



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmasters Report



**Mr. 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.

"Sharing the Good Life." At times you may think your life isn't all that great, especially when you have a lot of homework or your parents are bearing down on you.

But if you think about it for a moment, you'll realize that you do have a good life. You have three good meals a day, a home to go to, a chance to go to school, plenty of friends, and maybe a little spending money. You also have parents who love you, and that's a big blessing; I'm sure they do lots of Good Turns for you that you hardly ever think about.

This month let's try to remember the people from around the gulf coast. Can we do a Good Turn for them, as a troop or as an individual? How can you make a difference? Maybe something as simple as a prayer for those who lives have been changes by events they cannot control (i.e. Mother Nature).

## Tomahawk 2005

**Mr. Callinan**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Another week at camp has come and gone. There were 31 Scouts from the troop that went to Tomahawk between July 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights of what happened this year.

On Saturday morning we met at the church parking lot outside of our new garage to get organized and load up for the trip to camp. On the way to camp we stopped for breakfast at the Swedish Village. At camp we unloaded all the gear, pitched our tents, went through the health checks, swim tests, Dining Hall orientation, Beach Orientation and finished setting up camp.

Sunday morning we attended church services. In the afternoon the Scouts signed up for activities and began merit badges and other camp programs. That evening we all attended the Chippewa Camp campfire and the Order of the Arrow callout. Scouts from Troop 510 that were called out were Alex Amundson, Collin Erickson and John Schaezner.

On Monday more merit badge classes and the Brownsea program began. The Brownsea is a program for the new Scouts and Leaders which focuses on requirements for advancement to the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. The sessions involved learning skills to use First Aid, Map and Compass, Knots and Lashings, Plant Identification, Line Rescue and taking a hike to Foxfire.

Wednesday was a very busy day as we cooked breakfast (Pancakes) and dinner (Steaks and Cheesy Potatoes) in our campsite. Lunch is cooked by the camp staff for a camp wide cookout called Cheeseburgers in Paradise. Jeremy Bleichner, Chris Larson, Kyle Senst and Devin Tunseth participated in the Voyageur Canoe Outpost, an 18 mile canoe trip around the entire reservation. The Brownsea program took their hike to the Foxfire outpost with a number of the older Scouts going along. They were able to participate in blacksmithing, tomahawk throwing, black powder rifle shooting. In the evening the Troop held a campfire and cooked Pocket Pies from pocket pie makers purchased from memorials for Keith Bleichner donated to the Troop.

On Thursday a number of Scouts went on a narrated tour of the Tomahawk Scout Reservation and a visit to the Bison Ranch. That night John Sampers went on a horse packing trip and stayed overnight at Foxfire.

During the week the Scouts were able to participate in troop activities for Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Big Boat, Climbing Tower and Water Polo. Also Scouts pursued individual interest by participating in the following programs:

- Feathers – This is a week long program for the Scouts to increase their interest and understanding of wild birds. Activities include building a bird feeder, bird identification and a hike for identifying birds.
- Frogman – A week long program of daily activities in the lake including diving, snorkeling, games and more.
- Kayaking BSA – A week long program that teaches the basics of kayaking.
- Project C.O.P.E. This is a program for Scouts 14 or older that incorporates team building, problem solving and leadership using a variety of games and obstacles. Nick Boon and Trevor Janke participated.

Friday morning began bright and early with the Polar Bear Swim, a swim in the lake before breakfast. Jeremy Bleichner, Chris Larson and Kyle Senst went Whitewater Canoeing on the Brule River. The Scouts finished up their merit badges and advancement and then participated in the camp wide games and the Beach Bash. This year we won the greased watermelon. That evening we held our Troop Campfire and Court of Honor planned and emceed by Jeremy Bleichner, Chis Larson and Kyle Senst. The Court of Honor was followed by a variety of cobbles prepared in several Dutch ovens by Phyllis Lenagh.

On Saturday morning we packed up our gear, had breakfast, cleaned up the campsite and headed for home with a stop at the Dairy Queen in Barron. Back in Eagan we unloaded the vehicles and then shared the Watermelon from the Beach Bash.

For some it was a quick trip home as they left on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> for the National Jamboree.

At camp the scouts completed 17 rank advancements and completed 60 merit badges. It was noted that Troop 510 Eagle Scout Joseph Moschera was also at Tomahawk for the second year as a camp counselor and his younger brother Kyle Unzicker was there for his first year at camp. Leaders that stayed for the week were Phyllis Lenagh, Cynthia Amundson (first year), Dennis Callinan and Jane Tunseth. Also helping during the week were Tom Lenagh and Mark Schaezner who stayed the weekend and returned

Thursday. Also coming up on Thursday were Brice Erickson and Dave Hammer. Coming up on Friday to help was Mike Amundson. Parents who came up to provide some additional needed assistance were Linda Offerdahl, Diane Kline and Linda Swanson. Dennis Chicos and Deb Senst helped out Tuesday and Wednesday. We also had visits from other parents and family members during the week.

## PLC Notes

Issac Mensink  
Troop Scribe

### September

- 6 Jaws have opening and closing and a game. We will be planning the Fall Camporee and finishing up Merit Badges
- 9/11 OA Conclave
- 13 Dragons have opening and closing and a game. **Elections.**
- 20 Family picnic
- 30 to October 2 Fall Camporee

## OA in the NEWS

Mr. Hammer  
Assistant Scoutmaster

For those that were called out at summer camp, you want to make the OA Conclave on 9/11 September to start your journey. It is ideal to make the Conclave for your district as others you know will be there. However, if you can't make it there are a few more district Conclaves scheduled for the weekend of Sep 16/18 is Kaposia and Sep 23/25 is Eagle Bluff, Northwest and Riverwood. See [www.indianhead.org/oa/events/conclave.html](http://www.indianhead.org/oa/events/conclave.html) for more information.

Coming the weekend of Sep 16/18 is the Section C1B Conclave. It is a great weekend and brings together OA members from eastern MN, northern WI and part of Michigan. The C1B Conclave is being held at Camp Phillips in Haugen, WI. If you have been to Fort Rice, that is the Scout Reservation. A good time will be had by all. Lodge Chief Ken Martin is looking for some arrowmen to assist with some activities at the Conclave. If you are going and are interested, let me know and I'll get you in touch with him.

With the merger of the two Boy Scout Councils, this will be the last year to officially attend the C1B Conclave. Next year, Northern Star Council will attend the C1A Conclave. That includes OA members from North Dakota, eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and central Iowa.

Keep your eyes open for Fall Fellowship. If you are new to OA, ask other members about what a great time it is to attend.

The poll is closed on merging the two OA lodges. Watch for information about this exciting time.

## More News

Mr. Hammer  
Assistant Scoutmaster

There isn't really any more news. I ran out of room and time to put in the Tomahawk segments so I thought I would fill up this space with nothing. Is it working or do I need to write more? Well, can you tell me as I am unsure? Isn't anybody going to assist me filling up this space? Hello? Oh well, I guess

we'll just have to have some empty space in this newsletter. **Maybe if I write real big it will fill up the space.** Hey, that did it. I guess I am done now.