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Scoutmaster's Report



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This month's point of the law is **Kind**.
A Scout is Kind. A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He knows there is strength in being gentle. He does not harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

This Norman Rockwell painting shows a Boy Scout helping animals; a stereotypical picture of a Scout. Another classic stereotyped picture of a Boy Scout is a uniformed boy helping a little old lady across the street. From these stereotypes, you can see that there is a big connection between the laws of Helpful and Kind, which are clearly related to the actions of Doing a Good Turn Daily and Following the Golden Rule. And for many people, the motivation for following those rules is "what goes around, comes around."



I think there's more to the idea of Kindness than doing something helpful so that others will help you. This month, I'd like you think about Kindness as a spontaneous and unselfish act.

There is an amazing story told about Mahatma Gandhi, the famous activist for human rights and peace. Gandhi was on a speaking tour across India, as part of his non-violent struggle for independence from the British. At that time, the only affordable mode of travel across the country was by train. When there were no whites waiting for a train, the British rail company, in an effort to save the expense and time of actually stopping at the station, would have the trains slow down long enough for passengers to run along-side and hop on. (This racist policy was part of what Gandhi was struggling against.)

One day, Gandhi was running to get on a train, and as he jumped up, his shoe slipped off his foot. Though he tried to grab it, he ended up watching helplessly as it fell to the tracks. Quickly, he grabbed the other shoe off his foot and threw it back down the tracks towards the first rapidly disappearing shoe. People who saw this thought perhaps Gandhi had taken leave of his senses. His response to their mystified expressions was: "At least now if a poor person finds my shoe he will soon come across its mate and end up with a good pair of shoes. (For most Indians back then a pair of good shoes was equivalent to a month's salary...)

This month, try to be spontaneously and unselfishly kind, like Gandhi.

Practice random acts of kindness!

May Bike Outing

Alex Hanson, Josh Bleichner, Mr. Schwarzbauer, Mr. Loher, and Mr. Lenagh arrived the Church on a cold, wet and rainy Saturday morning. We could have cancelled the bike trip, but we are Scouts. So...we decided not to camp overnight. But we decided to give it our best effort. We drove to the trail head near Cannon Falls and got the bikes out of the trailer. And



we're off. We met up with Mr. Lenagh every five miles just in case anyone couldn't make it or we needed something from the trailer. We did have a few bike troubles along the

way. At one point we were going up a hill when we came to a wooden bridge. Alex, was ahead of the rest of us, which he was most of the ride. The bridge was slippery enough that his bike lost traction causing Alex to fall. No injuries but you know Alex, he hopped back on the bike and continued. We finished our 20 miles and celebrated with Godfather's pizza. i 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 Phillipo Scout Reservation and return to Eagan on Sunday. Sign up at next Tuesday's Scout meeting for this fun weekend.

Scouting for Food

As you may recall, April 16th was Troop 510's annual Scouting for Food drive. Four scouts, Josh Bleichner, Alex Hanson, Eric Smith and Mike Loher braved the elements and successfully collected 373 pounds of food. Way to go guys!



Eagan Fire Department Open House

The Eagan Fire Department is having an Open House at their new Fire Safety Center / Station 2 on June 23 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The location is 1001 Station Trail (corner of Yankee Doodle and Wescott Woodlands).



The Grand Opening Presentation will be at 5:15 pm. There will be a lot of things going on during the event.

Showcase Eagan

A big THANK YOU to Josh Bleichner, Alex Hanson, Wesley Kimball, Andy Kline, and Eric Smith for helping out at the Eagan Showcase

Thursday, June 2! We appreciate the time you gave to represent Troop 510 proudly! Although there were not a ton of age eligible boys



that came through last night, we did get one potential future Scout! If he and his family visit us at a Troop meeting in the near future, we will want to be sure to treat him warmly and make him feel comfortable.

Troop 510 Business

PLC Notes

June 7th – Open: Josh. Plan Whitewater rafting weekend.
New scouts work on rank. Game night.

June 14th – Highway cleanup at 6:00 PM.

June 21st – Open: Alex. PLC and TLT

June 28th – Saints Game

TROOP AT A GLANCE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

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

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	7:00PM
16	Troop/Parent Meeting	7:00PM
23	Troop Meeting	7:00PM
30	PLC	6:15PM

SCHEDULED CAMPOUTS/EVENTS

June 10-12	White Water Rafting, Duluth
July 9-16	Tomahawk, Rice Lake
Sept 23-25	Fall Camporee @ Phillippo