



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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If you pick up and look at a ruler. Some people call it a rule. They are not all golden but it does remind me of the Golden Rule. Do you know what the Golden Rule is?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That's a great guide for living, Scouts. If we always followed that rule, we would always be kind to others because no one wants unkindness done to him.

The trouble is, we aren't saints. And so we don't always follow the Scout Law - A Scout is kind" - or the Golden Rule. Some of us follow the Golden Rule for about three inches. Others make it eight inches. A few of us might make it all the way to eleven inches.

How far do you go on the Golden Rule? Probably not as far as you could. So the next time you're tempted to do something unkind, or say something that will hurt someone, stop and think. What will it do to your place on the Golden Rule?

In the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC), we often talk about the skills of leadership. Patrol Leaders who have taken the Junior Leader Training (JLT) 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 your patrol mates. If one patrol member goofs off and is sloppy in his habits, there's a temptation to say, "Well, Brian 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 (or at a troop meeting). Let's show our pride in our troop and in ourselves as Scouts and young men.

Special Recognition

Special recognition goes to Mitchell Stafford, Daniel Arbogast, Davis Arbogast, Thomas Suiter, Nick Boon and Andrew Kline for completing the Boy Scouts Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem at Mary Mother. They will receive their Catholic Religious Emblem from Bishop Pisce at a special Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary next March.

Eagan FD Fire Prevention Open House

Mr. Hammer

Come and learn more about the Eagan Fire Department at our annual Fire Prevention Open House on Saturday, October 10, at the Eagan Civic Arena from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. See our trucks, see the smokehouse in action, and celebrate National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week. Stay Fire Smart!"



Fall Camporee

Mrs. Larson

Fall Camporee (Cannon Palooza Camporee), was held at Phillippo Scout Reservation by Cannon Falls, MN, Sept. 25 to 27 2009.

Mitchell Stafford, Eric Smith, Josh Bleichner, Ryan Codner attended. Ryan's mom and Mrs. Larson went along.

Mr. Hammer was nice enough to tow the trailer there and then come back on Sunday to pick it up. BUT he had to make another round trip on Friday night because of a couple of things that were forgotten to get put in the trailer. **Thank you, Mr. Hammer.**

Mitchell and Eric spent the morning building a monkey bridge with other boys, then they had to be monkeys and walk across what they just built... yes they made it across. After a bag lunch they were doing other activities like Geocaching. Josh and Ryan joined other younger Scouts in activities like, shooting the 22s, archery, tomahawk throwing, fire building contest, first aid (Ryan was the victim), practicing their knots, and map and compass symbols. They were also to go on the climbing tower but because of the rain on Friday and the heavy dew on Saturday morning, it was closed. We also had a bag lunch that we had to put together after breakfast that morning. Ask Josh and Ryan how good they did on the tomahawk throw and the 22s.

Saturday morning breakfast was omelets in a bag, which is always good. Our evening meal was beef stew, corn bread, strawberry cobbler. We also entered the stew and bread in the cooking contest, but of course we had to wait until Sunday to hear the results.

Sunday morning was an early rise, so we could be all tore down by breakfast and a lot of the things put back in the trailer. Then it was off to church services. After church services they announced who won the cooking contest top 3 items. Low and behold Troop 510 won 3rd prize of a \$10.00 Scout office gift certificate. What a good surprise that was. Then all the troops attending the Camporee had to go down to the lower level, where the Saturday evening campfire was held, to clean/police it up. After that we finished loading the trailer, had our campsite inspected, and then received our patches. After arriving at the church at 10:00 A.M., we unloaded the trailer and put it all away, had bids for the left over food items, then went home. But I have to say it only took 20 minutes to do all that. **Good job boys.**

Wreath & Popcorn Sales

All scouts should have received the information for wreath and popcorn sales. If you haven't, please see Mrs. Kline for wreaths and Mr. Mensink for popcorn information. The profit from Christmas wreath sales goes directly the scout's account. The amount of profit varies depending on the item and will be calculated at the end of the sales period. Popcorn is a Council sales project and only a percentage of profit goes into the scout's account while the other portion goes back to the council. This is the scouts chance to earn money for camping expenses throughout the next year. Remember, Class A uniforms can be worn to sell popcorn but not Christmas wreaths. Even though our boys are not wearing their uniforms for wreath sales we expect their behavior and demeanor to be constant examples of the Scout Oath.

“Good Medicine” - Fall Court of Honor

Mrs. Vieths

For newer families to the troop, I have a piece of information to pass on. I remember being a new parent and being confused by the reference to “Good Medicine” or “Good Med” as it was also referred to. Parents and Scouts that had been in the troop more than one year seemed perfectly comfortable with the term and were somewhat excited about it. I, on the other hand, didn’t know what was so special about Good Med and didn’t know why it was special. It sounded like a weekend of working on the First Aid merit badge to me! So, to minimize confusion or lack of understanding on your part, I would like to fill you in on the significance of the “Good Medicine” campout.

First, this is the opening of the lodge camping season. It marks the month that campers sleep in cabins or lodges instead of tents. At this outing, attendees sleep in the GOOD MEDICINE lodge (thus the name) at Fred C. Anderson Scout Reservation on the banks of the St. Croix River near Houlton, Wisconsin a few miles north of Hudson.

The real significance of this campout is that it is also the venue for the fall Court of Honor. All families are invited to join the troop on Saturday evening for a turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings meal followed by the Court of Honor ceremony.

It is a very nice event with delicious food and as always, great entertainment by the Patrol Players!

Please make your reservation now so we have an idea how many to cook for, and remember to bring a flashlight with you as it gets a little dark walking back to the parking lot through the woods.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Ryan Pinkalla

NEW PATROLS

October 6th – Penguins have opening and closing. New scouts have first aid. Penguins have Traffic Safety skill. Uniform inspection.

October 13th – Link and Posse have opening and closing. New scouts have knots. Plan Good Med.

October 20th – Old Fogies have opening and closing. New scouts have CPR skill. Plan Good Med.

October 27th – PLC. Halloween Party after PLC.



TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Shopping for Good Medicine	7:00PM
23–25	Fred C. Anderson - Good Medicine	5:00PM
24	Court of Honor at Fred C. Anderson	5:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM
27	Halloween Party after PLC	7:00PM

November

3	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
18	PLC	6:15PM
19	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
20-22	Thurston Lodge Campout	5:00PM

December

1	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

October 23-25	Fred C Anderson – Good Medicine
November 20-22	Thurston Lodge at Rum River
January 15-17	Snow Base
February 19-21	Fort Rice
March 12-14	Fireside/Igloo Lodge