



# 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 Webelos scouts. 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 we're going to do a Good Turn for two reasons. One is that our Scout Oath pledges us to help other people. The other is that we owe something to those around us - our parents, our community, and our troop's chartered organization. You might call this Good Turn a Good Turnabout because in part it's a way to show our appreciation.

I expect to see all of you out for our Good Turn meeting (High Way Clean-up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September), not because you have to but because you want to. As the old saying goes "Turnabout is fair play," and with this Good Turn we'll be saying thanks to those who have helped us.

**HEY SCOUTS – How do you answer these questions?** Just before you go to sleep tonight, check this list:

Did you get up on time?

Did you eat a good breakfast?

Did you learn something?

Did you help a friend?

Did you think about your future?

Did you try to earn some money to help pay for your clothes?

Did you read a newspaper or watch a newscast?

Did you make your bed?

Did you read something interesting?

Were you polite?

Did you do some work around the house?

Did you brush your teeth? Twice?

Did you tell your parents how much you love them?

**Imagine how good you'll feel about yourself, if you can say "Yes" to these questions, today, and every day.**

## Special Note

**Archbishop John C. Nienstedt** invites you to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving & Remembrance at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 10:00 AM.** Come to publicly thank all of our civic servants who look after our safety. Please contact Mrs. Arbogast for additional information.

## Highway Cleanup

Mrs. Larson  
Committee Member



All Scouts are needed for **Highway cleanup on September 15 at 6:00 pm.** Scouts should wear their Class B T-shirts and bring gloves.

## 2009 Tomahawk Awards

Ms. Bleichner

I inadvertently made a couple of errors on the previously reported Tomahawk Awards, my apologies.

**Davis Arbogast, Isaac Mensink, Mr. Mensink and David Salter all received the Order of the Arrow this year at Tomahawk.**

## HELP WANTED!!

Dan Suiter is resigning from his "sign up sheet duties", so **our troop has an immediate opening for a volunteer** to help us out with this job. Dan says it doesn't take up much time at all: maybe 20 minutes per week! A list of the duties follows, and if you are interested in stepping up to help out the troop with this job, it would be very much appreciated! **Please e-mail Linda Offerdahl at [lsofferdahl@comcast.net](mailto:lsofferdahl@comcast.net). Thank you!!**



Sign Up Sheet Duties:

1. Look at planning calendar, then make and printout signup sheets for upcoming Troop campouts and activities.
2. Give signup sheets to SPL before meetings.
3. Collect signup sheets after meetings.
4. Update sheets for next meeting.
5. On the Tuesday before a campout or activity, email final roster to the leader of outing, to the health form person, and for campouts, additionally to the Adult OA rep.

## Fundraising

Mr. Mensink



Hey guys! We're coming into that time of year when the opportunity to boost your scout account is fully in your hands.

What are some of the reasons we sell popcorn? Obviously, one good reason is to boost the funds in your account so that you can partake in everything the troop does in the next 12 months.

Becoming an adult means taking on more responsibility and independence. Taking responsibility to fund your own account will relieve the pressure on your parent's household budget and can look favorable to your parents down the road when you may be looking for their trust related to something such as borrowing the family car.

Another good reason to sell is that it helps the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) with their financial responsibilities. **The biggest share of the earned monies go directly to you in the form of money for your account and prizes, but a good share also goes to the BSA as an organization to help take care of our camps and cover other costs so that we can use the great facilities and equipment BSA has to offer us.** Selling is a great means of helping you represent the BSA as your friends and neighbors can associate you as a representative of the organization. Keep in mind you are providing people a service as well as product. Through the sale of Christmas wreaths and popcorn you are offering to home deliver the items you sell so that people don't have to go out looking for them, and clean their vehicle of the needles when they get home.

You can participate in any, or all of four ways of selling popcorn which include: 1) Show and Deliver, 2) Take Order, 3) Selling at Work, 4) On-line sales.

There will be a sign-up available (Sept. 8 meeting) to determine the number of scouts interested in the Show and Deliver aspect of sale. This will enable you to have product with you to sell on the spot as you make the rounds to your potential customers. The Take Order aspect of the sale is the traditional means of taking an order and delivering the product to your customer when it arrives in November. If your parents are willing to take a sales brochure to work with them and ask their fellow employees to buy, we

have plenty of brochures available. On-line sales include directing someone, (perhaps a long-distance relative or friend) to the Trails-End website to make an on-line purchase. I will hand out an order key for everyone the same night you receive sales brochures that will help your customer purchase the item so that you receive the credit for the sale.

Everyone who attends the Sept. 8 meeting will be eligible to win some door prizes that will be awarded before the close of the meeting.

### **Some things to remember when you're out selling door to door:**

- 1) Do NOT enter people's homes, unless your parent is coming in with you.
- 2) Sell with a buddy. If your parent can't be with you, work together with another scout in your patrol and split the sales for your time together.
- 3) Wear your class A uniform and look neat. If your out selling Christmas wreaths before the popcorn sales begin, wear a class B uniform. You should not be wearing your class A uniform when selling wreaths before the first day of the popcorn sale.
- 4) Stay on the sidewalk or driveway. People may take offense to you walking across their lawn. Be aware of peoples pets, some bite.
- 5) Be positive, confident, smile, and polite. You will improve your chances of a sale if you tell yourself that people ARE interested in what YOU have to offer.
- 6) Know your product and why you're selling. None of the Trails-End products have peanuts this year. Study the brochure to know what products you have available for them. If your potential customer isn't interested in something for themselves, they may be interested in purchasing a military tin to support our loyal military troops or be interested in using the popcorn as a holiday gift.

### **Getting started and a few things to keep in mind:**

- 1) Visit Trails-End.com and watch the training videos under the Scouts button at the bottom of the page. Then select Safety & Training – Video training on the next page and watch the video for tips on how to contact and approach customers.
- 2) Trails-end is working with the MN Vikings again this year. For any scout that sells \$350 worth of popcorn between the dates of Oct 3-12, he will earn a FREE Vikings ticket for the December 12 game against the Cincinnati Bengals. If our troop

sells over \$1000 dollars, and we have for the last several years, the top seller in the troop will receive a mini Wilson football autographed by a MN Vikings player.

- 3) Set a goal for yourself on how much you want to earn then go for it!!

If you have any questions or need help with goal setting, etc. please contact Mr. Mensink by email [pmensink@mpifix.com](mailto:pmensink@mpifix.com) or home phone (651-686-6377).

### **Some important dates to remember:**

- Sept 8 (scout meeting): Door prizes and sign up for Show and Deliver popcorn.
- Sept 22 (scout meeting): Sales brochures handed out.
- Oct 3: The sale begins and Show and Deliver popcorn pickup at Mensink house between 9-10 AM. Because the sale is BSA wide, please do not sell door to door or have your parents sell at work before this date. Sales to family and friends including on-line sales are permitted before this date.
- Oct 13 (meeting): Report sales progress to Mr. Mensink for those that have sold over \$350 for the first 10 days of the sale, earning a Vikings game ticket.
- Nov 1: The sale ends.
- Nov 3 (scout meeting): All orders are due and returns of Show and Deliver popcorn are due to Mr. Mensink.
- Nov 21: Popcorn pick-up at the Mensink house.
- Dec 1 (scout meeting): All popcorn money is due to be turned in to Mr. Mensink

## **From the Committee Chair**

Mrs. Offerdahl

Hi, everyone! It's hard to believe summer has flown by and it's September already! Our monthly parent meeting for September is Tuesday, September 15th, from 7:00-7:15. I hope at least one parent of each scout can attend this brief monthly meeting so that we can share information about upcoming events, as well as answer any of your questions. This meeting is very important so that we can all work together to keep your scouts active and interested in Troop 510 Scouting. We really need your involvement! Thank you!! See you at Scouts--Linda Offerdahl.

## Philmont Crew Returns After Successful Trek

Mr. Loher

The Troop 510 Philmont crew returned home on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> after spending a total of 17 days in Colorado and New Mexico. A great time was had by all members of the crew. The journey began as the crew flew from Minneapolis/St. Paul into Denver Colorado on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first four days were spent doing various activities and sightseeing in the Denver and Colorado Springs area. Activities included a visit to an amusement park in Denver, a tour through the U.S. Air Force Academy, a lantern tour through Cave of the Winds, some rock climbing around Garden of the Gods, and the favorite activity of all – whitewater rafting through the Royal Gorge canyon on the Arkansas River. While in Colorado we camped at Cheyenne Mountain State Park near Colorado Springs.

After four fun-filled days in CO, we headed for New Mexico on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. We had the opportunity to visit Capulin Mountain in New Mexico on Wednesday afternoon. Capulin Mountain is a dormant volcano, one of several volcanoes that can be found in northeastern New Mexico. We had a chance to walk part way down into the volcano and do the mile walk around the entire top rim of the volcano as well. We spent Wednesday night at Wittington Rifle center, about 30 minutes outside of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Upon arriving at Philmont's base camp on Thursday morning, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we were met by our Philmont Ranger who was to be our trainer and guide for the next 2 ½ days. Meredith, our ranger, helped train us in various aspects of wilderness camping and showed us the "Philmont method" of doing things. Training



even included how to go to the bathroom "the Philmont way". (You can ask one of the boys for more detailed information on that one!)

Finally, after spending the night at base camp, our bus came to pick us up on Friday afternoon to deliver us to our initial drop off point where we began our 10 night trip into the mountainous back country of Philmont!



The cool thing about Philmont is that it is more than just backpacking. Every staff camp has unique programs that the crew can take part in. Our itinerary included many exciting activities. Program activities that the crew participated in included the following: team challenge events, rock climbing, rappelling, evening campfires, western lore, boot branding, chuck wagon dinner (including peach cobbler), side hike to the Tooth of Time, 12 gage shotgun shooting and reloading, Burro racing (one of everyone's favorites), black powder rifle, gold panning, blacksmithing, gold mine tour, hike up Mt. Baldy, spur pole climbing (just like the lumberjacks), logger ball, burro packing, and root beer cantinas! Not to mention the beautiful mountain scenery and wildlife all around us on every hike! Officially, the crew logged 80 miles according to our itinerary. Unofficially the crew logged 100+ miles if you count the various side hikes that were made during the trek. Was it challenging? Yes! There were several members of the crew that were part of the "Duck Tape Club". To be a member you needed to have proudly claimed to have at least one or more blisters and/or sore spots on your feet. However, if you talk to any one or more of the crew members and ask if it was worth it, I think you would get a similar response – Yes! Each member grew a little stronger, both mentally and physically by the end of the trip. We learned new things about ourselves that we were not aware of before our journey began. Overall, it

was an amazing experience – a once-in-a-lifetime trip for most.

By the end of our trip we had met crews from 22 different states around the country. Day 12 found us back in base camp once again for our final night at Philmont. Boy those showers sure felt good, not to mention the luxury of having “flushies” once again! An outdoor evening church service and campfire concluded our final day at base camp. After a good night’s sleep in bunks with mattresses, we headed back to Denver on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, over two weeks after our journey began.



The words from the “Philmont Hymn” sum things up pretty well:

“Philmont here’s to thee  
Scouting’s paradise  
Out in God’s country, tonight”

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**– Ninjas have opening and closing. New scouts have first aid. Skill is Lacrosse. Merit badge survey.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Almighty Apes have opening and closing. **Elections** and Penguins have a skill.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Highway Cleanup, 6:00 PM**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Old Fogies has opening and closing. New scouts have cooking. Sports merit badge. Plan Camporee.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – PLC

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
18-20	OA Conclave	
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
24	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
25-27	Fall Camporee - Phillippo	5:00 PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

#### October

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Shopping for Good Medicine	7:00PM
23-25	Fred C. Anderson - Good Medicine	5:00PM
24	Court of Honor at Fred C. Anderson	5:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM
27	Halloween Party after PLC	7:00PM

#### November

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
18	PLC	6:15PM
19	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
20-22	Thurston Lodge Campout	5:00PM

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

<b>September 18-20</b>	OA Conclave
<b>September 25-27</b>	Fall Camporee – Phillippo
<b>October 23-25</b>	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine
<b>November 20-22</b>	Thurston Lodge at Rum River
<b>January 15-17</b>	Snow Base
<b>February 19-21</b>	Fort Rice
<b>March 12-14</b>	Fireside/Igloo Lodge