



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report

**Tom Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

When a Scout becomes an Eagle Scout he's still a boy. Only a little more than a million Scouts have ever advanced to Scouting's highest rank. Some 1.5% of the more than 40 million Scouts who have started out on the Eagle trail since the beginning of Scouting in America completed the trip. The Eagle has tramped a long, rugged and rewarding trail. No two Eagle Scouts are exactly alike, yet all are fundamentally alike. By noting some of these fundamentals, an insight might be glimpsed of what an Eagle Scout is. The final result is the uses the boy makes of them as he grows into manhood.

He has learned that reverence to God comes before all other things. He knows that respect for the rights and convictions of others are part of his duty to God and his fellow man. He demonstrates the true meaning of loyalty, although he may not be able to define it. He has learned discipline and teamwork and how to apply them in his daily living. He has developed his own code of honor based on the ideals of Scouting. He has learned that physical bravery may require less courage than standing up for one's convictions. He has perseverance and determination: He must have if he is to attain Eagle rank. He has the knowledge that nature gives to those who seek it. He has Scouting skills that will be invaluable to him all his life. He presents a cheerful outlook on life even in the face of hardships and disappointments. He has more than a vague idea of what duty to his country is: he knows it starts with duty to God, his family and himself. He eagerly seeks the underlying peace offered by God through his wilderness and wildlife. He's a qualified junior leader. He realizes his obligation to the movement that gives him the opportunity to gain and develop those attributes of character.

We may not all be Eagle scouts, but these fundamentals could / should be part of all of our daily lives. How do you measure up? Could you be an Eagle Scout?

## OA News

Coming up will be the Agaming Lodge Fall Fellowship. This years title is "The Phantom of the Fellowship". It is on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Shawn Lenagh for more information.

## Uniforms for Fundraisers

**Mr. Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

Proper uniforms should be worn for all fund raising activities. The class A uniform (khaki shirt) can only be worn for Council approved fundraisers; i.e. Council popcorn sales, Arts & Crafts Festival and National Jamboree fundraisers. All other events we need to wear the troop class B (blue or gray T-shirt). These events include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival, Northern Hydraulic fundraiser, wreath sales, etc. If you are not sure about which uniform to wear please contact one of the asst. scoutmasters or myself.

## Fundraisers

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Don't forget to work on your Wreath Sales or Popcorn Sales. Get those orders done before the deadline!

# PLC Notes

**Trevor Jenke**  
Troop Scribe

Every patrol was in attendance and a good number of positions were in also there.

**Oct 1** – New scouts have orienteering. Experienced scouts work on Court of Honor. Basilisks have opening, closing and the game.

**Oct 8** – Ghostbusters have opening, closing and game.

**Oct 11/12** – Junior Leader Training (JLT)

**Oct 15** – Flamingo's have opening, closing and game. Brandons B-D (sorry, I don't have a clue on that one, you will have to ask Trevor what Brandons B-D means.) New scouts do orienteering. Experienced scouts plan Court of Honor.

**Oct 22** – Uniform inspection. Basilisks have opening, closing and game. Plan campout and theme.

**Oct 25/27** – Good Medicine campout with Court of Honor.

**Oct 29** – PLC followed by the Halloween Party at 7:00 p.m.

**Nov 5** – New scouts work on rank. Ghostbusters have opening, closing and game. Plan for Cub Scout visit.

**Nov 12** – Finish planning campout. Flamingos have opening, closing and game.

**Nov 15/17** – Campout at Ft. Rice, WI.

**Nov 19** – Holiday Party. Basilisks have opening, closing, and game.

**Nov 26** – PLC.

# Indianhead Council Camp Anniversaries

**Mr. Hammer**  
Editor

In 2003, Tomahawk will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Fred C. Anderson will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To celebrate the event, the Council office has created two new shoulder patches. They will be available sometime soon. It is only black and white below, but here is what they will look like.



# Soudan Underground Mine

**Mr. Hammer**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Mr. Peabody, set the "way back machine" to August 2002. Back then the Troop headed to Soudan Underground Mine State Park for a fun time in the dark!

Our trip started out okay with everyone ready to go. We had a long trip ahead of us that would get us there to camping destination of Bear Head Lake State Park. We got about halfway when Mr. Deters noticed the trailer was acting a little odd. Upon stopping, we found on tire to have the tread starting to come off. The leaders and scouts then learned how to change a tire on the trailer. Too bad some scouts weren't taking the automotive merit badge. With the spare tire on, we headed off again in the deep woods.

We arrived at camp around 10:30 p.m. with dark all around us. It was a challenge to find the group campsite with a few delays. Once we located it we began to setup camp. All went well even without the light of day. We had cracker barrel but since it was late nobody really dug in to all the food.

Up the next morning for breakfast. The camp site looked a lot different with the light of day. After breakfast we headed off to Soudan Underground Mine. We took both the High Energy Physics Lab Tour which featured Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search (MINOS) tour and the Historical tour. We rode the elevator up and down many times that day. The MINOS tour was new this year so it was something different for those scouts who had done this trip before. Not being a scientist I didn't understand it all. What I do recall and can write about is that they are looking for particles that are smaller than an atom. They actually shoot particles all the way to Illinois where they try to detect them. It was interesting but a lot to remember at my age now that I am a grandfather. The other interesting fact I recall is that since the mine is historical property, once the lab work is done, all the equipment and building materials have to be removed and the mine put back as it was.

After the mine trip we headed to the International Wolf Center in Ely. It was fun to learn about the wolves and actually see them up live. I believe all the scouts learned one or two things about wolves that they didn't know.

Back to camp for dinner and then a game of capture the flag. It was interesting to watch the scouts adapt the game to this group camp site. However, it was also interesting to see them solve conflict issues. Mr. Deters and I thought they did well to solve the problems. After the game it was off to sleep.

In the morning we packed up and headed off to home. We stopped in Hinckley for lunch on the long drive back. I suggested White Castle but that didn't seem to go over with the scouts. At the end of the trip we brought back as many scouts as we left with, however, we don't claim they were the same ones we left with!

## The very end story

**Mr. Hammer**  
Editor

This is two months in a row where the Troop Newsletter has been late. Last month I can't remember why it was late but it was.

This month, I was in Arlington, VA at Ft. Myers. I was doing some honor guard training with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry that is also called the "Old Guard". They are the ones that do the guard duty at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington Cemetery. We got to see things behind the scenes that most people don't get to see. On 6 Oct we attended the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Washington D.C. There were over 200 fire department honor guards from around the world to march in the parade and another 20,000 fire fighters watching the parade. The event honors those fire fighters who died in while working (Line-of-Duty Death) in 2001. Besides the 343 from NY, there was another 91 who died from around the county.

Anyway, this should be the last month for a late newsletter. Time will tell.