



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

Scouts, what's the second point of the Scout Law? That's right, "A Scout is loyal". Our Scout handbook explains that a Scout is loyal to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

I'm going to add one more thing to that list - a Scout is loyal to his team. The team might be his patrol or sports team.

Your patrol or soccer team can't be as good as it should be if you goof off a lot or constantly complain about your teammates or your patrol leader or coach. A winning patrol and a winning team must have a winning attitude. That means that every member must be willing to do his part and not spend time griping because the patrol's plans or the game are not going his way.

That doesn't mean that you have to be close friends with everybody in your patrol or team or even like all of them. But it means that when you join, you commit yourself to the success of the patrol or the team and pledge to give it your best effort.

In Scouting and sports, it's teamwork that makes winners. So whenever you're with your patrol or sports team, remember, "A Scout is loyal".

Congratulations to all of the scouts and adults who attended and participated in the Fall Camporee in September, this includes the WEBELOS from Packs 104, and 517 and the one non-scout. Thanks to everyone's effort we ended up winning three staves (Camp Site, Activities & Overall).

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## Wreath & Popcorn Sales

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

All scouts should have received the information for wreath and popcorn sales. If you haven't, please see Mr. Mensink for wreath and Mr. Erickson for popcorn information. The profit from Christmas wreath sales goes directly to the scout's account. The amount of profit varies depending on the item and will be calculated at the end of the sales period. Popcorn is a Council sales project and only a percentage of profit goes into the scout's account while the other portion goes back to the council. This is the scout's chance to earn money for camping expenses throughout the next year. Remember, class A uniforms can be worn to sell popcorn but not Christmas wreaths. Even though our boys are not wearing their uniforms for wreath sales we expect their behavior and demeanor to be constant examples of the Scout Oath.

# Chief Black Dog Fall Camporee

Mr. Hammer  
Assistant Scoutmaster



Most campouts start off normal with everyone showing up at the church with gear to check in, we pack the trailer and then leave. This campout had a different twist to it. There were pirates everywhere. The theme for this years Camporee was a “Pirate Adventure”. Even the leaders were dressed as pirates. Aye Matey!

So, we packed up the trailer and put the pirate ship mast on board and sailed off to Phillippo Scout Reservation. We even took some wee ones with us (WEBELOS). We got there in record time as the winds were blowing in our favor. Then it was time to setup up the campsite, er ship, for the weekend. We got everything lined up Jamboree style and left raising the mast for morning. To tide us over to morning we had Cracker Barrel as no pirate wants to go hungry before morning activities.

Morning came and the cooks made us a great breakfast. It was a good thing we captured them at the church and brought them along! We finished off the breakfast, adjusted the campsite a little bit and then raised the mast for the day. We raised the sail and put flags on the mast. We even had a cannon to protect the ship.

Next it was off to a days worth of activities. This pirate ran the “Walk the Plank” activity where young pirates had to cross the ocean using only planks and their brain power. Falling off meant starting over. Other events included raising a sail, target shooting with water balloons, sneaking up on a very old pirate, and finding buried treasure. From what this old sea salt heard from the young pirates, the events were fun and interesting.

In the middle of the day we had a great lunch, but dinner was the best of all if you ask this old pirate. It was the cooking contest. Not only did the patrols have to cook their dinner, they got to take their best entry down to the judges. Everyone was nervous to see if their dinner was going to turn out and be worthy of entering. All the meals did and no pirate went hungry.

As dinner ended and it was going to be time for the campfire, it started to rain. So, the campfire

was canceled and movies were shown instead. It never rained hard but just enough to change the plans for the head pirates. Everyone settled down for a quiet nights sleep and anticipation for the awards, er booty to be passed out in the morning.

Morning came and it was a beautiful day. Clear blue sky greeted the pirates. It was a great morning to pillage and plunder for booty. A lot of the pirates had cereal with pirate pieces in it. That made the morning even better.

Right after the morning flag formation we moved to Seeonee cabin to claim what rightfully was ours under pirate law. We claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Patrol Activities for the Dragon Patrol (Old Fogies). We also claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for our Pirate Ship (Campsite). With the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place booty, that gave us a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall. Aye Matey, we showed them who was a good pirate.

We finished packing up, loading up and set sail for home with our booty! This was a good campout and a good theme for a Camporee! Just wait until next year!

## TROOP 510 BUSINESS

### Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

I will be compiling a separate email containing Committee notes. Please watch for it over the next few days.

### Scout Accounts

Mr. & Mrs. Mehring  
Troop Treasurers

We are planning to have Scout account statements available and sent out quarterly via email.

Troop dues of \$20 are paid quarterly and are automatically deducted from each Scout's account. Quarterly statements will show account balance immediately after posting of quarterly dues.

Account statements will be sent out 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. If you need to check on a scout's account at a time other than the quarterly statement reporting period, please let us know and we can email the account information to you.

## PLC Notes

Isaac M.  
Troop Scribe

**October 3** – The Old Fogies have opening and closing. New scouts will be doing orienteering. There will be a UNIFORM INSPECTION. We will be planning Good Med. We will also be doing thorns and roses from the fall camporee.

**October 7** – Merit Badge Fair. Be sure to contact your counselor(s) before the event

**October 10** – The Miners will be doing opening and closing. The new scouts will be doing first aid. We will be planning Good Med and JLT. The new scouts will be doing an orienteering skill. We will be working on our skits in our patrols for Good Med.

**October 13-14** – JLT, the theme will be “Teamwork”. Come if you have a leadership position.

**October 17** – The Koolio patrol has opening and closing. We will be finishing the planning for Good Med and planning skits with our patrols.

**October 24** – PLC @ 6:15. All patrols should be represented.



The **HALLOWEEN PARTY** will be at 7:00 right after PLC meeting.

There is **NO MEETING ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup>**.

**October 26** – Shopping for food for Good Med. starting @ 7:00 at Cub Foods.

**October 27-29** – Good Medicine cabin campout and fall Court of Honor. The theme is WWII.

Merit badges for November will be communications and cooking.

## “Good Medicine” - Fall Court of Honor

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

For newer families to the troop, I have a piece of information to pass on. I remember being a new parent and being confused by the reference to “Good Medicine” or “Good Med” as it was also referred to. Parents and Scouts that had been in the troop more than one year seemed perfectly comfortable with the term and were somewhat

excited about it. I, on the other hand, didn't know what was so special about Good Med and didn't know why it was special. It sounded like a weekend of working on the First Aid merit badge to me! So, to minimize confusion or lack of understanding on your part, I would like to fill you in on the significance of the “Good Medicine” campout.

First, this is the opening of the lodge camping season. It marks the month that campers sleep in cabins or lodges instead of tents. At this outing attendees sleep in the GOOD MEDICINE lodge (thus the name) at Fred C. Anderson Scout Reservation on the banks of the St. Croix River near Houlton, Wisconsin a few miles north of Hudson.

The real significance of this campout is that it is also the venue for the fall Court of Honor. All families are invited to join the troop on Saturday evening for a turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings meal followed by the Court of Honor ceremony.

It is a very nice event with delicious food and as always, great entertainment by the Patrol Players! Please make your reservation now so we have an idea how many to cook for, and remember to bring a flashlight with you as it gets a little dark walking back to the parking lot through the woods.

## Fire Prevention Week

Next week, October 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, is National Fire Prevention Week. The Eagan Fire Stations will host an Open House on October 10, 11, 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm open to the public.

Mr. Hammer (our very own fireman!) has extended a personal invitation to everyone interested to come to Fire Station #5 located at 4701 Galaxie Avenue. He can be found in the new Command Vehicle or as he refers to it, “the computer on wheels”.



# TROOP AT A GLANCE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

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| 3         | Troop Meeting  | 7:00PM        |
| 7         | Merit Badge Fair –<br>Apply Valley Community Center and Spirit of<br>Life Church | 8:00AM-6:00PM |
| 10        | Troop/ Committee Meeting   | 7:00PM        |
| 13-14     | JLT  |               |
| 17        | Troop/Parent Meeting   | 7:00PM        |
| 24        | PLC Meeting  | 6:15PM        |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Troop Halloween Party</b>   | <b>7:00PM</b> |
| 26        | Troop shopping for campout – Cub   | 7:00PM        |
| 27-29     | Good Medicine campout/COH @ Fred C.<br>Anderson                                  |               |
| <b>31</b> | <b>No Meeting – HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>  |               |

### November

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| 7     | Troop Meeting                    | 7:00PM |
| 14    | Troop/ Committee Meeting         | 7:00PM |
| 16    | Troop shopping for campout – Cub | 7:00PM |
| 10-12 | Briggs Lodge, Stearns            |        |
| 21    | Troop/Parent Meeting             | 7:00PM |
| 29    | PLC Meeting                      | 6:15PM |

### December

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| 5  | Troop Meeting        | 7:00PM |
| 12 | Troop Meeting        | 7:00PM |
| 19 | Troop/Parent Meeting | 7:00PM |

## SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

- October 27-19** Good Medicine Cabin, Fred C.  
Anderson SR - Fall COH on 28<sup>th</sup>
- November 10-12** Briggs Lodge, Stearns Campground
- January 12-14** Snowbase
- January TBD** Ecobacken tubing event
- February 9-11** Eagle Cave, Wisconsin
- March 9-11** Yukon, Fort Rice, Phillips Scout Camp  
near Birchwood, Wisconsin