



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



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This month's point of the law is  
**OBEDIENT...**

*A Scout is obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.*

Look how much the law changed from Baden-Powell's original (remember he is coming from a military background!):

**A SCOUT OBEYS ORDERS** of his patrol-leader, or scoutmaster without question. Even if he gets an order he does not like, he must do as soldiers and sailors do, he must carry it out all the same *because it is his duty*; and after he has done it he can come and state any reasons against it: but he must carry out the order at once. That is **discipline**.



Most people don't really *like* to follow orders. We don't like to have to do "irksome tasks" just because we are ordered to do them by a higher authority...who wants to clean their room just because their parents tell them to? Many people like to "cheat the system," like driving a little fast rather than obeying the speed limit. Many people want to "stick it to the man."

But maybe we are not as rebellious as we would like to be. In the famous "Milgram Experiment" in the 1960s, a scientist tried to figure out how the [Nazis](#) managed to get ordinary people to take part in the mass murders of the [Holocaust](#). He thought that only really sadistic people would follow orders to torture others. Amazingly, in the study, **MOST** people obeyed orders to deliver shocks to other people, even when the recipients were clearly in pain. And 68% of the participants knowingly delivered **lethal** shocks when they were ordered to do so (luckily the shocks were simulated and the recipients were actors).

Like it or not, we tend to bow down to authority. This is important to remember as you are working on your leadership skills. A good leader shouldn't abuse power, expecting others to obey him just because he is the leader. A good leader should realize that people will bow down to his authority, but they might not like it...so he should be careful when setting rules or giving directions. A good leader should be obedient himself, and others will follow his example.

## Scouting with the Saints!



On June 28, our Troop Tuesday with a Twist was an outing to a Saints game. It was a perfect summer evening, with the Saints beating the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks 10-7 in an action-packed game. There were some special activities for Scouts, but the highlights were watching the antics of Mudonna, Justin Bieboar, and the “Coach.”

## Scouting with the Twins!

We are planning to do the August Troop Tuesday with a Twist at Target Field, hopefully watching the Twins beat the Baltimore Orioles in a 7:10 pm game. The added twist will be taking the light rail to the ballpark!



## Troop 510 Business PLC Notes

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Plan Tomahawk

July 9-16<sup>th</sup> – Tomahawk, meet at Church at 7:00 AM.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Kayaking (4 spots available)  
Meet at Church 5:30 PM

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Troop Meeting at Genghis Grill @ 6:00 PM

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Family Picnic at Bleichner house @ 6:00 PM

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Highway Cleanup @ 6:00 PM

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Twins Game, Meet at Stadium 6:30 PM

August 30<sup>th</sup> – PLC @ 6:15 PM

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### July

5	Troop /Committee Meeting	7:00PM
9-16	Tomahawk	7:00AM
19	NO TROOP MEETING	
26	PLC	6:15PM

#### August

2	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop Meeting @ Bleichners	7:00PM
16	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
30	PLC	6:15PM

#### September

6	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
13	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
20	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
27	PLC	6:15PM

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

July 9-16	Tomahawk, Rice Lake
Sept 23-25	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo