



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Tools are essential in making repairs around the house, working on a car or in doing some community Good Turn. You couldn't do the job without them.

But they must be in good condition. If your hammer head is loose, the hammer becomes a dangerous weapon. If your saw blade is dull, it makes the work harder and you also run the risk of cutting yourself if the blade jumps out of the groove. And if your screwdriver's blade is all beat up, you're going to ruin a lot of screws.

Your character is like a set of tools. Think of your character as a set of attributes we talk about in the Scout Law - trustworthy, loyal, helpful, and so on. If you're not trustworthy, that part of your character is like a hammer with a loose head. You could be dangerous to others because no-one could depend on you to do what had to be done in an emergency. If you're not loyal, you're like a dull saw blade - not reliable when the chips are down.

A good craftsman keeps his tools in excellent shape because they are his livelihood. A good Scout keeps his character in excellent shape because he knows that the attributes that make up his character are his most precious possession. Let's remind ourselves of that every time we recite the Scout Law.

Congratulations to all of the scouts and adults who attended and participated in the Fall Camporee in September. We had a little rain but it was still a good weekend.

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Cabin Camping Season Opens

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor



October marks the beginning of the cabin camping season. This season we have several old favorites and one new campsite on the schedule. Some of these are pleasant warm buildings that may not have all the comforts of home, but others are very nice dormitory style cabins complete with indoor bathrooms and showers. The troop is always in need of adults to attend these campouts and assists with the activities of the weekend. If you don't like sleeping in a tent, this is your opportunity to see what a weekend campout is all about. Please consider checking out the sign-up sheets and being an adult chaperone for a weekend.

Soggy Day at Troop 510 Coral

Karl V.

Scout in attendance

We set up camp with the sun settin' on our backs. The evenin' was warm and dry but the wind blew in the clouds and rain followed. Most of the games and activities were cancelled on account of the weather. Three times the campsites were evacuated into shelters. A few of the troops packed it up and headed for home early. If it weren't for the chuck wagon races there wouldn't have been much goin' on. I guess that's what campin' all about – takin' what you get and makin' the most of it. We stayed the night and packed up without getting' rained. It was sure good to get back home.

Halloween Party

Mrs. Vieths

Newsletter Editor

This year's Halloween party will be held following the monthly PLC meeting on Tuesday, October 30th. The games and fun will begin about 7:00 and go until 8:15. We are in need of parents that would like to help set up and run games. Scouts are invited to come in costume but it isn't a prerequisite. An invitation has been sent to our partner packs so their may be Webelos joining us. Let's show them a good time.



Christmas Wreath Sales

Mr. Mehring

Wreath Sales Chair

The Troop 510 - Wreath Fundraiser Details were handed out that 510 Troop meeting on September 18, if your son was not at that meeting or did not pick up the materials you can pick them up from me – give me a call at 651-681-1566. Here is some of the information shared on 9/18:

- General Guidelines
 - o If you have questions - Contact Matt Mehring – 651-681-1566, Matt@beaconpoint.com
 - o **Your customers pay for their products at the time of delivery – not when you take the orders**

- o **You can wear your Boy Scout Uniform ONLY if you are also selling Popcorn**

Schedule of Events

- o **Start taking orders and selling NOW**
- o **Turn in order forms on Tuesday, October 23rd**

Fall Court of Honor

Mrs. Vieths

Newsletter Editor

October marks the month of our fall Court of Honor. The Scouts and leaders will spend the weekend camping in the Good Medicine Lodge at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp just northeast of Hudson, Wisconsin. This year's theme is "Star Wars". On Saturday afternoon Families are invited to drive over to take a nice hike through the woods and dine on a delicious meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. Be sure to sign up at the parent's meeting so we have a head count to plan and purchase food. There are maps in your Parent Scout Handbook but they will also be available at the parent meeting in October.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Michael B.

Troop Scribe

Tuesday 2nd – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. The new scouts will work on first aid. The experienced scouts will plan Good Medicine.

Saturday 6th – Make up date service project for scouts earning 50 miler award

Tuesday 9th – The Happy Tree Friends have opening and closing. The new scouts will work on orienteering. the experienced scouts will again plan Good Med campout.

Tuesday 16th – The Knights Who Say Ne have opening and closing. The new scouts our working on whatever they need. The experienced scouts will again planning Good Med campout.

Tuesday 23rd – The Waka Waka patrol has opening and closing. The new scouts will work on whatever

thy need and the experienced scouts will have a game day.

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th – Good Medicine campout/fall court of honor at Fred C. Anderson

Tuesday 30th – PLC, all patrols need to have representation. **Halloween party following PLC.**

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

It will be lights on for the troop this month. We will be having the garage wired for electricity soon. This will definitely help during the winter months. Popcorn and wreath sales information were handed out at the last regular scout meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to build up funds in your sons' accounts.

We also handed out new health forms at the parent meeting. These need to be turned in by the end of the month. Please make sure they are filled out completely. If you do not have a form, please see Jane Tunseth. Please remember that your son must be in full uniform for all scout meetings. If you are coming from a sporting event, please have the uniform in the car so he can change at the church.

If your son signed up for a camping trip and is unable to go, they must inform a leader (not another scout) **before** the Thursday before the campout. If they do not, they will be charged for the trip.

The Committee will be planning the annual troop Halloween party. It is on Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm. It will start after PLC. Plan on attending. There will be games and lots of treats!

Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths
Parent/Committee Member

We had a great showing of parents for the September meeting.

Wreath and popcorn packets were handed out to the boys. Remember, this is their fundraising opportunity to build up their scout accounts.

Scout accounts need to have a positive balance for scouts to be able to camp or take part in activities that require a deposit. If you are unsure of your son(s) account balance you can contact Sona Mehring.

A team of parents has been set up to work on additional fundraising ideas for the high adventure trips planned in the next three years. More information will be coming.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

1	Troop Meetings	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
25	Shopping for Good Medicine	7:00PM
26-28	Good Medicine campout/fall COH	5:00PM
30	PLC/Halloween Party	6:15PM

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

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

October 26-28	Good Medicine Lodge
November 9-11	Polaris Lodge – Fairmont
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