



# TROOP 510



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## Scoutmaster's Report



Jane Tunseth  
Scoutmaster

*Happy New Year, Troop 510!*

Scouting is now into its second century, and Troop 510 is off to an exciting new year. The troop leadership team (that's you, Scouts!) has been planning some interesting new activities; more on that later. But first, on to my "Scoutmaster's Minute" for the month. I've decided that it might be a good idea to review the 12 points of the Scout Law this year, one point per month. So of course, the first is...

### *Trustworthy*

***A Scout is trustworthy. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.***

If you were a Boy Scout in 1908, you would see this point of the law a little differently in your *Boy Scout Handbook*, as Baden-Powell wrote it (notice that he didn't say "trustworthy"):

**A SCOUT'S HONOUR IS TO BE TRUSTED.** If a scout says "On my honour it is so," that means it is so, just as if he had taken a most solemn oath. Similarly, if a scout officer says to a scout, "I trust you on your honour to do this," the Scout is bound to carry out the order to the very best of his ability, and to let nothing interfere with his doing so. If a scout were to break his honour by telling a lie, or by not carrying out an order exactly when trusted on his honour to do so, he would cease to be a scout, and must hand over his scout badge and never be allowed to wear it again.

While we don't ask you to surrender your Scout badge anymore if you fail to carry out the orders of our senior patrol leader ☺, Scouting does ask you to **"do your best"** to be honest, respectful, sincere, and "do the right thing."

If you look at the Scout laws of Scouts from other countries, it's interesting to see that most of them include the word honor in this point of the law. Here are some examples: (I know some of you need to practice the language you are studying...)

In French: Le Scout met son honneur a meriter confiance,  
In Spanish: El Scout cifra su honor en ser digno de confianza  
In German: Ich will aufrichtig und zuverlaessig sein.

Even if you can't translate those lines, they include the words honor, trust, honest, and reliable. All of these are qualities related to being trustworthy. It's interesting that in the American version, we've taken out the idea of honor, maybe because it's a tricky word. Much easier to say, OK, I don't tell lies, so I am living this point of the law. Harder to think about living a life of honor...which includes the ideas of doing your duty, having respect for all and keeping your personal integrity. If you are "worthy of trust," that means others are depending on you. Can you live your life so as not to let them down?

# Klondike Derby

Ken Loher  
Asst Scoutmaster

**January 15, 2011 – Fred C. Anderson  
Scout Camp – CALLING ALL TROOP 510  
SCOUTS!**

Are you ready for the Scout version of the famous Alaskan Iditarod race?



In the early 1920's, settlers had come to Alaska following a gold strike. They traveled by boat to the coastal towns of Seward and Knik and from there, by land into the gold fields. The trail they used is today known as The Iditarod Trail, one of the National Historic Trails as so designated by the Congress of the United States. In the winter, their only means of travel was by dog team. The Iditarod Trail soon became the major "thoroughfare" through Alaska. Mail was carried across this trail, people used the trail to get from place to place and supplies were transported via the Iditarod Trail.

All too soon the gold mining began to slack off. People began to go back to where they had come from and suddenly there was less travel on the Iditarod Trail. The use of the airplane in the late 1920's signaled the beginning of the end for the dog team as a standard mode of transportation, and of course with the airplane carrying the mail, there was less need for land travel. The final blow to the use of the dog team came with the appearance of snowmobiles in Alaska.

The famous Alaskan Iditarod race is held to raise the awareness of the use of sled dogs as working animals and of the Iditarod Trail and the important part it played in Alaska's colorful history. **Scouting has capitalized on this theme and has developed the Klondike Derby as an activity for Scouts!**

Each dog team (so called because two to five Scouts act as huskies) forms a separate expedition, and follows a course outlined on a map pulling a "dog sled". The map guides the team over the field course to simulate "cities", with authentic Alaskan and fictitious names. A practical problem involving basic Scouting skills will be encountered in each city. Gold nuggets are awarded to the teams in each city with team awards presented at the end of the competition.

On Friday, December 31, several Troop 510 scouts donated their time to build our sled. Participants in the sled building were scouts: Ryan Pinkalla, Alex



Hanson, Josh Bleichner, Mike Loher and Andy Kline.  
Leaders Jeff Hanson, Ken Loher and Jane Tunseth.

Plan to participate in this fun one-day event as our own Troop 510 dog sled team "races for the gold" in our first Klondike Derby event! We need as many strong "dogs" as possible to help with this fun race! All participants will earn a Klondike Derby patch. Hot chocolate will be available along the trail.



## New Eagle Scouts

Davis Arbogast passed his Eagle Board of Review on December 8, 2010.

Mark Suiter passed his Eagle Board of Review on December 16, 2010.

It was a great year for Eagles in Troop 510 in our centennial year---4 new Eagles! Who will be next to join them on the mountaintop?

## Stearns Campout December 10

Mike Loher

As we headed off to Stearns we had a full weekend planned with skiing, snowboarding, and other outdoor games. Unfortunately, when we got to the ski hill it was super cold and there was an intense wind chill so we decided not to go skiing. Instead we went back to camp and tried to go sledding. The sledding hill had too much powdery snow and the wind was, believe it or not, still blowing super hard so we decided not to do that. When we got back to the cabin we had a large flat area nearby so we decided to play some snow football. That was a lot of fun but we worked up an appetite, so we came inside to get some lunch. After a lunch of turkey sandwiches we played the board game Risk for the rest of the afternoon. Then we had a delicious beef stew for dinner. After we finished eating we decided to go play ghosts in the graveyard. The wind had finally died down so it didn't seem as cold. After we did get cold we went inside and played one last game of Risk before bed. Although our plans got changed we still managed to make the best of an arctic weekend!

## Merit Badge

Mark Schaezner  
Asst Scoutmaster

On the first day of winter (Dec 21), three scouts (John Schaezner, David Salter, & Ryan Pikala) completed the skating merit badge at Clear Water Park. If there are any other scouts who are interested in completing the skating merit badge, please contact Mr. Schaezner.

## Yellowstone

It's not too late to sign up for the Troop 510 trip to Yellowstone in 2011. We have selected the 11th through 20th of August 2011 as our outing dates.



Next planning meeting will be after the January 25<sup>th</sup> PLC meeting

## Troop 510 Business

### PLC Notes

Josh Bleichner

**January 4<sup>th</sup> – Buffalos** have opening and closing. Klondike Derby skills.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – Manatees** have opening and closing. Communications merit badge. More Klondike Derby stuff.

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Klondike Derby @ Fred C. Anderson.** Meet at Church at 7:30 AM. Anticipated return of 6:00 PM.

**January 18<sup>th</sup> – Buffalos have opening and closing. Meeting at Shooters.**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Pinewood Derby with Pack 104

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – PLC at 6:15.** Yellowstone meeting at 7:00 PM.

## TROOP AT A GLANCE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January

4	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
11	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
15	Klondike Derby @ FCA	7:30AM
16	Skiing/Snowboarding @ Buck Hill	7:30PM
18	Troop/Parent Meeting @ Shooters	7:00PM
25	PLC	6:15PM

#### February

2	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
9	Troop/Committee Meeting	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
23	PLC	6:15PM

#### March

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

### SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

<b>January 15</b>	Klondike Derby @ FCA
<b>February 19</b>	Biathlon (shooting & snowboarding)
<b>March 5</b>	Base Camp Lock-in or Fort Rice
<b>April 5</b>	Feed My Starving Children
<b>April 16 &amp; 23</b>	Scouting for Food
<b>May</b>	Biking Weekend
<b>June 3-6</b>	Ripley Rendezvous at Camp Ripley
<b>July 9-16</b>	Tomahawk
<b>August 11-20</b>	Yellowstone National Park
<b>Sept, 23-25</b>	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo