



TROOP 510



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February 2011

Scoutmaster's Report



Jane Tunseth
Scoutmaster

This painting by Norman Rockwell is titled "A Scout is loyal," and that is the point of the law I'd like us to think about this month.



If you look in your *Boy Scout Handbook*, you will find two different versions of this law, depending on if you have a newer book or an older one. Which version is in your book?

A Scout is loyal. A Scout is loyal to those to whom loyalty is due (2009 edition). **OR**

A Scout is loyal. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation (1998 edition).

The new version suggests that we shouldn't be loyal to everyone and everything, just to those that are "worthy." But how do we know who's worthy? The older version spells out "those to whom our loyalty is due." It tells us to be "true"---to stand by, to support, to defend, to respect, and to help---and hopefully we try to do those things for our friends and our family. The painting suggests a few others "to whom our loyalty is due." We should be loyal to the flag and to the United States; that's why we pledge our allegiance almost every week at meetings. We should be loyal to God, to our church. We should be loyal to ourselves, proud of our own accomplishments and strong in our own ideas.

February is the birthday month of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and George Washington (February 22). If you look at the painting, you will see those Presidents behind the Scout. They are excellent models of loyalty. Both were known for their honesty. Remember the story of Washington and the cherry tree ("I cannot tell a lie") and Lincoln's nickname, "Honest Abe"? Though they were honest men, both struggled greatly with loyalty. Washington was a loyal British subject, and it took the Revolutionary War to make him an American patriot. Lincoln struggled with how to keep Americans loyal to the Union in the face of the Civil War. In the end, their loyalty helped make our nation free.

It's tough to be true. But it's a most worthy goal. Think about that this month.

"I am not bound to win, but bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." ---Abraham Lincoln

Clondike Derby Team Captures 4 Ribbons

Ken Loher
Asst Scoutmaster

The Troop 510 Klondike Derby Team had a most successful debut on January 15, 2011. The team consisted of Ryan Pinkalla, Mark Suiter, Josh Bleichner and Alex Hanson. The group



arrived at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp in Holten, WI around 9AM. After packing the sled with the needed equipment for the competition and receiving their instructions and itinerary for the day, they were off! Our Troop 510

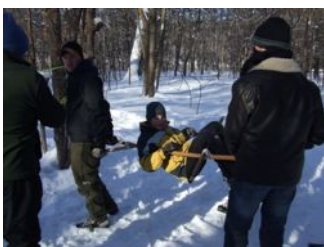
Klondike team was one of over 20 sled teams that day.

Each team pulled their sled from town to town to compete in a large number of competitive events, some scouting skills, others just fun events. Events included a Cross Country Sled Race, Snowball throw,



Lashings and Knot Tying, First Aid, Wilderness Survival, Fire Building, Ice Rescue, Stretcher Race, and Tug-of-War, to name just a few. At the end of the day the team placed in 4 events and received ribbons for

Wilderness Survival – 2nd Place, Snow Ball Throw – 4th Place, Stretcher Race – 4th Place, and Axemanship – 4th Place. Most importantly, the scouts worked great together as a team, with each person contributing to the team effort! Congratulations to the Klondike Team. You represented Troop 510 well!



TTT Nights

Troop Tuesdays with a Twist!



We've started something new in 2011 called Troop Tuesdays with a Twist! As a deviation from our regular Troop Tuesday night meetings held at the church, the scout leadership team decided they wanted a change of pace once a month from the "normal" routine. Hence the name "Troop Tuesdays with a Twist"!

Our first "TTT" night was held on Tuesday January 18 at Shooters Billiards. The boys, along with the leaders, had a fun time on the pool tables, while the parents held their monthly parent meeting at the snack bar at Shooters. (Guess that was a Parent Night with a Twist as well!)

The boys have some fun "TTT Nights" planned out over the next several months so mark your calendars for these upcoming fun Tuesday night activities:

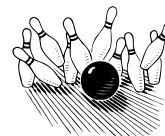
Tuesday, February 15 BOOT HOCKEY at South River Hills Park

Meet at the church at 6:45PM. Bring a hockey stick if you have one, otherwise we will have extras. Don't forget your boots! NO hockey experience needed to play! We'll meet back at the church by 8:15PM. (No Cost)



Tuesday, March 8 BOWLING NIGHT at City Limits, Rosemount

Meet at City Limit Lanes on Route 3 in Rosemount by 7PM. Bowl until 8:15PM. (Only \$1 per game and \$1 shoe rental)



Tuesday, April 5 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN, Eagan

Meet at FMSC at 6PM and pack food bags to be sent to starving children in third world countries. Parents and siblings are invited to participate with the scouts as well! We'll finish packing by 7:30PM. (No cost)



Tuesday, May 10 Sand Volleyball at Trapp Farm Park, Eagan

Meet at Trapp Farm Park for some friendly volleyball action – weather permitting! (No cost)



February Monthly Outing: ROCK CLIMBING! Vertical Endeavours – Saturday February 12th

Meet at the church at 12:45PM. We'll spend a fun afternoon of Rock Climbing at Vertical Endeavours in St. Paul



Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Everyone invited! Almost to goal!

A BIG THANKS to everyone who has already participated in our Friends of Scouting annual fundraising campaign. About 60% of the troop has participated bringing in almost 90% of our total needed.

We are so close! We still need the other 40% to participate! Sona Mehring, Troop 510's FOS coordinator, will be reaching out to those who have not yet participated. **February is the last month to contribute.**

Feel free to contact Sona at sona.mehring@gmail.com to coordinate your FOS gift. Or donate online at: <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/NorthernStarCouncil/OnlineDonation.html>

IMPORTANT to do for online donations – choose Annual Friends of Scouting as Fund and Campaign **And** in comment section – state that donation is for Troop 9510's FOS campaign. If you do donate online, please drop Sona an e-mail letting her know (and to get her off your back!)

Order of the Arrow Elections

On **Tuesday, February 8**, our troop will hold its annual election for Order of the Arrow. **It's important that all Scouts make an effort to be at this meeting.** because we can only hold the election if 50% of the active members of the troop are present.

Election to OA is not a popularity contest. OA is like the National Honor Society of Scouting. It is for those Scouts who are excellent examples of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining Scouting traditions and spirit, promoting camping, displaying leadership, and providing cheerful service to others.

There are several Scouts in our troop who will be eligible for election to OA. Please consider carefully who you will elect, and come to the election meeting.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

February 1st – **Buffalos** have opening and closing. Communications merit badge. Extra merit badge time.

February 8th – **Manatees** have opening and closing. OA Elections. Climbing knots.

February 12th – Rock Climbing at Vertical Endeavors. Meet at Church at 12:45

February 15th – **Buffalos** have opening and closing. Boot hockey – meet at Church 6:45 PM.

February 19th – Yellowstone meeting 2:30 PM at Ring Mountain.

February 22nd – PLC at 6:15

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

1	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
12	Rock Climbing	12:45PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting (Boot Hockey)	6:45PM
19	Yellowstone Meeting	2:30PM
22	PLC	6:15PM

March

1	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
8	Troop Meeting (Bowling)	7:00PM
15	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
22	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
29	PLC	6:15PM

April

5	Troop at Feed My Starving Children	6:00PM
12	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
19	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
26	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

March 4-5	Fort Rice
April 5	Feed My Starving Children
April 16 & 23	Scouting for Food
May	Biking Weekend
June 3-6	Ripley Rendezvous at Camp Ripley
July 9-16	Tomahawk
August 11-20	Yellowstone National Park
Sept 23-25	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo

Parents/Scouts

The 510 Troop Committee has decided to fund one single day activity each month through June 2011. An example is the Klondike Derby was paid for (no charge to scouts who attended) but Troop Tuesday with a Twist at Shooters will come out of the scouts account.

The committee has also decided to change the committee meeting night to the first Tuesday of each month. We will be starting February 1. The parent meeting will still be the third Tuesday of each month.