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# TROOP 510

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August 2002

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*Editors note:* Due to the time zone difference between the Saudi Arabia and here in Minnesota, the format for the paper has changed for this month. Things should be back to normal next month.

## Scoutmasters Report

**Tom Lenagh**  
Scoutmaster

Scouts, we can see evidence that an animal (or bird) has passed along the trail by his tracks. The tracks are pretty temporary - a few hours of wind and rain and all signs of the animal's passing would be erased. By making a cast of the track, we preserved the track for future generations of Scouts to view.

Our lives can make a temporary or permanent mark in the world according to the way we live. Most of us probably never will be great leaders of nations or famous in the arts or sciences, but we can still leave a permanent mark on this earth by the things we do for others.

The daily Good Turn is one way to start making your mark, because as you give of yourself to others in unselfish service, you are making changes in their lives and yours. Those who change the lives of others make a permanent mark in the world, because the good they do lives on long after they have passed along the way.

Has each of you done his Good Turn today? Have you decided to consciously seek out opportunities for service to others and not just wait until you happen to see a need?

Decide now to leave your permanent track as you pass through the years.

A few months ago I talked about Baden-Powell, the English general who founded Boy Scouting. While Baden-Powell was working out his ideas for Scouting, in this country a man named Ernest Thompson Seton was doing something quite similar. Seton was an author and an artist, and even before Baden-Powell organized the first Scouts, Seton had started a boy's organization called the Woodcraft Indians.

His Woodcraft Indians hiked and camped and studied nature, just as Scouts do. When Baden-Powell's Boy Scouting idea spread to America, Seton joined in. He became the first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, and he did much to spread the idea of Scouting here.

Seton stressed Indian lore and many of his ideas still live in the Order of the Arrow (OA). If you are not a member of Order of the Arrow, ask one of your friends that is a member. What ideals has he learned from OA? Can we all leave a permanent track of others to see from these ideals?

## Venture Crew 510

Over the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, the Venture Crew took a trip up north to the General Andrews State Forest in Willow River. The purpose of the trip was two-fold: one was to take a 20-mile hike on the Willard Munger State Trail to practice for the trip into and out of Bob Marshall, and the second was to do service work at a hermitage founded by two nuns located near Willow River.

We left early Friday evening and arrived at camp before it was dark. As a State Forest, the campground had a more rustic feel to it than a State Park would. We had to pump water out of a well, the toilets were pits and no showers were on the grounds. The good news was that there was a large pile of firewood available to all campers at no cost! So, dutifully, we made a campfire that night to help keep the

bugs away. It was a beautiful evening in the waterfront campsite we occupied, and many mosquitoes kept us company until we retired to the tents.

The next morning was an early one due to the fact we had to start a fire and get coals to cook Mountain Man for breakfast in our Dutch oven. It took a little while to make, but it was worth it! The five of us easily cleaned up the whole pan, and afterwards we were all ready to get in our 20 miles for the day. After we cleaned up breakfast, we got everything together and drove to the Willard Munger State Trail to begin our hike. After a quick look at the map (which wasn't much – the trail never splits), we decided to go to Finlayson, which according to the map was about 20 miles round trip. Larry, armed with a pedometer, kept track of our distance and speed.

The hike was very pretty, and very long, but we kept in good spirits (even through the brief but very wet showers in the morning). We ate lunch in Finlayson, which consisted of peanut butter in a squeeze tube, jelly, crackers and some spreadables. The first 10 miles took about 2 ½ hours, which was a good speed, and lunch helped us get our energy back for the 10 miles to come. We filled our water bottles and left to get back to camp.

The next 10 miles went quite smoothly, especially since we had already completed the first half of our trip. The sun was very hot in the afternoon, but we still managed to make the last leg of the hike in the same time it took us to reach Finlayson. So, we got back to camp at a decent hour to cook our meal. Again, we had to use the Dutch oven, so we started another fire with the slightly damp wood in the area. It took us a long time to hydrate everything, but we finally finished dinner and ate very well that night. The mosquitoes were out in even greater numbers on Saturday night, so after cleaning up dinner we went to bed in order to get sleep for our service project the next day.

The night was even more beautiful on Saturday. A huge rainstorm passed over us during the night, providing an excellent light show for all of us to enjoy. The rain was intense, but there was no wind, so the tents held up well. However, most of us were too tired to enjoy nature's show and fell asleep again quickly.

Sunday dawned overcast, but still hot and humid. Packing and breakfast went quickly and we were soon on the road to our service project. The project was at a retreat community called "The Dwelling in the Woods" about 20 miles from where we had camped. It was about 15 years ago by two Catholic Nuns. They have run it as a non-denominational, "spiritual retreat" and have built it up until it is 5 cabins, a larger "octagon" house with dorm type rooms, and three staff buildings.

On the ride to the dwelling, we had the rare treat of seeing what we think were three sand cranes in a pasture. At first we thought they were turkeys until one of them extended its head to about 4 to 5 feet in the air.

The ride turned nasty when we got to the part of the road that was under construction and had about 6 inches of mud that attempted to mire the van. Just as we arrived and stopped the van it began to rain hard. We waited out the rain until it receded to a steady drizzle. As it turns out our original project was to stain a building, but due to the wet weather we were unable to do that. As an alternative we checked out their trails and found that they needed a lot of clean up. We split into 2 teams, each with a chain saw and attacked their approximately 2 mile of trails. Even though it was hot, rainy, and the mosquitoes attack in droves, we made quick work of clearing brush and downed trees from the trails. We finished the trails in enough time that we were still able to assemble a cart before lunch was served. Lunch was sandwiches, chips, fruit, and homemade cookies (Thanks Connie).

Before leaving we toured the grounds. Clayton walked the new labyrinth that was built this past spring. We all checked out the "Octagon" house where they have many books, musical instruments, etcetera. Jesse found an old volume of poems particularly to his liking. In the entire project was enjoyed by all.

## Tomahawk 2002

John Deters  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Saturday was hot and humid when we arrived, and stayed that way throughout the day. Everyone pitched in to help, and did really well. Camp was set up fast. The evening rain was very light, and did nothing to break the heat of the day.

Sunday was very hot and humid, thankfully it was partly cloudy. At the troop archery shoot, Kyle Sensst shot a 56 and a 68 so he decided he needed to sign up for the archery merit badge. We were entertained by a porcupine wandering around in front of the mess hall after dinner. The Campfire was really fun this year. Ben was back from last year, and he did two SuperScout skits, and with Cub Cadet's help defeated the "Un-tie-er" with a square knot and the "Dis-orienter" by finding the north star. Jared Erickson, Joe Moschera, Craig Cherland and Jane Tunseth were called out for OA.

Monday early morning was the storm. Lightning and rain. Lightning struck the power pole and transformer in the scoutcraft area, just on the other side of camp from the climbing tower. It left power out till 10:00 AM, so we had cold cereal for breakfast. At about 5:30 AM the winds came howling in, they recorded 80MPH in camp and 160MPH (straight line) at the admin building. It snapped off the 100' flagpole! Our boys did great, no tents came down and only a few vestibules and rain flies came down. Nobody's gear was soaked. They recorded 3 1/2" in the rain gauge over at the ecology tower. The weather settled down for the day, though, and everything went off as planned. Eric, Peter and Scott took the day to go whitewater rafting down the St. Louis river near Duluth. Around noon, the heat finally broke and it was beautiful after that. We had a troop sail scheduled for the afternoon, but it was dead calm so they went out in canoes instead. After dinner, the troop won at water polo 22-1. The whitewater rafting scouts came back grinning ear to ear and bubbling over about how much fun the rafting was. They were seriously discussing signing up only for high adventure things all five days next year and not taking any merit badges, but I don't think that'll fly with moms and dads or leaders. I hope they encourage a few more boys to sign up for high adventure though.

Tuesday morning everyone woke up after a very quiet, solid night's sleep. Picture perfect weather all day, 70's and just pretty puffy clouds. Scouts went off working on merit badges, Alex Amundson passed his board of review for First Class. In the evening, Blake Hanson and Nick Boon passed theirs for Tenderfoot. Rain started after lights out.

Wednesday morning, Blake and Nick shed their white neckerchiefs and entered "the plaid zone". Blake is an energetic kid who was having fun all week, and not the least bit shy about anything. Both were mixing very well with the older kids, and did great all week. The troop cooked pancakes and pop tarts for breakfast under the rain flies. Devin and Jeremy went for the canoe circumnavigation of Long Lake, but Sioux camp staff had canceled the trip because of the rain. Just about everyone in the troop made the trip to Foxfire, and the new scouts were only about 5-10 minutes behind the older ones with their arrival. The rain kept them from firing black-powder rifles, and since "cheeseburgers in paradise" were NOT offered up at Foxfire, they hiked back in plenty of time to eat with the rest of us. The rain actually held off from about 11 - 3, so we ate dry. Troop rifle shoot went well, but both shotguns and horses were canceled again due to the rain. Some year our kids may actually be able to RIDE those horses. Dinner was NOT backpackers' cous-cous McGoose this year, but steaks and baked potatoes! They did them over charcoal along with foil-wrapped carrots and boy, was that good. The rain then picked up again, but they went out for another water-polo victory, this time 14-5.

Thursday was sunny and beautiful. The scouts who were in camp were all working on merit badges, and there was another troop archery shoot. The leaders did a few more boards of review. After lunch, the boys were finally defeated at water polo in the championship match, 10-14. Lots of baskets were woven in the evening as the handicraft areas announced they weren't accepting anything turned in after 9:00 PM because they had too many other merit badges to work on Friday morning.

Friday was another absolutely beautiful day. Shawn Lenagh and Eric Deters went to Taylor's Falls for a day of rock climbing. The leaders ran around chasing boys to get their merit badges completed (almost all were, very few partials this year! Great job, guys!) The boys then went off for "Friday Games," which ended up being really quite rough. They played against camp staff, who were playing to win (not quite fairly, as it turns out.) Then Court of Honor. 139 segments, 44 merit badges (8 to Devin Tunseth!) and 8 rank advancements including both Tenderfoot and Second class to Nick Boon and Blake Hanson, Alex Amundson to First Class, Brandon Wadell to Star, Chris Larson to Star, and Nick Hammer to Life Scout. All the patrols sang patrol songs and had actual, rehearsed, funny skits this year! (Even the leaders.) The carabiner went to the SPL, Joe Moschera, because camp ran so well this year and there were literally no "issues" all week.

Saturday morning came and it was time to leave. Everyone pitched in to strike camp, Tom had to "discuss" at the mess hall staff to get us our breakfast (which they had never arranged for us) and the drive home had vehicles filled with sleeping scouts, except for Blake Hanson who kept Greg Boon's Jeep

filled with "Stay on the Sunny Side" the entire way home. It was a great year for all of us, and everyone is looking forward to next year at Tomahawk.

## OA News

**Shawn Lenagh**  
OA Troop Representative

Attention all O.A. members and our newly called out candidates on Sept. 6-8 is the Fall Conclave. This is the induction weekend for you. If you have any other questions on the weekend such as what to bring, ask me on a Tuesday night when I am there.

The next O.A. event that is going to happen is the section conclave. This is on Sept 13-15. This event has O.A. brothers coming from all over the lodge. If you have any questions about this event or anything else ask me on a Tuesday night.

## Service Project – Relay for Life (July 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Dennis Callinan**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Relay For Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

The troop received a call on Tuesday, July 24th from Rollie desperately seeking help for the event being held at Eagan High School on Friday. He asked if we could assist that afternoon before the event began to fill the luminaries with sand and candles and distribute them around the track. The luminary are a key part of the event. The bags have been decorated in remembrance of those who had died from cancers and they line the track the participants walk throughout the night to raise money from pledges.

The troop was able to provide a small contingent of volunteers. We put a cup full of sand in the bottom and then place a candle in the center of the decorated paper bags. We then wheeled the completed luminaries down to the stadium field and placed them around the inside of the track. It took about 2 ½ hours to fill and distribute the approximately 900 luminaries. We were aided by other volunteers that were participating in the event.

Those participating from Troop 510 were Brady Callinan & Shawn Lenagh. Leaders and adults participating were Tom Lenagh, Phyllis Lenagh, Dennis Callinan & Patricia Callinan.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Dennis Callinan**  
Assistant Scoutmaster

**Editors note:** Before I enter in the report from Mr. Callinan, I must say a few words. I want to thank Mr. Callinan, Ms. Moschera, Mr. Offerdahl and Mr. Boonstra. While I was off in Saudi Arabia in 118 degree weather, the four of them took over the task of running the Food Booth and Parade Clean-up. I really want to thank them for stepping up and helping me while I was on military duty. But, I do have one question. Why did it take four people to do the job only I do?

### Fourth of July Booth

We are still sorting out some of the paperwork. We also want to check with everyone on the hours they worked agree with the hours we have recorded.

## Parade

As soon as we have the donation (?) from the Lions for the parade clean-up and park clean-up after the Fourth we will have final numbers to credit everyone's account.

We want to double check the time with everyone to ensure our records are correct. Please see Mr. Callinan to check your hours if you have not yet done so.

## Tomahawk 2002 BRR (Badge & Rank Report)

Dennis Callinan  
Assistant Scoutmaster

### Merit Badges

#### *Since the last Court of Honor – Merit Badges awarded but cards given at CoH.*

Peter Boon – Chemistry	Brady Callinan – Chemistry
Nick Hammer – Personal Fitness	Shawn Lenagh – Chemistry
Joseph Moschera – Chemistry	Phill Sandager – Communications
Zac Wendler – Chemistry, Family Life, Personal Management	Scott White – Chemistry

#### **Earned prior to camp or at camp and awarded at camp.**

Alex Amundson – Basketry, Cooking, First Aid	Rob Amundson – Basketry, Camping, Soil & Water
Jeremy Bleichner – Basketry, Climbing, Soil & Water	Nick Boon – Wood Carving
Peter Boon – Basketry, Orienteering, Personal Fitness	Shawn Boonstra – Environmental Science, Mammals, Orienteering
Eric Deters – Climbing, Fishing, Pioneering, Small Boat Sailing	Jared Erickson – Orienteering, Personal Fitness, Pioneering
Nick Hammer – Basketry, Camping, Chemistry	Blake Hanson – Wood Carving
Dillon Hasselman – Environmental Science	Trevor Janke – Basketry, Climbing, Horsemanship, Pioneering, Small Boat Sailing
Chris Larson – Climbing, Soil & Water	Shawn Lenagh – Bird Study, Orienteering, Personal Fitness, Pioneering
Darek Lucas – Environmental Science	Joseph Moschera – Cooking, Family Life, Orienteering, Pioneering
Kyle Senst – Archery, Basketry, Soil & Water	Devin Tunseth – Astronomy, Communications, Dog Care, Fishing, Orienteering, Pets, Soil & Water, Wilderness Survival
Brandon Wadell – Weather	Zac Wendler – Basketry, Orienteering, Pioneering
Scott White – Mammals, Orienteering, Pioneering	

# Rank

**Since the last Court of Honor – Rank awarded but cards given at CoH.**

Nick Boon – Scout Badge

**Earned prior to camp or at camp and awarded at camp.**

Alex Amundson – First Class	Nick Boon – Tenderfoot & Second Class
Nick Hammer – Life	Blake Hanson – Tenderfoot & Second Class
Chris Larson – Star	Brandon Wadell – Star

## Segments List & Other Camp Patches

**Clasped Hands Segment:** GOOD TURN – Do a camp approved service project with conservation staff.  
Alex Amundson, Rob Amundson, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Chris Larson, Darek Lucas, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Kyle Senst, Devin Tunseth, Brandon Wadell, Zac Wendler, & Brady Callinan (up for part of the day Friday).

**Tree Segment:** ECOLOGY – do an approved ecology project and complete an ecology merit badge.  
Rob Amundson, Jeremy Bleichner, Dillon Hasselmann, Darek Lucas & Devin Tunseth

**Compass Segment:** OUTPOST – visit one of the outpost areas of Tomahawk (Foxfire, Mud Lake, Duck Pond, fire Tower)

Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Blake Hanson, Shawn Lenagh, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Devin Tunseth, Zac Wendler & Scott White.

**Teepee Segment:** HONOR CAMPER – Quality as a Tomahawk Honor Patrol

Alex Amundson, Rob Amundson, Jeremy Bleichner, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Chris Larson, Shawn Lenagh, Darek Lucas, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Kyle Senst, Devin Tunseth, Brandon Wadell, Zac Wendler & Scott White.

**Fish Segment:** AQUATIC – Participate in the frogman program or earn an aquatic merit badge.

Alex Amundson, Peter Boon, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Shawn Lenagh & Trevor Janke

**Footprint Segment:** HIKING – Hike at least 5 miles of Tomahawk’s extensive trail system.

Rob Amundson, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Chris Larson, Shawn Lenagh, Darek Lucas, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Kyle Senst, Devin Tunseth, Zac Wendler & Scott White.

**Target Segment:** FIELD SPORTS – Participate in troop shoots at both the Archery and Rifle Ranges.

Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Chris Larson, Shawn Lenagh, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Devin Tunseth & Zac Wendler

**Canoe Segment:** AQUATIC – Participate in Voyagers Outpost.

Jeremy Bleichner & Devin Tunseth

**Scout is Reverent:** CHAPLAINS – Participate in a worship service and complete a Chaplain approved service project.

Alex Amundson, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Jared Erickson, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Shawn Lenagh, Darek Lucas, Joseph Moschera & Kyle Senst

**Order of the Arrow:** OA – Be an OA member, participate in an approved OA service project and attend the OA meeting at camp.

Alex Amundson, Rob Amundson, Jeremy Bleichner, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Chris Larson, Shawn Lenagh, Darek Lucas, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Kyle Senst, Devin Tunseth, Brandon Wadell, Zac Wendler & Scott White.

**Northwoods Voyageur:** FOXFIRE – Participate in the new Northwoods Voyageur program at the Foxfire Outpost area.

None

### Other Camp Patches

**Brownsea** – Nick Boon & Blake Hanson

**Feathers** – Nick Boon & Blake Hanson

**Polar Bear** – Scouts & Adults

Alex Amundson, Rob Amundson, Jeremy Bleichner, Nick Boon, Peter Boon, Shawn Boonstra, Eric Deters, Jared Erickson, Nick Hammer, Blake Hanson, Dillon Hasselmann, Chris Larson, Shawn Lenagh, Darek Lucas, Trevor Janke, Joseph Moschera, Kyle Senst, Devin Tunseth, Brandon Wadell, Zac Wendler & Scott White.

Greg Boon, Tim Boonstra, Arlene Larson & Phyllis Lenagh

**High Adventure -**

Peter Boon      Eric Deters – 2      Shawn Lenagh      Scott White

## PLC Notes

Trevor Jenke

Scribe

**Aug 13** – Highway Cleanup @ 6:30 p.m.

**Aug 20** – Family Picnic at the White's house @ 6:00 p.m.

**Aug 23/25** – Sudan Underground Mine Campout

**Aug 27** – PLC

**Sep 3** – Iguanas have Opening/Closing & game. Elections & plan Camporee

**Sep 10** – Monkeys are up. Time to tell and plan skits for Camporee.

**Sep 17** – Spheres are due this week. Planning

**Sep 24** – PLC

**Sep 27/29** - Camporee