



TROOP 510



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Scoutmasters Report

Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

It won't be long now before we'll be adding new Scouts to this troop - the Webelos Scouts who will be graduating from Cub Scouting.

It goes without saying that I expect you Scouts to give them a warm welcome. How you treat them during their first couple of meetings and outings with us will determine whether they stay in our troop. If you ignore them, make fun of them, or haze them, some of them are going to drop out of scouting in a hurry.

Remember that they are young kids. Some of you will look like giants to them and if they are a little timid, they are going to be a bit afraid of you. So I would like all of you - and especially you older Scouts - to go out of your way to help the new kids. Perhaps each of you could be a buddy to one of the new Scouts to get them started right in Scouting.

If you can remember your days as a Webelos, you'll remember that Webelos means "We'll be loyal Scouts". Our troop has to be loyal to them, too. - to make the promises of Scouting fun and adventure come true for them as well as for older Scouts.

Let's all remember that and give a warm welcome at Fall Camporee this month.

You've probably seen a baseball pitcher who can throw a ball through a brick wall, but he can't throw strikes. In baseball, if you don't have control, you don't win.

That's true for all of us, not just pitchers. Self-control and self discipline are vital to any man. A man must be able to control his tongue, his appetite and his body and brain if he's going to get anywhere.

A long time ago, a sportswriter named Grantland Rice wrote a little poem that expresses the idea very well. The poem is called "Over the Plate" and it goes like this:

It counts not what you have, my friend,
When the story is told at the game's far end;
The greatest brawn and the greatest brain,
The world has known may be yours in vain;
The man with control is the one who counts,
And it's how you use what you've got that counts;
Have you got that bead? Are you aiming straight?
How much of your effort goes over the plate?

SPL's Corner

Trevor Janke
Senior Patrol Leader

Well this is my final month as SPL and then Jeremy will be taking over so it's been fun. Remember to be thinking what you want your new patrol leaders to suggest at JLT in October like merit badges or campouts you liked and want to go to again. Good Medicine is coming up so finish your rank and merit badges so you can get them then. Start thinking about skits and table settings so your patrol can win the traveling duck award. I'd like to thank the Whites for a lovely family picnic.

Indianhead Council Shoulder Strip Contest

Calling all artists...

At the Indianhead Council Long Range Strategic Planning Update Meeting on July 30, it was decided to hold a contest to design a new council shoulder strip. The competition is now underway and will result in a design to replace our current patches that celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Tomahawk and 75th Anniversary of Fred C. Andersen. In order to make the production schedule and be ready for a 2004 roll out, all entries must be submitted by Friday, October 3, 2003.

Besides the pride of seeing the design on thousands of shoulders, the winner will also receive \$50 in Scout shop products. A volunteer committee will judge the designs and select the winning entry.

Entries should be drawn to scale inside an outline of the current patch size and incorporate a BSA logo. Designs can be dropped off at the Indianhead Council Reservation Desk or mailed to "Shoulder Strip Design Contest, Indianhead Council BSA, 393 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102." Electronic PDF versions are also acceptable and should be emailed to "info@indianhead.org."

Good Luck!

2005 National Jamboree

Mr. Hammer
Editor

Information and material is starting to show up for the 2005 National Jamboree. It will again be held at Ft. A.P. Hill and tentatively from July 24th to August 8th. To participate as a Boy Scout, you must have completed sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age and a First Class Scout by July 1, 2005, and has not reached his 18th birthday by Sept. 1, 2005. You can find out more information at the Indianhead Council Web site (www.indianhead.org) or the Boy Scouts of America Web site at <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/>.

I realize this information is early but I wanted to fill up more of this page. And to provide Troop 510 Scouts that might be interested to start thinking about it now so you can start raising money to attend. Doing Troop 510 fundraisers is a good way to get money and can be used to help pay for your Jamboree trip.

Mr. Schwarzbauer and myself attended the last one in 2001 as leaders. You can turn to just about any of the older Troop 510 Scouts to ask about the event as most also went to the last one.



The very end story

Mr. Hammer
Editor

Thank you to Trevor and Jeremy for six months of leadership. And thank you goes to Trevor for continuing the tradition of the SPL corner. I hope the next SPL continues it.