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

OCTOBER 2008 COURT OF HONOR AWARDS

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November Camping Gebhardt Lodge campout

Mr. Suiter

Assistant Scoutmaster

What is "Special" cooking?

That was the theme for the weekend at Gebhardt Lodge, so the Scouts tried to change up the menu. Gorp & popcorn instead of cheese and crackers. Bundt cake instead of donuts or muffins. Pineapple upside down cake (delicious enough to fight over leftover scraps on the foil liner), salad, BBQ chicken, hobo cooked hot dogs and a Macaroni & cheese cookoff.

5 Scouts, 2 Mac & Cheese recipes, 3 judges and a very close decision....."The guess" recipe just barely beat "The Old Fashioned Dutch Oven Mac & Cheese" recipe. Pretty surprising considering Davis and Lyle made up "The guess" recipe on the fly.

We then had a discussion about special cooking, with the Scouts picking out many new recipes to try on future campouts, hopefully they remember them as some seemed like they would be a pretty tasty change of pace. Mr. Lenagh #2 (Shawn) was on the campout and contributed his favorite foods from all the campouts he has been on also. It was also a good campout for Lyle to work on and complete many of his first class cooking requirements.

Since shooting shotguns got cancelled at the last minute we had to come up with another activity for Saturday afternoon. So it was decided that we would take a hike around Camp Decorah and it turned out to be the most fun part of the trip, highlighted by "Frisbee keep away".

The camp has some notable features, a 50 foot climbing tower, swimming pool, high COPE course and a unique OA fire ring. The other activity that preoccupied the Scouts during free time was Texas Hold'em card games, with the youngest Scout, Lyle, dominating the games and winning most of the chips.

We finished off the trip with a visit to Valentino's, a pizza place in Rochester, for some great pizza.

Troop 510 Business

From the Editor

I was excited when former editor, Laurie Veiths showed me how simple it was to take care of the monthly newsletter. It was an easy decision to be in charge of the newsletter each month because I enjoy composing, editing and being creative. However, since taking charge of the newsletter, several situations prevent me from getting the job done.

My household has only one computer and my Scout Wes and daughter use it for their homework. Wes's sister is a senior and needs the computer to work on college English class at her high school, completing college applications and scholarship applications. By the time I get a turn at using the computer after 11:00 pm. Therefore, I am resigning from my position as editor hoping that there is a Scout parent who either has younger children who do not need the computer so frequently or a parent computer!

WANTED:

- Parent of a Scout in Troop 510 who enjoys keeping informed of the Boys various trips and schedules.
- Parent who is willing to give 2-3 hours each month to the Scout Boys and their parents.
- Parent who enjoys hearing compliments and appreciation from the other Scout parents.

Please contact Nancy Arbogast at a Troop meeting or email jnarbogast@comcast.net and tell her you'll be our next Newsletter Editor!

PLC Notes

Davis Arbogast
Troop Scribe

December 2 – Opening by Batman. New Scouts work on First Aid. Experienced Scouts plan holiday party and Cub Scout visit. Make sure you know what your skill is!

December 9 – Opening by The Pheasants. New Scouts will work on their Cooking Merit Badge. Experienced Scouts will Plan the trip to Thurston Lodge and practice for the Cub Scout visit and for the holiday party. Weekend event discussed is December 20th Powder Ridge Ski trip.

December 16 – PLC, all Scouts welcome.

December 23rd – older Scouts grocery bagging for fundraising at CUB Foods in Rosemount.

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Our Troop Halloween Party was a success. We had several Webelos join us for the festivities. Thanks to the Committee members for putting on the party. Also a success was our fall Court of Honor at Good Medicine. We had plenty of good food and very entertaining skits!

We are now having “**indoor**” **camping** so please be sure to pack **two pair of shoes for the campouts**. One pair needs to be designated solely (no pun intended) for inside the cabin.

Please make sure the scouts are signing up or removing their name from the activity sheets. We would like to have the boys take responsibility for remembering to sign their name.

As a reminder, our Troop meets every Tuesday of every month. The last Tuesday of the month is designated for PLC at 6:15 for those boys with a position within the troop (and any scout who wants to attend). There is not a regular meeting after PLC.

As always, **parent meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm**. Even if your son can't attend the scout meeting, it's a good idea to come to the parent meeting. They usually last 10-15 minutes and helpful information is given. It's a good way to stay current with the troop. **All input is encouraged and welcome!**

FUNDRAISING - Completed

Wreaths and Popcorn

On Sunday, November 23 Scouts picked up wreaths at Diane Kline's home from 2-5 and popcorn from Mensink's from 2-5.

Popcorn Sales

All order forms were due at the Tuesday Nov. 4 meeting. Scouts added up their totals, and selected 1 prize for the level of his sales. Then select the patch or pin he earned. Mr. Mensink had a voucher for a free Timberwolves ticket for anyone who turned in an order form. Tuesday was also the last chance for those scouts who participated in the "Show and Deliver" aspect of the sale to turn in their unsold popcorn.

Wreath Sales

Once again the wreath sales was successful and filled Ms. Kline's garage until pick up day. Now the greens are hanging on our neighbors' doors and are decorating our neighborhoods.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY in DECEMBER

Older Scouts have an opportunity to do an extra fundraising activity in December. We will be doing grocery bagging at CUB FOODS in Rosemount. The date is Tuesday, December 23rd, the day before Christmas Eve. (The kids are off from school that day). CUB requests the boys to be **at least 13 years old to participate**. So those boys that want to earn some extra \$\$ for Philmont 2009 or the Nat'l Jamboree in 2010 should **save the date and be ready to work!** More details and a sign up sheet will be forthcoming.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop PLC and Holiday Party	6:00PM
16	Parents Meeting	7:00PM

January

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Shopping for camping campout	7:00PM
20	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
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	PLC	6:15PM

February

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
	Shopping for campout Eagle Cave	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
	PLC 6:00PM	
19	Shopping for camping	7:00PM

Upcoming Camping Trips

Rum River - Thurston Lodge for January 16-18, 2009

Eagle Cave for February 20-22, 2009

Stearns – Diamond Lake Lodge for March 13-15, 2009

Fred C. Anderson – Shelter #3 for April 24-26, 200