



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Tom Lenagh  
Scoutmaster

If I gave you a choice, which would you rather have, the apple or the seeds? I guess most of us would choose the apple.

A long time ago there was a guy who would have taken the seeds. He was a nut about apple seeds - so much so that people called him Johnny Appleseed. For many years he walked across hundreds of miles of our country, back when most of it was frontier land, and everywhere he went he planted apple seeds. The trees from those seeds fed many thousands of people in later generations. That's real long range planning!

Many of us are interested mainly in the present. We don't think ahead like Johnny Appleseed.

Maybe you don't want to go around planting apple seeds like he did. But there's another kind of seed you should be planting every day - the seed of good feelings between you and your fellow man.

You can do it by living our slogan, "Do a Good Turn daily." Every time you do a Good Turn, you are planting a seed of good feeling. That seed may start the growth of a tree of Good Turns in each person you help. So that one Good Turn may lead to many other Good Turns through the years, affecting the lives of hundreds of people.

In the Junior Leader Training (JLT) and patrol leaders council (PLC), we often talk about the skills of leadership. Patrol leaders who have taken the junior leader training course know even more about them. Of the 11 skills of leadership, I believe the most important is setting the example. There's an old saying that sums it up well. It goes something like this: "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your example.

It seems to me that when it comes to setting the example, we are all leaders. Even if you're not a patrol leader, the way you conduct yourself will rub off on others in your patrol. If one patrol member goofs off and is sloppy in his habits, there's a temptation to say, "Well, Mac gets away with it, why shouldn't I?"

That may be human nature, but it's not the nature of a good patrol or a good troop. A good patrol and troop have to work like a team, with every member setting a good example of Scout like behavior. Let's keep that in mind always, but especially when we're in camp this summer. Let's show our pride in our troop and in ourselves as Scouts and young men.

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## Simple Words of Wisdom

- Never cut what you can untie
- Only talk if you can improve the silence
- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

# Norseland Cabin

Mr. Loher  
Assistant Scoutmaster

On Friday night, April 13<sup>th</sup>, eight scouts and two adult leaders packed up the vans and headed south to Norseland Scout Camp near St. Peter, MN. Upon arriving we found our cabin accommodations to be quite, shall we say “luxurious” as camp cabins go. There was plenty of room for the ten of us to spread out since the cabin had bunks for about 30+ people. In addition, the cabin had a ping pong table, large stone fireplace, comfortable couches and chairs in front of the fireplace, a large kitchen with hot and cold running water and flush toilets. Yes, this was going to be a fun weekend at the “Motel Norseland.”

After settling in and enjoying our usual cracker barrel, it was time for games. After all, the weekend theme was “Games”. The boys enjoyed an outdoor game of Capture the Flag, and then turned to some inside games including the favorite game of the weekend – Apples to Apples. Meanwhile Mr. Loher and Mr. Suiter headed to the ping pong table to play some ping pong. Little did each of us know, we both spent quite a bit of time on the ping pong table in our teen age years, so after some polite warming up, the ball started flying fast and furious.

On Saturday morning the boys tried their hand at a Dutch oven Mountain Man breakfast. What a tasty breakfast! They did a great job working together in their new patrols. After that delicious breakfast we headed outside for a fun game of football. Captains Josh Bleichner and Davis Arbogast led their teams to a hard fought game with the lead changing several times. The winning team was determined using scout rules: “The team that has the most fun wins”. Funny thing is, everyone ended up being a winner! The score really didn’t matter. Quesadias were on the menu for lunch and after another tasty meal, it was time to work on rank and scout skills. Our Troop Guides, Isaac Mensink and Thomas Suiter worked with the new scouts, Davis and Josh to help them earn both their “Totin’ Chip” and “Firem’n Chit” cards. The Totin’ Chip teaches the boys safe use of camp tools: pocketknife, ax and saw, while the Firem’n Chit teaches fire safety and techniques for building a safe fire. Congratulations to Josh and Davis on earning these cards! Meanwhile, the older scouts worked on making an ax yard and did some sawing and splitting of wood in preparation for our fire on Saturday night. Daniel, Thomas, Mitchell, Mark and Braden also worked on a fairly challenging orienteering course during the afternoon

to help polish their compass skills. All did quite well.

Dinner was a total team effort with all the boys pitching in. There was plenty to do to prepare and cook the evening meal including a delicious Apple Crisp recipe in the Dutch oven. After chowing down, it was time to enjoy more games – Ghosts in the Graveyard, Apples to Apples, Ping pong, or just relaxing on the cushy, soft couch in front of the fireplace and reflecting on the day’s activities. It was great to see how well this group of scouts worked together as a team. We also had good leadership from our new SPL and ASPL, Braden and Dan, as well as new PL, Mitchell. The boys can be proud of what they accomplished. Overall, it was quite a fun weekend and a good learning experience for all.



Scouts gathered around the flagpole

# Norseland Cabin

Mark S.  
Troop Historian

The campout of April was Norseland cabin. On the way down, in Mr. Loher's car, Davis and I jammed to "Another One Bites The Dust". I always opened my mouth and bit the dust along with the song. After a few times Davis joined in and Mr. Loher and Isaac started to laugh uncontrollably.

The cabin was huge and had a large kitchen which was easy for making apple crisp. There was a ping-pong table that the leaders mostly enjoyed themselves. I played bad mitten with Mitchell, Dan, and Josh. The best thing I did was playing football on Saturday. I really enjoyed the cabin and so will you if you go next time.



Mitchell near the fire that Mitchell and I built.

## Garage Cleanup

Jake C.  
Troop Quartermaster

Saturday, April 21, Scouts, Leaders and Parent volunteers prepared, organized and cleaned the troop equipment for another summer of camping. All the troop tents (21) were set-up, cleaned and inspected. The new tents were seam sealed and hung to dry. The Patrol boxes (2 complete, 1 partial) were emptied cleaned and inventoried. All tote bins were sorted, organized and labeled.



**How many Boy Scouts does it take to check a sheet of plastic? One, the others are just standing around!**

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this job simple and go well. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Offerdahl for the snacks and Mr. Schaenzer for his leadership and direction. The troop held our annual spring cleaning of the garage and the equipment.

## High Adventure Canoe Shakedown

Mr. Loher  
Assistant Scoutmaster

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.

**Ahoy Matees!! Captain Jack Sparrow is Calling all Pirates of the Caribbean!**



Are you ready to embark on a fun adventure this summer? Are you ready to take to the open waters and canoe along some of Minnesota's and Wisconsin's wild and scenic rivers like the Namakagon, and St. Croix? How about some white water rafting on the St. Louis River? Are you up for the challenge of earning Scouting's 50 Miler Award?? If you are up for five days of fun and adventure, then be sure to sign up for the High Adventure trip from August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the adventures that await you include: white water rafting, canoeing, swimming, island exploration, picnics along the rivers, and more.....



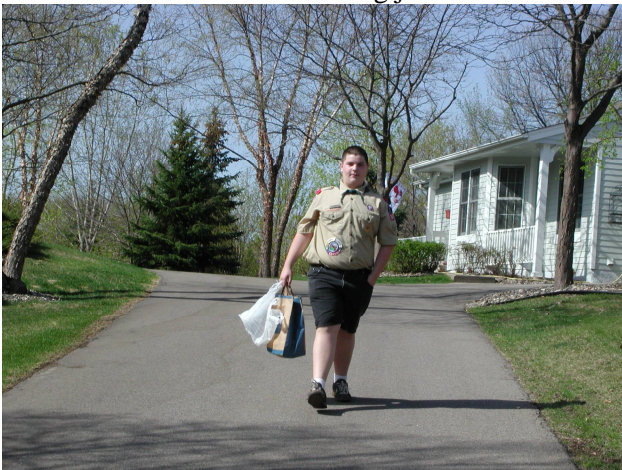
Who knows, could Dead Man's Chest be found somewhere along the river? Come join the fun!!!!

Sign up soon and be sure to also join us for at least 2 of the 3 scheduled canoe training shakedown in preparation for the trip. Shakedown dates are: May 12, June 23 and July 28 at Jensen Lake, Lebanon Hills Park.

## Scouting for Food

Mrs. Vieths  
Scouting for Food Co-chair

Thank you to the scouts and parents that helped make our Scouting for Food a total team effort. This year we joined forces with Pack 104 by assigning two Boy Scouts with each den of Cub Scouts. We also had an all Boy Scout group and received assistance from Girl Scout Troop 1018 – thank you ladies! All of the scouts and parents worked fast to gather as much food as possible in neighborhoods that were quite large for the number of hands collecting. But in the true scouting spirit they gave it their all and did an outstanding job.



Following food drop-off everyone pitched in to clean up the grounds around Easter on the Lake Church. The weather was perfect to complete the excellent effort.

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Michael B.  
Troop Scribe

**Tuesday, May 1** – Barbaric Barracudas have opening and closing. The new scouts our doing fitness stuff weather depending. The experienced scouts our finishing up planning Webelos Woods. On the 4-6 Webelos Woods is the camping trip.

**Thursday 3** – Troop shopping at Cub

**Friday – Sunday, May 4 - 6: Webelos Woods, Spring Lake Park campground**

**Tuesday, May 8** – Highway clean-up meet at the church at 6:00.

**Saturday, May 12** – Canoe shakedown at Jensen Lake

**Tuesday, May 15** – Knights Who Say Ne have opening and closing. The new scouts our doing first aid. The experienced scouts have a food demo. All scouts have a uniform inspection. The merit badge is cycling. On the 19th we have a day trip to the climbing tower. Troop/parent meeting.

**Tuesday 22** – X-men have opening and closing. The new scouts our learning how to whip and fuse a rope. The experienced scouts our planning Tomahawk. The merit badge is medicine.

**Tuesday, May 29** – PLC All patrols must be represented

**Thursday, May 31** – Troop shopping at Cub

**Friday – Sunday, June 1-3 Ripley Rendezvous**

**Tuesday, June 5** - Troop meeting

### Committee Notes

Mrs. Arbogast  
Committee Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful weather! April was a busy month for the troop. We were able to inventory the garage and check out our gear. May starts tent camping at Webelo Woods.

The committee will be busy planning for the July 4th booth. If anyone has ideas or comments about the food booth and/or parade clean-up, please let me know. We will start the highway clean-up this month. Even if your scout has earned their required amount of service hours, they should still participate.

Please make sure that your scouts are in full uniform at the Tuesday meetings. In the summer they can wear their Class B uniform to meetings, but they must wear their Class A uniform when traveling to and from an outing. Remember that sign up sheets are on the table at each meeting. Please check them over as a reminder for upcoming events.

## Highway Clean-up

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

Next week, May 8<sup>th</sup> is one of our bi-annual highway clean-up outings. This is another great event for any scouts that needs to pick up service hours for rank advancement.

We will meet at the church and caravan over to Highway 13 where we will break into groups to pick up trash along the shoulders and ditch areas. Be sure to dress for the weather conditions. You must wear tennis shoes or boots. Gloves are strongly advised and bring a water bottle. Long pants may be best as we are in tick season. Be sure to check for ticks after you get home.

## Parent Meeting Notes

Mrs. Suiter  
Parent/Committee Member

- \* Garage Clean up, Saturday, April 21, from 9-12. Service hours are earned, wear old clothes (preferably NOT your uniform) that can get dirty.
- \* Swim test for Tomahawk at Blackhawk on Sunday, April 22 from 1-2:30P. Cost is 4.00 per person or 10.00/family. Linda Offerdahl & Cindy Deters will do the testing
- \* Scouting for Food, Saturday, April 28th, need adults to help out going to Skateville afterwards, bring own \$ for lunch & games. If we get 20 people (including adults) we can get a discounted price, more info coming soon, sign up sheet available

- \* Reminder that after a troop activity, you need to stay until formation is done
- \* Webelos Woods - May 4-6, first tenting experience of the year
- \* Climbing Tower at Phillipop, Saturday, May 19th, sign up sheet available.
- \* Must have at least 50.00 in scouts account, contact Sona Mehring if you have any questions
- \* Behavior expectation form needs to be signed & return to any leader. Copies are available
- \* Scouts MUST be in uniform at meeting & scouting activities.
- \* Parents are encouraged to help with/sit in on Board of Reviews.
- \* Need 4th of July parade clean up volunteers
- \* There are still open positions for parent volunteers and items available on the troop "wishlist"

Parent meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Committee members and parents meet in the room adjacent to the Scout's meeting room. This is an excellent way to find out up-coming events and outings, changes in the troop and yes, where assistance from parents is needed. During the nice months of summer we could switch it up by having everyone bring a lawn chair and we could meet outside the church.

## Health Forms

Mrs. Chicos  
Health Forms Chair

We need health forms to be turned in this month. If you haven't filled one out yet, please do so. All adults that attend a camping event, cabin or tent, needs to complete and submit a health form. Scouts need to have a physical with a physician sign off every three years.

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.

# Volunteers Needed

Mrs. Vieths  
Committee Member

Summer is probably everyone's favorite season. After the winter of being inside more than out, there is nothing like a summer day to enjoy the great outdoors. Ask any of the Scouts in our troop and they will probably tell you that tent camping is one of their favorite activities in Scouting.

As a troop our activities seem to double when summer comes. Beside the camping there is our big fundraising event at the Eagan July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration where we set up our concession stand on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, do parade cleanup, and work the concessions throughout the day up to fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> and do grounds cleanup on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Within days of that event we set off for a full week at Tomahawk, probably our biggest camping event of the year. This summer we have planned a high-adventure trip in August that will be a six day canoeing, rafting, camping event. For any or all of these things to be possible we need parent volunteers. We have several leaders that take a considerable part of their vacation to be with our boys and make these events possible, we need every parent to give where they can. Remember, even though each outing has to have a minimum of two leaders only one has to be trained. We need parents to drive, assist and support our troop leaders and especially the boys.

At the next meeting don't just do a drop and run. Park the car, come on in and see where you could give a bit of time. Get in on the fun the boys experience and make a difference in their lives.

## Scout Store Hours

Mrs. Vieths  
Newsletter Editor

If you are looking to purchase items from the Scout Shop, the Burnsville Scout Shop is open 9:30 to 6:30 Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 5:30 on Saturday and closed all day Sunday. They are located at, 14250 Plymouth Ave. S., Burnsville.

You may sign up for scrap booking classes being offered at the Burnsville Scout Shop. Registration forms are available at the St. Paul or Burnsville Scout Shops. For more information, or any questions regarding the class, please call the Burnsville Scout Shop at 952-892-0206.

# TROOP AT A GLANCE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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	6:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC Meeting	6:15PM
31	Troop shopping for Ripley – Cub	7:00PM

### 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

### August

5	Shopping for campout	7:00PM
6- 11	No Meeting – high adventure	7:00PM
14	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
21	Family Picnic	5:30PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

## SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

**May 4-6** Webelos Woods

**May 19** Climbing Tower at Phillippo

**June 1-3** Ripley Rendezvous

**July 3-5** Eagan 4<sup>th</sup> of July concessions and parade/grounds cleanup

**July 7-14** Tomahawk – Court of Honor Friday evening at Tomahawk campsite

**August 6 – 11** High Adventure – Jay Cooke and St. Croix State Park

**September 28-30** Camporee