



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



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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.

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, 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?

Scouting for Food



Way to go, Scouts! Josh Bleicher, Ryan Codner, Alex Hanson, Andy Kline, Mike Loher and Eric Smith sacrificed their Saturday to go

Scouting for Food on April 10th. The six of them collected **446 pounds of food** for our local food shelf.



Swim Test

Troop 510 will **swim test on Hawk Middle** during the Open Swim.



hold the **Tomahawk Sunday, May 16, at Black School at 1:30 pm**. We will have the test from **1:30 -2:00 p.m.**

The **admission cost** for Open Swim (set by ISD196, who runs these at the local pools) is **\$5 per youth** (6 & up), \$5 per adult, or \$10 per family if you would like to make it an outing after the scout has completed the test. Often the scouts stay for some water fun until the pool closes at 2:30 pm.

If you are unable to be there on Sunday, May 16, you will need to take the test at Tomahawk. The swim test is required by Tomahawk to assess each scout's current swimming skills before the troop begins water activities. Please note that the conditions at Tomahawk for the test may not be as favorable as pool conditions for the test! So if at all possible, please plan to be there on May 16th!

Highway Cleanup

Mrs. Larson
Committee Member

All Scouts are needed for **Highway cleanup on June 1 at 6:00 pm**. Scouts should wear their Class B T-shirts and bring gloves.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

May 4th– Hooligans have opening and closing. New scouts have rank advancement. Hooligans have skill on CPR. Older scouts start building orienteering course. Game: Davis Ball.

May 11th – Penguins have opening and closing. **Uniform inspections**. New scouts have rank advancement. Older scouts finish building orienteering course. Night Dragons have skill on personal first aid kits. Game: Football.

May 15th – Grand Slam – Meet at Grand Slam in Burnsville at 1:00 PM to have some fun!

May 18th – Night Dragons have opening and closing. New scouts have orienteering. Thorns and roses on Grand Slam. Penguins have skill on gunshot wounds. Game: ½ Mile

May 25th – PLC at 6:15 PM

June 1st – Highway Cleanup at 6:00 PM

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May		
4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Laser Tag	1:00PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
25	PLC	6:15PM
June		
1	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
8	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Shopping for campout at Cub	7:00PM
11-14	Gooseberry Falls SP, North Shore	5:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM
July		
4	Fun Fest	
10-17	Tomahawk	7:00AM
20	No Meeting	7:00PM
22-4	Jamboree	
27	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

June 11-14	Gooseberry Falls SP, North Shore
July 10-17	Tomahawk, Birchwood, Wisconsin
July 26 – Aug 4	Jamboree, Virginia
August 20-23	Madeline Island, Lake Superior
Sept 24-26	Fall Camporee