



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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Scoutmaster

As Americans, we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We live in freedom, most of us have an abundance of food and clothing, and we all have adequate shelter. We are as blessed as any people in the world, but sometimes we forget that and gripe that we don't have even more. Let's remember that a lot of the world's population goes to bed hungry in homes that few Americans would want to live in.

So it's good to remind ourselves occasionally that we are lucky and thank God for our blessings. That's what Thanksgiving really is, a time to give thanks. The Pilgrims started it more than 100 years ago when they gathered to thank God for a bountiful harvest.

Today Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings around a groaning table followed by watching football games. There's nothing wrong with that. But it's important that we don't forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving. So when you sit down with your family for Thanksgiving dinner, take time to count your blessings and thank God for them.

You've probably seen a baseball pitcher who can throw a ball through a brick wall, but he can't throw strikes. In baseball, if you don't have control, you don't win.

That's true for all of us, not just pitchers. Self-control and self discipline are vital to any man. A man must be able to control his tongue, his appetite and his body and brain if he's going to get anywhere.

A long time ago, a sportswriter named Grantland Rice wrote a little poem that expresses the idea very well. The poem is called "Over the Plate" and it goes like this:

It counts not what you have, my friend,
When the story is told at the game's far end;
The greatest brawn and the greatest brain,
The world has known may be yours in vain;
The man with control is the one who counts,
And it's how you use what you've got that counts;
Have you got that bead? Are you aiming straight?
How much of your effort goes over the plate?

Committee Notes

Mrs. Offerdahl



"Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way!" Oh what fun it is to ring bells for the Salvation Army!! Troop 510 is ringing bells at Cub Foods in Eagan at the Main Entrance on Saturday, December 5th, from noon - 2:00 p.m. We will ring in 30-minute shifts, and we need 2 scouts and one adult per shift. Please sign up to volunteer for this annual holiday tradition of helping others!

Volunteers Needed

As you know, the Troop is dependent on volunteers. We are in need of someone to coordinate the July 4th Funfest activities. Please contact our Committee Chair, Mrs. Offerdahl, if you're interested. Thanks!



Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Ryan Codner

November 3rd – Penguins have opening and closing. New scouts have orienteering. Plan Rum River. Penguins have sound skill. Family Life merit badge.

November 10th – Link and His Posse have opening and closing. New scouts have smoke filled room. Patrol band competition. Bring your instruments. Shooting poll. Electronics merit badge.

November 17th – Old Fogies have opening and closing. New scouts have CPR skill. Plan holiday party. Mini Court of Honor

November 24th – PLC

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
20-22	Thurston Lodge Campout	5:00PM
24	PLC	6:15PM
26	Thanksgiving	

December

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
5	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	12:00-2:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
12	Hanukkah Begins	
15	PLC	6:15PM
15	Holiday Party after PLC	7:00PM
22	No Meeting	
25	Christmas	

January

5	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

November 20-22	Thurston Lodge at Rum River
January 15-17	Snow Base
February 19-21	Fort Rice
March 12-14	Fireside/Igloo Lodge