



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

My old boots have taken me over a lot of miles of trail. They're really comfortable. Whoever coined the expression, "as comfortable as an old shoe," must have been talking about my old boots.

But once, a long time ago, they were brand new and stiff as a board. Oh, I softened them up with some polish and saddle soap, but mostly I broke them in by using them. One step at a time - that's the way good boots become good friends.

Good habits are like that, too. The first time you something try hard that you know is right, you may feel as uncomfortable as a new boot. For instance, maybe a friend suggests that the two of you steal the answers to a quiz from the teacher's desk. Maybe that doesn't seem too bad - bad you know it's wrong and perhaps you hesitate. But you refuse to do it, even though your friend might call you chicken.

Nobody likes to be called chicken but you'll be secretly glad you refused. And I'm sure you'll find it easier the next time, because, like my boots, good habits become more comfortable each time they're used.

Tools are essential in making repairs around the house and in doing the community Good Turn we're planning this month (Scouting for Food). You couldn't do the job without them.

But they must be in good condition. If your hammer head is loose, the hammer becomes a dangerous weapon. If your saw blade is dull, it makes the work harder and you also run the risk of cutting yourself if the blade jumps out of the groove. And if your screwdriver's blade is all beat up, you're going to ruin a lot of screws.

Your character is like a set of tools. Think of your character as a set of attributes we talk about in the Scout Law - trustworthy, loyal, helpful and so on. If you're not trustworthy, that part of your character is like a hammer with a loose head. You could be dangerous to others because no-one could depend on you to do what had to be done in an emergency. If you're not loyal, you're like a dull saw blade - not reliable when the chips are down.

A good craftsman keeps his tools in excellent shape because they are his livelihood. A good Scout keeps his character in excellent shape because he knows that the attributes that make up his character are his most precious possession. Let's remind ourselves of that every time we say the Scout Law.

Is everyone planning on attending Scouting for Food Saturday this month? You should consider it. Not only do you get community service hours, but the troop is also planning an activity afterwards for all participants. Ask the SPL what we are doing in that afternoon.

# Yukon Cabin

Mr. Suiter  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Eighteen Scouts left church around 5:30 for Yukon cabin at Camp Phillips in northwestern Wisconsin. Five of them were new Scouts. We arrived around 8:30 and we were the only group in the whole camp! Because of that the Campmaster was nice enough to let us use two other cabins, which gave everyone more room and Mrs. Scott privacy. We had crackerbarrel and since the theme of the weekend was cards, some Scouts played for awhile before lights out at 11:00. I expected the new Scouts to be excited and have a hard time settling down, but the older Scouts did also.

Eventually.....everyone fell asleep to awake and cook eggs in a bag for breakfast. After breakfast we all strapped on snow shoes and went for a hike along the lake shore. I have never been on snowshoes before so I thought I did OK, except when I tried to run, that didn't work out too well.



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On the way back the Scouts decided to race with Kyle winning. Everyone enjoyed the hike, I know I did. Lunch was Pita Pizza's which took way too long to cook with only 2 frying pans (note to Quartermaster). All the new Scouts were in charge of making Pita Pizza's and they seemed to enjoy it.

After lunch the older Scouts went on a service project hauling wood with Mr. Stafford. The new Scouts and those needing to finish First Class worked on rank, with three Scouts completing skills they needed to get First Class. After was free time to play cards or go sliding. The camp built a "sliding trough" on top of a hill. You get zipping pretty fast down the slide only to hit the icy bumps and then fly over little hills to a sometimes rough finish. When we go next time we will all have to remember to bring sleds. Dinner was spaghetti with Texas Toast

and salad. Wesley thought the Texas Toast was so good he took the box label so he could have it again at home. For dessert we had 2 cakes, Chocolate Lovers Delight and Mississippi Mud Cake which I thought was very good and should be added to the Troop recipes. After a long day of play and hard work everyone settled down pretty quickly, to wake early and eat. After a devotional by Mike we headed back home.

# Camp Philippo Rifle Range

Mr. Vieths  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> began with rain as we left the church for Philippo. As if on cue however, the rain stopped as our caravan pulled up next to the range. We were soon shooting, and kept eight 22 caliber barrels warm all morning. All turned in some excellent targets.

Breaking for lunch, we found that Mrs. Lenagh had hit the mark herself, with baked beans and sloppy joes from the Dutch ovens. Nobody knows how the Dutch oven enhances flavor, but Mrs. Lenagh understands how to get the most out of these cast iron gems.

After lunch, we were treated with a seminar on muzzleloaders by a local Boy Scout volunteer and NRA instructor. We all cheered as several Scouts each got to blast a water-filled jug with a 54 caliber musket ball. Sometimes there's just no substitute for this kind of fun. After some excellent cobbler during afternoon break, we went back to the 22 rifles and finished firing 1500 rounds for the day.



# High Adventure Canoe Shakedown

Mark S.  
Historian

All scouts who are attending the August high adventure trip, there will be 3 canoe shakedowns at Lebanon Hills Park. The dates are May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and July 28<sup>th</sup>. All scouts attending will meet at the church, the time to be announced.

The purpose of the canoe shakedown is to learn the basics of canoeing, and every scout is required to know how to handle a canoe for the adventure. You are required to be at two or more shakedowns. You will need to bring a PFD [life jacket], but you don't need to bring a canoe because they will be supplied.

If you have the canoeing merit badge, we would like you help the other Scouts.

## Court of Honor Awards

**Davis A.**

**Rank Advancement:** Scout

**Michael B.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Josh B.**

**Rank Advancement:** Scout

**Nick B.**

**Merit Badges:** Snow Sports

**Jake C.**

**Merit Badges:** Snow Sports

**Jordon C.**

**Rank Advancement:** Scout

**Collin E.**

**Special Awards:** World Conservation Award

**Tristan H.**

**Rank Advancement:** Scout

**Wesley K.**

**Merit Badges:** Snow Sports

**Andrew K.**

**Merit Badges:** Hiking, Snow Sports

**Michael L.**

**Merit Badges:** Citizen in the Nation

**Rank Advancement:** Star

**Isaac M.**

**Merit Badges:** Law

**Jake M.**

**Rank Advancement:** Star

**Ryan P.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**David S.**

**Merit Badges:** Animal Science, Snow Sports

**John S.**

**Merit Badges:** Snow Sports

**Pat S.**

**Rank Advancement:** Scout

**Mitchell S.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Mark S.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1st Class

**Thomas S.**

**Special Awards:** World Conservation Award

**Kyle U.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Andrew W.**

**Rank Advancement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class

## TROOP 510 BUSINESS

### PLC Notes

Michael B.  
Troop Scribe

**Tuesday 3** – Knights Who Say Ne have opening and closing. New scouts will be doing flag, buddy and first aid. Experienced scouts will be planning for Fireside Lodge.

**Tuesday 10** – X-Men opening and closing. New scouts will work on compass and knots. Experienced scouts will be planning for Fireside Lodge and starting Webelos Woods. Merit Badge, Family Life.

**Thursday 12** – Troop shopping at Cub

**Friday – Sunday 13 - 15:** Norsland cabin campout

**Tuesday 17** – Troop/parent meeting. All scouts will be doing Disability Awareness merit badge

**Tuesday 24** – PLC All patrols must be represented

**Saturday 28** – Scouting for Food

**May 1** – Troop meeting

### Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

Happy Easter and Spring! We had a great turn out for the Court of Honor. Thanks to all the families who attended. I appreciate everyone's hard work in putting together the evening.

Your son will be coming home with a Behavior Expectation form that needs to be signed by a parent

and the scout. Respectful behavior is expected at all times during troop activities. All Scouts should try to live by the Scout Oath.

The troop is always looking for adult volunteers. If you can assist at 1-2 campouts a year, it would help tremendously. If you're unable to camp, we can always use drivers and help with various activities. We are still in need of someone to help with the July 4th Parade cleanup. Please let me know if you are interested.

Tip of the Month: One of the primary concerns with Troop equipment is moisture. Make you're your assigned equipment is dried after use. This is especially important with Dutch ovens, tents, and plastic sheets.

## Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

There was no parent meeting in March because of the Court of Honor. The next parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00 to 7:15 (or as needed) in the large meeting room adjacent to the troop meeting room. Please stop by with any questions or concerns you may have.

## Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Chiccos  
Health Forms Chair

There are many things that change in life. Among them are health care providers, emergency contacts and medications. Because of this, all health forms need to be updated each year. If you didn't fill out a health form at the March Court of Honor, please do so in the next couple of weeks. I am usually at the general meetings and health forms are readily available. Forms need to be completed and submitted for all scouts and for any adult that attends a campout. Scouts need to have a physical with a physician sign off every three years, unless there is reason for more frequent doctor visits.

A separate health form need to be completed for Tomahawk. All scouts and adults attending Ripley Rendezvous will need to fill out a special health form as this event has its own health form for all attendees. No one will be able to attend these events without the completion of the event specific health form prior to leaving the church for that event.

# TROOP AT A GLANCE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
13-15	Norsland campout – St. Peter	5:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
28	Scouting for Food	TBD

### May

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
3	Troop shopping for campout – Cub	7:00PM
4-6	Webelos Woods	5:00PM
8	Troop Highway Clean-up	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

### June

1-3	Ripley Rendezvous campout	TBD
5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
19	Troop/ Committee Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

### July

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
3-5	Eagan July 4 <sup>th</sup> parade cleanup & Concessions	
9	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
7-14	Tomahawk Summer camp	TBD
13	Tomahawk Court of Honor	7:00PM
17	NO MEETING	
24	Troop/parent meeting	7:00PM
31	PLC Meeting	6:15PM

## SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS

**April 13-15** Norsland, St. Peter, MN

**May 4-6** Webelos Woods

**May 19** Climbing Tower at Phillipppo

**June 1-3** Ripley Rendezvous

**July 7-14** Tomahawk

**August 7-12** High Adventure – Jay Cooke, Flambeau and St. Croix

**September 28-30** Camporee