



TROOP 510



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Scoutmaster's Report



Jane Tunseth
Scoutmaster

The point of the Scout Law for this month is **FRIENDLY.**

And this Lego creation called "A Scout is Friendly" is from a series of Boy Scout Legos...check it out on the Internet ☺

In your *Boy Scout Handbook*, this point is explained as: "A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own."

This point is not just about smiling a lot and shaking hands when you meet someone (although those are good things to do). The original idea was that Scouts should try to reach out to those who might be different from themselves.

Baden-Powell's point was that we should be tolerant of other beliefs and respect the customs and opinions of others even if we don't agree with them. In the original *Handbook*, he wrote:



A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL, AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT, NO MATTER TO WHAT SOCIAL CLASS THE OTHER BELONGS. If a scout meets another scout, even though a stranger to him, he must speak to him, and help him in any way that he can, either to carry out the duty he is then doing, or by giving him food, or, as far as possible, anything that he may be in want of. A scout must never be a SNOB. A snob is one who looks down upon another because he is poorer, or who is poor and resents another because he is rich. A scout accepts the other man as he finds him, and makes the best of him -- Kim, the boy scout, was called by the Indians "Little friend of all the world," and that is the name which every scout should earn for himself.

So what's this all about? Who's Kim? You may remember that a lot of Cub Scout lore centers around the characters like Akela from Rudyard Kipling's novel, *The Jungle Book*. Well, Baden-Powell based many Boy Scout ideas on another of Kipling's books, *Kim*. In the book, Kim is a poor young orphan who has many adventures in India and grows up to be a famous spy. He faces a lot of discrimination and bullying along the way and remains kind and helpful despite being tormented for being "different." Baden-Powell obviously wants us to remember that snobbishness, racism, and classism don't belong in Scouting.

With all the talk we've had in our schools lately about bullying, especially cyber-bullying, it's important for us to remember that we have a Scoutly obligation to stand against those bad behaviors and be friendly in the B-P way.

2011 High Adventure Trip to Yellowstone Nation Park

Mr. Lenagh
Asst. Scoutmaster

The troop is planning a trip to Yellowstone National Park for August 11-20. We are planning on mountain biking, white water rafting, backpacking into a secluded area of the park, canoeing, visiting the geysers, swimming, hiking and having fun. We are looking for more participants to attend this event. If you are interested please contact Mark Suiter or myself (Mr. Lenagh). We are in the final planning stages right now and will be conducting shake downs in the near future to improve our skills before going to Yellowstone.



Eagle Court of Honor

Mike Loher obtained his **Eagle Rank**. His Eagle Court of Honor will be held on **Saturday April 30th, 2011, at 1PM at Shepherd of the Valley Church** on Johnny Cake Ridge Rd in Apple Valley. Save the date and plan to join us as we recognize Mike for his accomplishment in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout! Invitations will be forthcoming to all Troop 510 family members and friends.

Showcase Eagan Event

Mr. Loher
Asst. Scoutmaster

Troop 510 will be participating in the "Showcase Eagan" event on Thursday, June 2nd from 4:30 to 7:30PM.

Showcase Eagan is a trade-show like event connecting citizens with all there is to do and join in Eagan. Civic, non-profit and religious community organizations will be in attendance to "showcase" their organizations. Troop 510 will have a booth at the Showcase Eagan event to highlight our Troop with the hopes of recruiting some new members. A sign-up sheet will be available at troop meetings for those interested in helping to man the booth for this event.

APRIL EVENTS for 510

April 5th: Feed My Starving Children

We will meet at the Feed My Starving Children facility on Lone Oak Road. They'd like us to be there at **5:45 pm**, and our shift lasts until 7:30 pm. Scouts should wear their Class B shirts, and family members are welcome to join us!

Directions: Go north on 35-E, then go east (right) on Lone Oak Road. You will cross Lexington Avenue, and the facility is on the right, just past Neil Armstrong Blvd.

April 12th Film Festival

Every year Scouts are required to watch the "The Movie" ☺ aka "A Time to Tell," and we will be watching the new and improved version of this film classic at our regular troop meeting on the 12th, along with a new film that will inspire us to go to Tomahawk in July!

April 16th Scouting For Food

More specific details will be emailed, but plan to devote part of the morning of Saturday, April 16th to collecting food for the local food shelves.

April 19th Troop Biking

We'll meet at the church by 6:45 pm and bike to Lebanon Hills Regional Park on Johnny Cake Ridge Road. Those with mountain bikes may ride the rugged mountain bike trail; others may just enjoy road biking. After a trail loop, we'll return to the church for the rest of our meeting, which should start around 7:30 or so. Reminder: those who want to bike must wear a helmet!

April 23rd Chief Black Dog District Merit Badge Fair

More details will follow. This annual event will offer the opportunity to work on (and possibly complete) the following merit badges: Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Family Life, Geology, Law, and Personal Management.

The fair runs from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm and will be at the LDS Church in Burnsville.

Tomahawk

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 9th to July 16th.

What's new at Tomahawk this year?

- 📍 Geocaching as both a merit badge and an activity that earns a segment
- 📍 Personal Fitness merit badge
- 📍 Mountain Biking segment, for riding the new Tomahawk mountain biking trail (new Trek bikes & helmets available at camp)
- 📍 Raven's Roost has been replaced by a new Lumberjack Outpost with many new activities including spar pole climbing
- 📍 New BWCA Outpost
- 📍 A newly designed Friday with options such as Sailing Regatta, Huck Finn Raft Races, Extreme Orienteering, Cowboy Cooking Competition etc.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

April 5th – Feed My Starving Children, 5:45-7:30.

April 12th – Manatee Militia have opening and closing. New scout has Scout Badge work. Tomahawk and Time to Tell videos. Skill on biking safety.

April 16th – Scouting for Food

April 19th – Flaming Cobras have opening and closing. **Biking 6:45 to 7:45.** Communications merit badge.

April 26th – PLC at 6:15

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

5	Feed My Starving Children	5:45PM
12	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Scouting for Food	9:00AM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	6:45PM
26	PLC	6:15PM
30	Eagle Court of Honor	1:00PM

May

3	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
10	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
17	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
24	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
31	PLC	6:15PM

June

2	Showcase Eagan	4:30PM
7	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
14	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
21	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
28	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

April 5	Feed My Starving Children
April 16	Scouting for Food
June 10-12	White Water Rafting, Duluth
July 9-16	Tomahawk, Rice Lake
August 11-20	Yellowstone National Park
Sept 23-25	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo