



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh
Scoutmaster

Scouts, have you noticed that a bunch of matches stand easily when they're all bound together with a rubber band. But, what happens when you try to stand them after removing the rubber band.

Our troop is like a bunch of matches. As long as we work together as a team, bound together by the ties of Scouting, we will stand together as a strong troop. But if we remove those ideas of Scouting, and each man thinks only of himself, we'll be like that bunch of matches when the rubber band taken off.

As we all live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan, we will be wrapping ourselves with the band that will strengthen our troop and make sure that it stands for the things that make Scouting great.

You can't watch TV or read a newspaper today without hearing the word "community." There's talk about the black community, the Hispanic community, the business community and the scientific community. Wherever there are people with the same interests, they're a community.

You're part of a community, too. It's our neighborhood (or town). As a resident of this community, you have some common interests with everybody else that lives there. You want it to be clean and safe with pleasant streets, good schools, and friendly people - a place you can be proud of.

Well, there's something you can do about that. In fact we're going to do something about it this month with our Good Turn (Highway Clean-up). But you can do more. You can avoid littering, for example, and it won't hurt you to pick up other people's litter either. You can be a good citizen in school and thus make your school better.

Be proud of you community. And let's all do our part to make it a place we all can be proud of.

Next month (September) we will be going back to wearing Class A uniforms for our weekly meeting. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. But, as usual summer comes to an end and school will be starting soon.

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July 4th

Dan and Bonnie Suiter
July 4th Co-chairs

A special thank you to all the parents & scouts who helped out at the 4th of July booth & also for the Parade/Grounds clean up. We really appreciate all the time & effort that you put in. The boys did a fabulous job and also had some fun. Without your help we wouldn't be able to have this fund raiser. Also, it makes for a great community builder. Thanks again for all your hard work.

We would also like to acknowledge the local businesses that donated ice to our coolers throughout the two days, Jake's, Don Pablo's, Old Chicago, Holiday Inn Express and McDonald's on Diffley & Lexington. Their contributions allow us to conserve our costs giving us a little more profit for the boys' accounts. We are always looking for new ideas to help our overall sales. If you have any to share, please do so.

Black Hills, South Dakota

Kevin Schwarzbauer
Assistant Scoutmaster

For eight days, twenty people (12 scouts and 8 adults) traveled, tented, ate, hiked and explored the Black Hills together. It is safe to say that three themes emerged from our trip: cooperation, communication and flexibility.

Cooperation is defined as: association of individuals for the purpose of mutual benefit. This seemed to be an alien concept the first and second day. After missing some planned events the scouts discovered cooperation and enjoyed the rest of the week.

Communication is defined as: an exchange of information. The first days we didn't seem to know who was doing what or when or where. Again after missing an activity the scouts got down to business. A new work schedule was posted and the trailer rearranged.

Flexibility is defined as: adaptable. The scouts soon learned that staying longer at an activity meant losing or changing another. Weather or travel time also meant changing or exchanging an activity. Everyone learned.

The Black Hills was a great fun trip but overall a real growing and learning experience for all the scouts.

MOUNT RUSHMORE

Susan Salter
Parent Chaperone

On Sunday, June 18th, we drove to Mount Rushmore. As we entered the parking lot and walked in, we spotted license plates from nearly every state! As you enter Mount Rushmore Monument, looking up you can see the four Presidential faces carved by John Gutzon Borglum. Along the path, flags from each state are displayed leading up to the wonderful view. Everyone traveled with a "buddy". My buddy, Irene Chiccos and I decided to take the Presidential Trail. We immediately saw 3 mountain goats climbing on the rocks. The two babies were so tiny and cute, and the mother still had her winter coat on.

The Presidential trail curved around and focused on each of the four Presidents with an angled view to observe that President. A historical account with statements of that individual president was also at the look-out point.

George Washington in his first Inaugural Address stated, "...The preservation of the sacred fire of

liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Thomas Jefferson stated in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness."

Theodore Roosevelt stated at Carnegie Hall, NY as he addressed his fellow American people, "We, here in America, hold in our hands the hopes of the world, the fate of the coming years, and shame and disgrace will be ours if in our eyes the light of high resolve is dimmed, if we trail in the dust the golden hope of men."

Abraham Lincoln stated in his Second Inaugural Address, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in..."

The Presidential trail concluded with the sculptor's house. The 1/12 plaster paris scale model of the four presidents resides here. An historical account was in session by a guide who showed how Borglum and his 360 hard rock miners measured the monument. They used a measuring device that attached to the top of the head and extends out over the nose. Everything was measured with precision. The total cost of the project was \$989,993.32.

After leaving the sculptor's house, we realized we were already late to meet the group. With my sore ankle, we proceeded to run up the steps, steps, and more steps. We were, of course the last ones. We then had our sandwich, fruit, and chips lunch followed by more exploring of the movie theatre, walked the presidential trail a second time, and of course, checked out the gift shop and had an ice cream cone.

With our purchased tickets, we were able to come back on a different evening to see Mount Rushmore at night. At 8:00pm on Wed. 6/20/06, we came back to see the program and the lighting ceremony of Mount Rushmore. This was a highlight for me as the program was very informational regarding each of the four presidents and their legacies. At the conclusion of the lighting ceremony, all veterans or representatives were called up and introduced themselves stating the war or wars they served in.

One woman served in 3 different wars. One young boy and his sister represented their grandfather, and received a great chuckle amongst the audience. This was a very moving reminder of why we need to support our troops who give everything for the future of the U.S.A. and the rest of us.

Custer State Park

Ms. Kline
Parent Chaperone

The boy scouts had a great time when camping in the Black Hills of South Dakota. On Monday we visited Custer state park. It was beautiful and Mr. Schwarzbauer received his wish and saw the antelope he was looking for. We also saw a large herd of buffalo and the friendly donkeys eating out of other vehicles (not ours, we did abide by the rules of "no feeding the animals"). We also enjoyed seeing the prairie dogs peeking their heads up through their dens. When leaving the park we were able to travel on the pigtail bridges which slowed us down quite a bit; but it was worth the experience.

Badlands

On Thursday we put on a few miles driving from Rapid City and thru the Badlands. It is truly an unbelievable sight. The boy scouts were able to climb throughout the badlands and see what the soil was actually like. They also had a visitor center which informed us of many of the aspects of the area. The vegetation, rainfall, erosion, wildlife, etc.

Caves and Crazy Horse

Mrs. Stafford
Parent Chaperone

Big Thunder Gold Mine – Sunday

The mine was kind of chilly inside like a cave. We got to wear hard hats which was good since there were plenty of places to bump your head! Two brothers worked the mine for 30 years blasting rock hoping to make it rich in their spare time. They made maybe a \$100 at the time and that was it. The scouts got to try their hands at panning for gold and each got a tiny bottle to take home the few "gold flakes" they panned for.

Crazy Horse Monument – Wednesday

Crazy Horse has come a long way since it was started over fifty years ago. The face was completed in the late 1990's. The film presentation covering it's history was very moving. The museum of Indian artifacts was impressive and seemed to go on forever in a big, beautiful building. Mrs.

Schwarzbauer showed me a newspaper article she found on display in one of the buildings. It told of a boy scout gathering of hundreds of scouts in the early 1980's that hiked to the top of the monument and were all spread out across the 'arm' of Crazy Horse – very cool!

Jewel Cave – Wednesday

Jewel cave is truly an awesome national monument. The rock formations within are absolutely incredible. We took an elevator hundreds of feet beneath the earth and walked perhaps a mile and a half or so within the cave. (which was nothing since we had hiked 10 miles the day before) When the lights were turned off in the cave it was DARK! We all learned so much about cavers and caving and the many, many miles of Jewel Cave that have been discovered and they're not done exploring yet! Our tour guide was excellent and she thought our group was great too. She said the boys were respectful and had good questions --- Yeah Scouts!!

Tomahawk 2006

Mr. Suiter
Assistant Scoutmaster

Tomahawk 2006 started when 21 Scouts left the church at 8:00 am on Saturday morning. We stopped for breakfast at the Swedish Village in Center City, MN. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food. I had Swedish pancakes, which were a rolled pancake with Lingonberries on the top.

When we finally arrived at Tomahawk, it was hot as we unloaded and set up camp.

Sunday was spent signing up for activities, getting supplies, practicing an emergency drill and Sunday worship. In the evening we gathered for OA (Order of the Arrow) call out. There were plenty of skits by the counselors and then they announced each scoutmaster and the number of years that they've been at Tomahawk. As it turned out, our very own Scoutmaster, Mr. Lenagh, had the most number of years at Tomahawk which was 14 years. They also gave him an award. WAY TO GO, Mr. Lenagh!! We are privileged to have his experience guiding us. Thank him the next time you see him for sharing his valuable time and talent with you. Earlier in the year the Scouts voted for other Scouts they thought best lived out the values of Scouting. At OA call out they announced the results of that

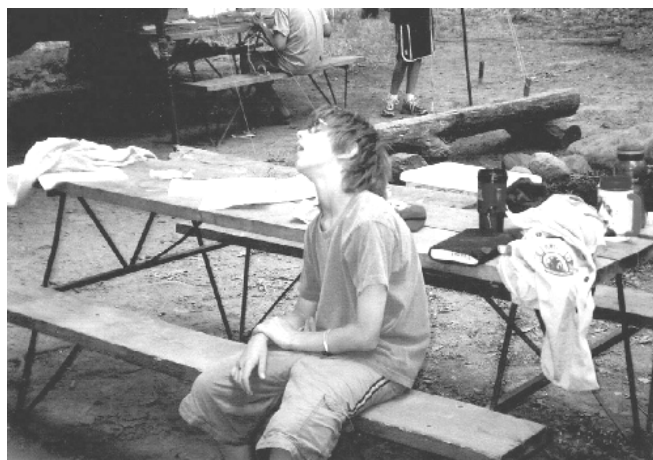
vote. Our troop picked Braden Tunseth and Thomas Suiter. Congratulations to Braden and Thomas!

Starting Monday, all the Scouts began getting into a routine of either Brownsea or working on merit badges in the morning. Brownsea is a program for new Scouts that help them advance through First Class rank. They work on First Aid, Orienteering, hiking, knots & lashings, fire building and other skills. In the afternoon they work on activities, merit badges or service projects. After supper, there were many activities to keep the scouts occupied, including water polo, overnight camping at Foxfire, orienteering, star party, kayaking, fishing, open time at the rifle, shotgun and archery ranges and Scout craft among the most popular.

There are many memories from the week: My son, Thomas Suiter, repelling down the climbing tower. Ryan Pinkalla catching a bass off the dock. The excitement of the water polo team after their win. Kyle Unzicker patiently helping The Mario Brothers with their leatherwork projects. Andy Kline proudly wearing his dime club hat. Daniel Arbogast making it to the top of the hard side of the climbing tower with some encouragement. The excitement of the Mario Brothers as they got to go out kayaking for the first time. All the boards of review I sat in on, including an Eagle Board of Review for a Scout from another troop, one of four that week. Shooting a rifle and bow for the first time in at least 10 years. Mike Loher leading prayer at dinner in front of all the troops Friday night with the "Jaws Grace". Bean burritos before OA call out. Cheeseburgers in paradise. All Mr. Schwarzbauer's advice. Visiting the bog and learning about all the unique plants and trees that live there. My fake wound, which I was hoping to keep a little longer but it started dripping and sliding off my arm. Camping Merit Badge Scouts eagerly anticipating sleeping under the stars at Foxfire and the next day seeing them all walk around like zombies, with one Scout falling asleep sitting up at a picnic table (we won't mention who that was).

John Schaezner's deer tick, which looked like a freckle to me. The five mile hike to Foxfire, with the Mario Brothers blacksmithing and throwing Tomahawks. "Mr. Lynch's blanket toss" the imaginative skit by The Old Fogies and Mr. Janke adjusting to his new role of adult leader.

There were a few fun things that went on that I would have like to have seen but didn't. Jake Chicos' racing his frog, Freddy Sr. against a turtle.



Sailing on the Big Boat, skinning a porcupine and shooting a black powder rifle. Friday started with the Polar Bear Swim. Then the scouts finished up their merit badges and then Friday games and beach bash began while the adults made preparation for the Court of Honor.



We had a very successful Court of Honor with, 20 Rank advancements earned at Tomahawk, 57 Merit Badges earned, 144 Segments earned and special awards of the mile swim by Wesley Kimball and The Old Fogies and The Mario Brothers earning Honor patrol awards.

Since there was a fire ban, we had to do without Mrs. Lenagh's delicious cobbler, which was a disappointment to all, however, cake was brought by Sue Schaezner & served after the Court of Honor.

On Saturday, we packed up camp and headed home. On the way home we stopped at what was NO SURPRISE, Dairy Queen for lunch and an ice cream treat. Unloading at the church completed a successful and fun Tomahawk.

Tomahawk Awards

Daniel Arbogast

Segments: Compass, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship, Fire Tower

Merit Badges: Animal Science, Citizenship in the World,



Environmental Science, Rifle Shooting
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Michael Backus

Segments: Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship & Friday Games
Merit Badges: Leatherwork
Rank Advancements: Tenderfoot, 2nd Class
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Nick Boon

Segments: Tree, Compass, Teepee, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Camping, Ecology, Fish & Wildlife Management, Forestry,
Rank Advancement: Life
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Jake Chicos

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Sailing, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship,
Merit Badges: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Climbing, First Aid,
Rank Advancements: Star
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Collin Erickson

Segments: Tree, Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Ecology, Fish & Wildlife Management, Rifle Shooting, Swimming
Rank Advancements: Life
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Wesley Kimball

Segments: Tree, Teepee, Fish, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chapin's Worship
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Climbing, Ecology, Painting, Swimming
Rank Advancements: 1st Class
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim & Mile Swim

Andrew Kline

Segments: Tree, Fish, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Ecology, Environmental Science, Painting
Rank Advancements: 1st Class

Michael Loher

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Canoeing, Painting
Rank Advancements: 1st Class

Jake Mehring

Segments: Clasped Hands, Compass, Fish, Footprint, Target Friday Games, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Climbing, Soil & Water Conservation, Swimming
Rank Advancements: 2nd Class 1st Class

Isaac Mensink

Segments: Tree, Compass, Teepee, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Camping, Emergency Preparedness, Weather
Rank Advancements:

Ryan Pinkalla

Segments: Teepee, Friday Games
Merit Badges: Citizenship in the Community, First Aid, Fishing, Fly Fishing & Rifle Shooting
Rank Advancements: 2nd Class
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Adam Rein

Segments: Teepee, Target, Friday Games, Sailing, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Environmental Science, First Aid, Rifle Shooting
Rank Advancements: 2nd Class, 1st Class

David Salter

Segments: Fish, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Climbing, Swimming
Rank Advancements: 1st Class

John Schaenzer

Segments: Compass, Footprint, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship, Fire Tower
Merit Badges: Camping, Fishing, Forestry, Soil & Water Conservation
Rank Advancements:
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Mitchell Stafford

Segments: Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service,

Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Leatherwork,
Rank Advancements: Tenderfoot, 2nd Class

Mark Suiter

Segments: Compass, Teepee, Fish, Footprint, Target, Brownsea, Feathers, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Camping, Painting, Leatherwork
Rank Advancements: Tenderfoot, 2nd Class

Thomas Suiter

Segments: Tree, Compass, Teepee, Target, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Forestry, Painting, Soil & Water Conservation
Rank Advancements: Life
Special Awards: Order of the Arrow nominee

Bradon Tunseth

Segments: Clasped Hands, Tree, Compass, Teepee, Footprint, Archery, Rifle, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship, Tower Fire
Merit Badges: Animal Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Forestry, Rifle Shooting
Rank Advancements:
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim, Order of the Arrow Nominee

Kyle Unzicker

Segments: Fish, Archery, Rifle, Friday Games, Chaplin's Service, Chaplin's Worship
Merit Badges: Painting, Swimming, Wood Carving

Karl Vieths

Segments: Teepee
Merit Badges: First Aid, Rifle Shooting
Rank Advancements: 1st Class
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

Andrew White

Segments: Compass, Teepee, Archery, Rifle, Friday Games,
Merit Badges: Rifle Shooting
Rank Advancements: 2nd Class
Special Awards: Polar Bear Swim

TROOP 510 BUSINESS

PLC Notes

Isaac Mensink
Troop Scribe

August 1- The Egg Eating Turtles have opening and closing. The new scouts will be working on directions in the day and at night, CPR, and rescue breathing. We will be doing thorns and roses for tomahawk. Experienced scouts will be planning the Apostle Island campout and we will all be voting for the high adventure 2007.

August 8 – The Dragons have opening and closing. New scouts will be working on a safe trip afloat. Experienced scouts will be planning Apostle Islands and possibly finishing Cit. in the world merit badge.

August 11-14 – Madeline Island campout

August 15 – Family Picnic at Ridegcliff Park, short meeting following the meal.

August 22 – Highway cleanup at 6:00

August 29 – PLC at 6:15 pm. **ALL PATROLS MUST BE PRESENT!!!**

Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

If you're not aware of the change, I am now the Committee Chair for the troop. I am looking forward to the endeavors of this position. Please bear with me during my "transitional" period.

Please be sure to check your e-mail as this is the most effective form of communication for our troop. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call me at home.

Once again the July 4th booth was a success. Kudos to Dan and Bonnie Suiter for all their hard work. All parents and Scouts who volunteered are very much appreciated. I would also like to thank those parents that helped out at Tomahawk this year. Without the help of the parents, the Troop could not do it. Any form of volunteering within the troop is never too small.

Please remember parents that there is a parent meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. They usually last 15-20 minutes, depending on what is going on that month. This is an excellent time to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have. It's the best way of finding out what is going on the Troop. Please try to attend.

As a reminder, when Scouts are in uniform, it is very important to behave like a Scout. You are representing not only your Troop, but the Boy Scouts of America. Wear your uniform with pride. Other boys do look up to you, even if you're not aware of it. People always take notice of those in uniform. Be confident, be considerate and be proud to be a Scout!

Hiking Merit Badge

Mr. Lenagh
Scoutmaster

There will be a ten-mile walk Thursday, August 3rd for Scouts that are working on their hiking merit badge. We need parents to walk. The 20-mile hike is set for Saturday, August 5th. We will need several parents to walk, support, provide beverages and assist in transportation for this walk. Plan on a full day for this walk and be sure to pack plenty of water

as the heat may continue into the weekend. Time, location and details discussed at the August 1st meeting.

New Scout/Parent Handbook

Mrs. Vieths
Committee Member

After many months of work we have a new Scout/Parent handbook. It features not only information on the troop and scouting but also scout and parent responsibilities & opportunities, definitions of acronyms, troop positions available for both scouts and parent volunteers and lots of helpful camping information. If you would like a copy, see Mrs. Vieths.

Family Picnic

Mrs. Arbogast
Committee Chair

Our annual family picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, at 6:00. We will meet at Ridgecliff Park on Covington just west of Johnny Cake Road. There will grills provided. Please bring your own entrée and beverage. Families whose last name starts with A-I are asked to bring a dessert, families starting with J-R are asked to bring a salad/vegetable and families starting with S-Z are asked to bring an appetizer/ chips. Bring a chair for each family member. The troop will provide plates and utensils. There will be a short troop meeting following the meal. All family members are invited to take part in the evening.

Editors Comments

Mrs. Vieths
Newsletter Editor

Next time you see Mr. Hammer be sure to thank him for the years of service as our newsletter editor and creator.

As many of you know, I am taking over these responsibilities from Mr. Hammer, starting with this issue. Many of you also know this is a natural position for me as I love to talk, freely voice my opinions and have had previous experience with scouting newsletters. Please bear with me as I learn the language and routine of not only our troop but the District, Council and Boy Scouts in general. You may notice a format change that I am testing. The next couple of newsletters may be a “work in progress” before I settle on a format that seems to work consistently.

I hope to keep this a strong source of information for parents and scouts and ask for your input and ideas. Also if you join the troop on a campout, you may be asked to contribute an article describing the trip’s highlights and activities for submission to the newsletter. This issue is a great example of parent contribution in the many articles from the South Dakota and Tomahawk campouts. You can email me with articles or ideas and comments at, vieths88@usfamily.net.

Eagle Project

Mrs. Senst
Committee Member

Kyle Senst will be working on his Eagle project on Sunday, August 20th. All Scouts available are asked to assist. This is a great way to earn service hours.

Yummy Chocolate Topping

Mrs. Lenagh
Chocolatier

Again this year there were several of you that requested the recipe for the chocolate sauce used over bananas at our July 4th booth, here it is:

Troop Chocolate Sauce

1 cup chocolate chips
½ cup Karo syrup

Melt 4 minutes in a medium microwave.

Add:

1 Tablespoon margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup milk

Northern Star News

Navigator
District Newsletter

For anyone that attended STAR★fun the attendance number came in at over 18,000 people. It was the largest ever gathering of Scouting members in Minnesota. If you thought you were just there for the fun, you should know that your attendance helped contribute over \$3,400 in cash as well as another several thousand dollars worth of equipment

to support the hurricane recovery efforts of the Gulf Area Boy Scout Councils. AWESOME!

Fall Camporee

Navigator
District Newsletter

Our September campout annually is to attend the Chief Black Dog Council Fall Camporee at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls. The theme this year is Pirates. If you know a Webelos Scout be sure to invite him and a parent/partner to attend this campout as it should be a great time.

20	Kyle Sens's Eagle project Advent United Methodist Church	2:00PM
22	Highway cleanup	6:00PM
29	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
September		
5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8-10	OA Sectional	
14	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
15-17	OA Conclave	
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
22-24	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo	
26	PLC Meeting	6:15pm
October		
3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
26	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
27-29	Good Medicine campout/COH @ Fred C. Anderson	
31	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS	
August 11-14	Apostle Island (Madeline Island)
September 8-10	OA Sectional
September 15-17	OA Conclave
September 22-24	Fall Camporee, Phillippo SR
October 27-19	Good Medicine Cabin, Fred C. Anderson SR - Fall COH on 28 th
November 15-17	Norsland, St. Peter
January 12-14	Snowbase
February 9-11	Eagle Cave, Wisconsin

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
August		
1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
11-14	Apostle Island campout	
15	Family Picnic – Ridgecliff Park	6:00PM