



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's 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?

Sound of High Adventure

Mr. Loher
Assistant Scoutmaster

It's Monday afternoon, August 6th. Time to finish packing the trailer. OK, we're ready to roll. Braden, call formation. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. All here. Great, let's go. Off to Jay Cooke State Park near Duluth. Ice cream stop at Tobies! What's Tobies?? Never heard of it. Yum good ice cream. Hey, gotta come here again!

First camp, Jay Cooke State Park. Nice private wooded campsites. The boys get their own campsites? Good, won't hear Mr. Lenagh snore! Time to set up camp and make dinner. What's on the menu? Pepsi Chicken you say? Sounds delicious! Yup, sure is. Let's have a campfire. Sure. Check out those stars! What a great day. Time to hit the sack.



Tuesday, August 7th. First day canoeing on the St Louis River! First canoe to tip – Mr. Loher and Mr. Vieths – darn! Hope no one saw it. Lots of water wars. Who got the wettest? David? Mike? Doesn't matter, we're all soaked and having fun. Paddling upstream! No problem - hey we're good. Uh oh. Can't go any further – too many rocks and rapids now, better stop for lunch and eat. Eat quick, let's get in the river and play in the rapids – way cool! OK time to paddle again. This time down stream! Hey there's that electric power plant again. Cool building. Look I see our starting point. Careful getting out. Don't want to tip again. Time to rack the canoes. How do we get the canoes on the 4th level? No problem, the scouts will figure it out! How far did we paddle? About 6 miles. Is that all? Time to pack up camp and head for St Croix State Park. Before we go, let's check out the Swinging bridge! Pretty cool. Time to drive. Hey is that Tobie's again? Can we stop? We know about Tobies! Is this our new campsite? Plenty room, no

one else around. Hey, it's getting late, let's set up the tents and get dinner going. How about hot dogs and brats? Sounds good to me. Whose turn to cook? Better turn in, got a long day ahead tomorrow.

Wednesday, August 8th. Braden, time to wake the boys up. What time is it? About 6:30AM. UGHHHH. Let's get those sandwiches made and in the cooler. Where are we going today? We'll be on the NA-MA-KA-GON River. Sounds like an Indian name. You bet. How far are we paddling today? About 14 miles. Wow. Never paddled that far yet! Can we do it? You bet. OK, let's go. Hey cool river! Very winding and twisting. That'll test our paddling skills. Wes and Mark, watch out for that tree! Too late. Oh well, we'll get the hang of this yet. Lots of forest land and steep sand banks. Hey, check out those huge fish! Some of them must be close to 3 feet! Too bad I didn't bring my pole. Let's stop for lunch at this campsite. Good, we're hungry. Eat quick, time for some swimming. Hey the water is great. This is fun. OK guys, time for more paddling. We're half way there. Let's go. Look, that looks like Howell Landing up ahead. Yea, we made it! Let's swim again while the adults get the cars. Sounds good to me.

Thursday, August 9th. Braden, time to wake the boys up. What time is it? About 6:15AM. UGHHHH. Let's get those sandwiches made and in the cooler. Where are we going today? We'll be on the NA-MA-KA-GON River. Again? Yup. How far are we paddling today? About 16 miles. What?? Did you say 16 miles? Yes. No way! You can do it. Let's finish breakfast and get on that river.



Long day ahead of us. Hey look, there's a couple of bald eagles. Cool. Look, there's a blue heron. Hey, there's an otter. And those fish, still lot's of them, and big too! River is still narrow and twisty with lots of forest land all around. Bet it hasn't

changed much since the fur traders paddled this same river. Looks like the boys are beginning to get the hang of navigating these twists and turns. Let's take a break, we need a swim. OK, let's stop up ahead at that campsite. Sounds like a plan. OK guys, look for the Namakagon Trail Landing right near a bridge. That's our take out point. Is that the bridge up ahead? I think I see it. Hey we made it! Did we really paddle 16 miles? Sure did. OK, let's swim again while the adults get the cars. Great! They're back. Time to rack the canoes. Hey, we're getting good at this. Even that 4th row is no problem.

Is it hamburger and cobbler night tonight? Good, I'm hungry. Andy, get the charcoal going for the cobbler. And corn, can't forget the corn. We like corn. How much corn are you making Mitchell? Two 10 pound cans?? We like corn! Wow, that's a lot of corn. How about a campfire after dinner? OK, make it big. Time to hit the sack. More canoeing tomorrow. Time to douse the fire. Look, the water in our fire pit is boiling! Cool. Must have been a hot fire.

Friday, August 10th. Braden, time to wake the boys up. What time is it? About 6:15AM. UGHHHH. Let's get those sandwiches made and in the cooler. Where are we paddling today, on the Namakagon? No, the St. Croix. Darn, just when I finally learned to say Namakagon. How far today? About 14 miles. 14 miles you say? No sweat, we did 16 yesterday.



Hey, I think I'm starting to develop some upper bicep muscles. Cool, that will impress the girls back home. Sure hope so. Let's get a picture to prove it. Hey this river is different than the other one. Very wide and straight. Don't have to make as many turns. Boy it sure is a hot day today. Not much shade. Hey let's take a break on that sand bar and do some swimming to cool off. Good idea! This sand bar is fun. Whose

canoe is that floating off? Better grab it, won't be fun walking. Lunch at Yellow Banks Landing. Great, let's eat and swim again. I think I'm going to walk to Wisconsin. Me too. Boy these last 7 miles are hard. That sun sure is hot. Look, I see an orange fence down there. Could that finally be our end point? I think it is. Hooray! We did it. 50 MILES! WOW. That was challenging.. Sure was, and fun too. What's on the menu tonight for dinner. We deserve a good dinner! How about a buffet? Lasagna, Tacos, Potatoes and whatever else we have left.



Saturday, August 11th. Braden, time to wake the boys up. What time is it? About 6:30AM. UGHHHH. We don't have to make sandwiches today! We don't? Good! I'm getting tired of sandwiches. Me too. What's that? We're going to Tobies for lunch? Hey, we know Tobies. We like Tobies! What a treat! Hamburgers and ice cream. Doesn't get much better than that. Think that waitress noticed our biceps? I think so, how could she not. You're right, she deserves a nice tip. Come on boys, time to head back to Eagan. Sounds good.

High Adventure. What is High Adventure? A more challenging wilderness opportunity to test not only your physical strength, but also your inner strength. An opportunity for teambuilding, camaraderie and fun. From the sounds of things, I'd say this was truly a high adventure!

Troop Elections Time

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Troop elections will be held at the troop meeting on September 4th. Scouts needing to hold an office for rank advancement should be considering which office they would like to hold. Remember you must be present to win!

Rootin' Tootin' Camporee

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor



“Howdy Partner” - pull on yer boots, grab yer hat and join troops from throughout Chief Blackdog district for the Fall Camporee at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls. The theme this year is “Wild West”. The weekend events and activities have been planned entirely by boys and should prove to be a rip roaring good time. You will learn new skills and work on others all centered around the theme and era. This is also the campout in which 2nd year Webelos from our partner packs are invited to join our troop for a weekend of camping. It is your opportunity to sell Cub Scouts and their parents on the fun we have in Troop 510.



Round up your gear, sign your name and join the wagon train headin' south for a weekend of fun and adventure. Dig out yer best bean and biscuit recipes and be ready to whip up some grub. The date is September 28th – 30th. Let's bring home

the top prize for best dressed, most realistic campsite.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Mark S.
Temporary Troop Scribe

Tuesday 4th – Uncertain of who has opening and closing, we will have troop elections and a merit badge survey.

Friday/Saturday 7th & 8th – JLT, anyone plans on a troop position should attend.

Tuesday 11th - Knights Who Say Nee have opening and closing. We will be watching “Time to Tell”.

Tuesday 18th - The Barbaric Barracudas have opening and closing. The new scouts will be doing first aid. The experience scouts will be planning camporee.

Tuesday 25th: PLC All patrols need to have a representative in attendance.

Friday – Sunday 28th-30th: Fall Camporee at Phillippo Scout Reserve in Cannon Falls

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Our Troop is gearing up for a busy time. Popcorn and wreath sales are around the corner. This is an excellent time for the boys to use their sales skills. September is also the last month for tent camping. Scouts must wear their Class A uniform, including their neckerchief, to all meetings. Please make sure your sons have the appropriate badges on their uniform. If your son no longer holds a position, that badge should be removed. All Scouts should have the appropriate rank badge on their uniform.

When attending camp-outs, please make sure ALL medication is given to an adult leader to store in the Med. Box. No medication should be packed with the scout's gear. We will be handing out updated Health Forms at the next parent meeting to be filled out and returned as soon as possible.

I would like to welcome a new scout to our troop, Cole H. Please be sure to say hello to Cole and his dad Mike. Cole is in sixth grade at Rahn School.

Our family picnic, hosted by the Staffords, was a success. Despite the rain, we had a large turnout and plenty of food. Thanks again to the Staffords!

Fundraising Ideas

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Member



Our troop has several very exciting opportunities coming up over the next three years. Next summer we are planning a trip to Sea Base. It is a week long working, sailing trip. Where they will snorkel, troll for snapper, grouper, barracuda, and shark and learn to sail a big sailboat. This trip involves teamwork, education, and safety for scouts and leaders alike. In addition to sailing duties, all scouts and leaders will clean the vessel including the head (toilet) and stand anchor watches at night.





The summer of 2009 we are hoping to be chosen to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in northeastern New Mexico.

This is the premier high adventure trip for any Boy Scout or leader.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the BSA's oldest national high-adventure base. There are 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps which will provide an unforgettable trek along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails.

In the summer of 2010 we be journeying to Virginia for the National Jamboree. This event will mark the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America and will be a spectacular event. This is a three week trip that includes two weeks at Jamboree and sightseeing along the way such as Gettysburg,

Arlington National Cemetery and many sights of Washington, DC. Scouts must be 14 years old to attend any of these high adventure outings.



These trips, while presenting our scouts and leaders the chance to experience true "high adventure", also present a financial challenge to our monthly budgets. Each trip has specific gear requirements and greater travel costs than the typical high adventure campouts our troop has done. We would like as many scouts to have the opportunity to be part of these amazing trips. For that to happen we will need to be aggressive in setting up and running several fundraisers over the next three years. If you have experience in fundraising or are interested in being part of a parent group planning and execution these events please contact Laurie Vieths. We are looking for ideas to bring diversity into our efforts.

This is not only a way to lessen the out of pocket expenses but also a great teaching tool for the scouts as they learn to work for the end reward.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

4	Troop Meeting/elections	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
21-23	OA conclave – Phillipo	TBD
25	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
27	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
28-30	Fall Camporee – Phillipo	5:00PM

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	

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

September 28-30	Camporee at Phillipo
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