



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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I imagine most of us have watched the Olympic Games on the television. It's really great watching the world's greatest athletes competing, isn't it?

Did you know that these athletes take an oath before they begin competition? Let read the oath:

"We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations that govern them and desirous in participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honor of our country and for the glory of sport."

Did you notice that the oath says nothing about winning? Of course the athletes want to win. After all, they have been training for four years or more to get ready for the games.

But the Olympic ideal is fair competition, not winning at all costs. Let's remember that ideal when you have any competitions.

Play to win. But remember that every athlete must learn to lose gracefully, without alibiing or complaining. That's the Olympic ideal in a nutshell. It's also the ideal in Scouting.

Scouts, next month we're going to practice some of the skills of what is called minimum impact camping, when we're outdoors for our monthly campout. The idea of minimum impact camping is to leave no trace that we were ever there when we leave a campsite or hike a trail.

As part of our opening ceremony tonight we heard a reading of the Outdoor Code. You should be familiar with the Outdoor Code because every once in a while we will refer to it and it's in your Scout handbook. Now we're going to read and think about a code that goes a step further. It's called the Wilderness Pledge.

The Wilderness Pledge says: "Through good camping and hiking practices, I pledge myself to preserve the beauty and splendor of America's wilderness, primitive, and backcountry areas. I commit myself to: 'Set a personal example in following the Outdoor Code; train those I lead in the skills and attitudes needed to protect and preserve wilderness for future generations; and assure that parties of which I am a part observe the hiking and camping standards that will 'leave no trace' of our passing.'" This pledge is particularly important when you go into really wild areas of our beautiful country. You are promising that you will everything in your power to preserve its beauty for all who follow you.

We will be covering the ideals of Leave No Trace during our campout this year. BSA has added the requirement of demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on at least 3 outings for First class.

Scouting for Food

Troop 510 will be "**Scouting for Food**" on **Saturday, April 10th**, instead of April 24th, which is the usual date for all other troops.

Due to a Jamboree event previously scheduled for April 24th, we have received permission for our troop to do Scouting for Food ahead of time. **We need lots of scouts to participate, along with lots of parent help!!**



Friends of Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. A Friend of Scouting provides a vital portion of the financial support we need to teach Scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America's future leaders. You can help shape that future by investing in Scouting today. One hundred percent of all funds raised goes directly to the council. Monies from this event are used for scout programs, training, scholarships, camper insurance, campgrounds and equipment maintenance throughout our region and many, many other events.

You will be receiving your pledge card at the Spring Court of Honor on March 16th. All pledge cards must be returned whether you are able to make a pledge or not. Some of you may have employers that have a match or contribution program, if so, please include them in this very worthwhile cause.



Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

March 2nd – **Old Fogies** have opening and closing. Plan Igloo campout. **ELECTIONS**. Patrol time for COH.

March 9th – **Penguins** have opening and closing. Time to Tell / Tomahawk movie. Plan Scouting for Food activity. Plan Igloo campout. Patrol Time.

March 16th – Court of Honor

March 23rd – **Link and His Posse** have opening and closing. COH/SPL thorns and roses. Penguins have skill on nutrition. Leadership has skill on emergency stuff.

March 30th – PLC at 6:15 PM.

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

2	Troop Meeting (Elections)	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Spring Court of Honor	6:00PM
20	Trap Shooting	TBD
23	PLC	6:15PM

April

6	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
16-18	Forestville SP	5:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Scouting for Food	9:00AM
27	PLC	6:15PM

May

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
20	Shopping for Campout at Cub	7:00PM
21-23	Star Camp	5:00PM
25	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

March 12-14	Igloo Lodge
April 16-18	Forestville SP
April 24	Scouting for Food
May 21-23	Star Camp
June 11-14	Gooseberry Falls SP
July 10-17	Tomahawk