



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



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This month's point of the law is **Courteous**.  
*A Scout is courteous. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.*

Theodore Roosevelt said, "Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage." In Roosevelt's day (also the time of Baden-Powell), you could identify a gentleman mostly by his social class (upper) and family wealth (lots!). Gentlemen certainly were courteous in the original meaning of the word ("of the court"). In other words, rich and powerful!

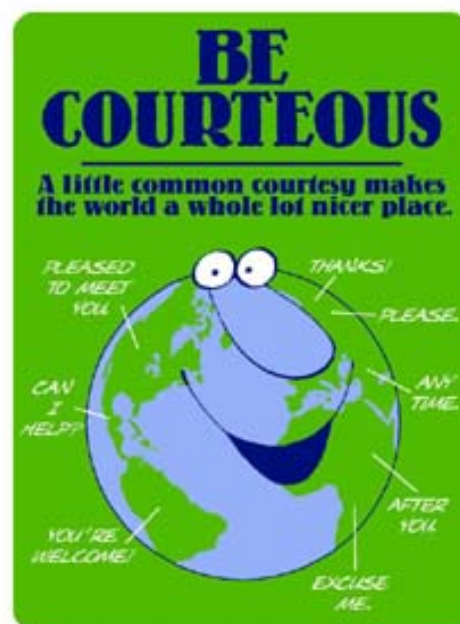
Scouts, you don't have to be rich and powerful to be a gentleman. But you probably don't think of your buddies as "gentlemen," which seems like a word for old guys. Courtesy often seems to be a thing of the past era of our grandparents. In our age of Facebook, Twitter and texting, courtesy is a more difficult behavior to learn and practice. Courtesy requires personal interaction, where respect for the value of the other person can be demonstrated. Technology makes that much more challenging.

Probably the most important symbol of gentlemanly courtesy that you can practice is the simple handshake. You know that the handshake is important in Scouting. But how often do you shake hands with your friends when you meet them in the hallway at school? At a recent college fair at my school, the students asked one of the recruiters for advice on how to get into his college and get scholarships. He said, "Shake hands. Write thank-you notes."

In February, an Australian named Peter Ryan, frustrated with the lack of common courtesy in his business dealings, started the "First Annual International Be a Gentleman Day." Ryan wrote,

"In the busy, time-poor society of today, sometimes it is a little too easy to forget the importance of courtesy, respect, consideration and, dare I say it: chivalry. This is a day to hold the door open for the next person, give up your seat for someone who needs it more, help someone in need, let the lane changer in, let the person with two items go in front of you in the supermarket queue, hold the lift, share a taxi, look around you and make the world a better place one Gentlemanly action at a time."

I'd like to believe that you, Scouts, are gentlemen every day, not just once a year. If you want to celebrate Be a Gentleman Day next February 22, you can "like" that on Facebook and that's great. But I hope you will practice courtesy daily. It's part of the idea of the Good Turn, you know!



## May Bike Outing

**May biking trip is planned for Saturday May 14 and Sunday May 15.** We will plan to meet at the church on Saturday morning at 7AM to load bikes and gear and head to Phillippo Scout Reservation to set up camp. We will then drive to Cannon Falls (only 10 minutes from Phillippo) and bike the Cannon Valley Trail from Cannon Falls to Red Wing and back. The Red Wing destination is Godfather's Pizza at the Pottery Factory for a pizza lunch! On the return trip from Red Wing we may stop for an ice cream break at the Trout Stream Cafe in Welsh Village! We'll camp overnight at Phillippo Scout Reservation and return to Eagan on Sunday. Sign up at next Tuesday's Scout meeting for this fun weekend.

## Scout Day at the MN Twins

We are ordering a limited number of tickets from Northern Star Council for a **Twins game on Saturday, May 28. Game time is 6:10PM.** Tickets will be on a first come-first serve basis, initially for Scouts and parents of Scouts. **Sign up at next Tuesday's Scout meeting if interested in tickets.** Ticket prices will be in the \$22 - \$29 range, depending on location and the price also includes a T-Shirt.

## Troop 510 Eagle Watch!!

As soon as spring REALLY arrives and the weather improves, look for the opportunity to help out some of our guys who will be working to complete their Eagle Scout projects. It looks like we will have at least 3, hopefully more (!) Scouts working on projects over the next few months, starting with Jake Mehring, who is just waiting for a good weekend to work outside.

These guys will need a lot of help, so please step up and help out as you are able. Remember, you all can use some service hours...and it's the Scoutly thing to do ☺.



## Important: Health Forms and Physicals

Last year, the BSA changed its policies on health forms to require a **new health form to be completed EACH year** by Scouts and leaders. There is a "Short-Term Form" for campouts of 72 hours or less, and a "Long-Term Form" for campouts of 72 hours or more and high adventures. The only difference is that the long term form includes a Part C page that needs to be filled out and signed by a physician.

Anyone who goes on the whitewater rafting trip or to Tomahawk will need to have that "Long-Term Form" completed with a doctor's signature, or they will not be allowed to participate. In case you need a form, they are on the Northern Star Council Website at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Resources/Healthforms.aspx>

If you are looking for a simple way to get a physical, the Council has posted the following information:

### **MinuteClinic Offers Promotional Pricing on Physical Exams for Camp**

MinuteClinic makes it quick and easy to get your Scouts ready for camp for \$39.

Just bring your Child and his/her immunization records, as well as any required forms to a CVS MinuteClinic. Certified Family Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants will:

- Review health and immunization history.
- Perform a physical exam.
- Provide safety, exercise and education tips.
- Send a report to the child's primary doctor, with your permission.



Find the closest MinuteClinic by calling 866-389-ASAP (2727) or by visiting [www.MinuteClinic.com](http://www.MinuteClinic.com). Available 7 days a week, including evenings and weekends. No appointment is necessary.

*\*Insurance is not accepted for physical exam services and payment is due at the time of visit. Additional lab charges may apply. Offer good until May 31, 2011.*

## MAY EVENTS

### May 10<sup>th</sup> – Troop Biking

We'll meet at the church by 6:45 pm and bike the Highline Trail in Eagan. This is a paved, but hilly trail. Be ready for a workout! Wear Class Bs and be prepared for the weather. Reminder: those who want to bike must wear a helmet!

### May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Biking Campout

We will be spending Saturday biking on the Cannon Valley Trail, a paved trail that goes from Cannon Falls to Redwing along the Cannon River. After biking, we will tent at Phillippo Scout Reservation Saturday night and return home on Sunday. More details will be planned at the troop meeting on May 3.

### May 17<sup>th</sup> – Troop Game Night

An evening of Wii games...one of the only times of the year when you can gather at an official Scouting event with electronics!

### May 24<sup>th</sup> – Highway Cleanup

Meet at church at 6 pm for our annual cleanup along Highway 13. Wear Class Bs and bring work gloves.

### May 28<sup>th</sup> – Troop Outing to Target Field! (tentative, depends on ticket availability)

We hope to go see the Minnesota Twins beat the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Target Field at 6:10 pm. More details later...

## JUNE EVENTS (more to come next month!)

### June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Showcase Eagan

We are hoping to recruit some new Scouts by hosting a booth at this event that runs from 4:30 – 7:30 pm at the Eagan Civic Arena. We need both Scouts and adults to help out!

### June 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Join Pack 104 on their Spring Campout

We are planning to help out with Pack 104's campout at Camp Sacajawea in Lebanon Hills Regional Park. This is our opportunity to get to know some of the Cubs, leaders and parents in our brother pack.

### June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Whitewater Rafting Campout

Rafting on the St. Louis River near Duluth, and camping in Camp Newman near Superior, WI

## We're Going Whitewater Rafting June 10-12

The troop is going to join the Northern Star Council Contingent for Whitewater Rafting on the St. Louis River, just south of Duluth. We will be camping Friday and Saturday night at Camp Newman, just south of Superior, Wisconsin, along with a large group of Scouts from the Council.



Our troop will be rafting in the 2 pm group on Saturday with guides from the Superior Whitewater Rafting Company.

Scouts (and leaders) will have to complete a new health form (with a doctor's signature) to participate in this outing.

**It's not too late to sign up for this event, but you will have to sign up at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting!**

We will be going over the details for this trip at the May Parent meeting, so if you have a Scout going rafting, please come to the meeting.

## Tomahawk Update

It's time to start planning for Troop 510's annual adventure at Tomahawk Scout Reservation near Rice Lake, Wisconsin. The troop will be tenting in Cheyenne Campsite from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>.

The biggest thing to plan for this month: get those health forms and physicals completed!

## Need Badges? Check out Scoutmaster Bucky!

Remember, if you are looking for a fun and fast way to complete some merit badges that you can't get with one of the counselors in our troop or at Tomahawk, you can check out the Scoutmaster Bucky program. The website is <http://www.scoutmasterbucky.com/>

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, Scoutmaster Bucky is offering **Family Life** and **Fire Safety** merit badges at St. Richard's Church in Richfield. Also in May, they are offering **Wilderness Survival, Inventing and Robotics** merit badges, which are multi-day workshops.

Check the website for more information or to register.

## Troop 510 Business PLC Notes

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open: Wes.** New Scouts work on rank. Mini garage clean out. Plan bike weekend. Merit badge work, time permitting.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – Open: Alex.** New Scouts work on rank. **Biking 6:45 to 7:45.**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – Open: Eric.** Troop game night.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – Highway Clean up. Meet at Church at 6:00.**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – PLC at 6:15**

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### May

3	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
7	Eagle Court of Honor	1:00PM
10	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
14-15	Bike Weekend	7:00AM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Highway Cleanup	6:00PM
31	PLC	6:15PM

#### June

2	Showcase Eagan	4:30PM
3-4	Pack 104 Campout	TBD
7	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10-12	Whitewater Rafting Campout	TBD
14	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

#### July

5	Feed My Starving Children	5:45PM
9-16	Tomahawk	7:00AM
19	NO TROOP MEETING	
26	PLC	6:15PM

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

<b>June 10-12</b>	White Water Rafting, Duluth
<b>July 9-16</b>	Tomahawk, Rice Lake
<b>August 11-20</b>	Yellowstone National Park
<b>Sept 23-25</b>	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo