

BOY SCOUT TROOP 510



PARENT/SCOUT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 510 in Eagan, Minnesota. We are excited to have you join this organization. Our goal is to provide an encouraging, positive, safe environment for all scouts, to help each boy learn leadership and teamwork through camping and other activities, and assist as they learn new skills and develop a sense of responsibility, camaraderie and community. Our mission is to help build character, strength in body, mind and spirit, and to develop strong moral, civic and personal standards in each scout. We are proud to have hosted nearly 50 Eagle Scouts in our troop.

Troop 510 was founded in 1962 and is a registered troop in the Chief Blackdog District in Northern Star Council (formerly Indianhead/Viking Councils) of Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Our Chartered Partner organization is the Eagan Lions Club. We are the partner troop for Cub Scout Packs 104 from Thomas Lake Elementary and 517 from Rahn Elementary. This document is meant to give you an overview of our Troop, how we are organized, and pertinent information of how we operate as well as expectations.

ORGANIZATION

Our troop is organized in two basic forms: the Scout Troop, and the Troop Committee. All scouts are members of the Scout Troop. The Troop Committee is comprised of the adult leadership and all registered members. If you choose to become a member of the Troop Committee you must complete an application with B.S.A. to include personal references. All registrations and applications must be signed by the organization head after references have been checked and verified by the Committee Chairperson and are then submitted to Northern Star Council. You will then be entitled to assist with any matters that go before the Troop Committee with regard to the troop. Anyone can bring matters or questions to the Committee at any time.

SCOUT TROOP

Troop 510 supports the patrol method of Scouting. In doing so we emphasize the importance of teamwork, responsibility and leadership. The Troop is organized under the leadership of an adult Scoutmaster (SM) and a Scout Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for running troop meetings under supervision of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. The Scoutmaster is assisted by Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM), and the Senior Patrol Leader.

Scouts organize into Patrols under the leadership of a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). Patrols are made up of four to eight boys. These Patrols work and learn together at meetings and outings. Each patrol elects their own Patrol Leader (PL) and Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). New scouts entering the troop will form patrols and elect a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader from their ranks to represent their patrol at Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meetings. There will be an adult Assistant Scoutmaster and the Scoutmaster to assist an experienced Boy Scout as Troop Guide.

Troop elections are held in March and September to determine new leadership throughout the troop. Scouts vote to fill patrol and troop positions. The rotation of these positions gives all interested scouts the opportunity to serve in a leadership position and learn the many responsibilities within the troop. For rank advancement, it is required that a scout holds one of these positions for a certain time period (typically six months).

TROOP COMMITTEE

The Troop Committee consists of people who wish to make a contribution to the program. It is the function of the committee to support the troop program, not to operate it. These positions are held by parent and non-parent volunteers. Parents are always needed to serve on committee and in various other capacities.

MEETINGS

Troop 510 holds its meetings at Christ Lutheran Church at 1930 Diffley Road. We meet every Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. except the last Tuesday of the month. Scouts must wear their "class A" uniform unless otherwise specified. Class A uniforms consist of their scout dress shirt (tucked in) with troop patches and neckerchief. Scouts need to bring their Scout handbook to all meetings and campouts. Parents are welcome to stay for the meetings but if you drop your son off, please be prompt in picking him up. Two leaders or parents will remain at the church until your child has been picked up. If there is a problem please make arrangements with another parent to bring your son home. Should a pattern develop in the prompt pick up of your son, a monetary penalty will be deducted from his Scout account.

The Troop Committee meets the second and third Tuesdays of each month, at the church, during the regular scout meeting.

All parents are expected to attend the **PARENT MEETING** on the third Tuesday of each month during the regular scout meeting. The last Tuesday of each month is reserved for the troop leadership (PLC). The troop leadership consists of all elected boy leaders such as the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, Quartermaster, Scribe, Chaplain Aide, Librarian and Historian. The troop leadership meets to plan future activities. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster provide guidance at these meetings.

At each meeting there are sign up sheets for upcoming outings and events which include the date, time and place. Scouts are asked to check the table and sign up for these activities. **Scouts that have previously signed up for an outing or events are responsible to let their leaders know several days in advance if they can not make the outing. Failure to do so will result in the deduction of fair share expenses from their individual accounts.**

COMMUNICATION

A monthly newsletter is distributed via email prior to the first meeting of each month. It is important that you read the newsletter as it contains pertinent information regarding the upcoming events. The newsletter also lets you, the parent, know what is happening within the troop. **If a Scout misses a meeting due to a conflict, it is still the scout's responsibility to contact someone in his patrol for pertinent information.**

Parent meetings are an excellent source of information and communication.

Troop 510 has a website which can be found at: www.troop510.home.att.net.

DISCIPLINE

Every boy takes an oath "to live by the Boy Scout Law" and in so doing, is expected to live by these principals and standards while you are a Boy Scout. In the event disciplinary action is required, minor discipline problems will be dealt with through the chain of command in the troop. It will begin with the Patrol Leader, advance to the Senior Patrol Leader, then on to the Scoutmaster. If the Scoutmaster feels the infraction is serious enough, recurring (same or different actions), or that multiple issues are involved it will be brought to the attention of the Committee Chair and the Troop Committee. At that point, or possibly prior to, the parents will be notified. The plan from there will be handled in a case by case manner and could possibly include a probation period, a suspension period or dismissal from the troop.

Each year the Scouts are asked to read and sign a by-laws/code of conduct form. This makes them aware of the standards that are expected of them.

COST OF SCOUTING

Troop 510 functions on the income provided by Scouts through their dues, troop and council fundraising events, and donations.

The year's activities are determined by the Scouts with consideration for distance, equipment needed, and expenses for participation in selected activities.

Each Scout pays his fair share of the troop expenses for the outings he participates in. These expenses include: camp facility fees, food, beverages, and transportation costs, and a share of the leaders' costs. The *average* cost for a weekend is \$25 – \$40 per participant. There are four meals and appropriate beverages provided on these outings. It is the responsibility of the Scout to notify the leader if he is not going to be able to participate in an outing he has previously signed up for. This notification must take place prior to the purchase of supplies for the outing. Failure to do so will mean the scout is assessed for his fair share of expenses.

If an individual patrol decides to go on a camp outing separate from the troop activities, the patrol must pay for the two-deep leadership and the total cost of the campout. Specialty events can cost up to \$60 per Scout.

Quarterly dues of \$20 are automatically withdrawn from the Scout's account. It is recommended that the Scout maintain a balance of \$50. If you are unable to do so, please contact the Committee Chair. Troop 510 is required to carry insurance on each Scout.

If a major troop purchase is significant, a special fundraiser will be set for the troop benefit. These purchases may include, but are not limited to, equipment maintenance or replacement.

SCOUT COST RECAP:

- Registration - \$10 annually
- Quarterly Dues - \$20 quarterly

- Tomahawk Summer Camp (1 week)- approximately \$230 + traveling & spending money
- Weekend Campouts - \$25-\$40 per campout, but could be as much as \$70 depending on distance and cost of the particular outing.

Equipment needed for each Scout to get set up for camping is at their own expense. (See Equipment section of this document). Some camp outings are in locations such as scout reserves that have a trading post on premises. The boys will need their own spending money for purchases made in the trading post. They can purchase snacks, drinks, batteries, pocket knives, rain ponchos, t-shirts and souvenirs.

Each scout is responsible to bring his own money for meals purchased while traveling to and from a destination and for "personal spending" while at the event.

SCOUT ACCOUNT

Each Scout has an account managed by the troop treasurer, from which funds needed for camping, dues and other scouting activities are withdrawn. New Scouts need to deposit \$50 for their account upon joining the troop. All Scouts will have the opportunity to add to their personal Scout account by taking part in any fundraising activities run by the Troop (see Fundraising section of this document). The account is maintained by the Troop Treasurer and reported quarterly. The Scout account is not available for purchases outside of Scouting or for personal expenses while on an outing.

A positive balance is needed for a scout to attend a campout. Parents/ Scouts need to check the account balance at a meeting one to two weeks prior to the outing as this information will not be available at the time of departure for an outing.

Should the Scout leave the troop he must first give a written notice to the Troop Committee. Upon receipt of a written notice, the remaining funds will be sent to the parent or new troop.

EQUIPMENT

GETTING STARTED - Each Scout is provided with a neckerchief and patches for his initial uniform shirt. The patches include the Northern Star Council shoulder patch and Troop 510 numerals.

The Scout is required to provide the following:

- Scout shirt
- Scout neckerchief slide
- Red shoulder tabs
- Scout handbook
- Merit badge sash
- Notebook and pencil
- Scout hat, baseball (optional)
- Scout belt (optional)
- Scout slacks/shorts (optional)
- Handbook cover (optional)

Scout supplies are available at The Scout Shop located in Burnsville or The Scout Office at 393 Marshall Ave. St. Paul.

Troop 510 has troop supplied equipment for the Boy Scouts and the adult leaders with the necessary equipment to conduct safe, effective and healthy troop outings (see list below). Troop expenditures are made on an as needed basis to purchase equipment required or replace worn equipment.

Troop supplied equipment includes but may not be limited to:

- Tents (4-man tents provide room for 2 Scouts + their gear)
- Plastic sheeting for under the tents
- Weather flies (cover for cooking area)
- Cooking gear (cook kits, chef kits, grills, griddles)
- Axes, saws, tools
- Rope
- Patrol Boxes
- First Aid kits
- Cook Stoves
- Food and beverage coolers
- Dutch ovens

Following a campout, each Scout is required to take equipment home for cleaning/airing and return it to the Scout Quartermaster or equipment

leader for check in at a meeting following the campout.

Troop equipment condition is the responsibility of all Scouts. If a piece of equipment is damaged it needs to be reported to a leader. Damaged equipment that is not reported or is found to be deliberately damaged will be billed to the responsible Scout(s).

Each Scout will need to build his camping equipment to include the following:

- Duffel bag
- Sleeping bag in protective bag
- Sleeping mat/pad (Thermorest makes a very nice mat)
- Camping pillow
- Mess kit
- Fork, knife and spoon kit
- Sierra cup or other hot cup (chained to belt, always available)
- Water bottle or nalgene
- Flashlight
- Rain gear (rain suit is recommended)
- Personal toiletry kit
- Small First Aid kit
- Sun screen and insect repellent

The items can be purchased as required from the Scout Store or outdoor recreational stores.

See the **CAMP PACKING** pages in the **CAMP** section of this document for a list of suggested items needed for seasonal campouts.

HEALTH FORMS

All campers must have a completed health form on record with the troop and updated annually. Adults attending campouts need to submit a health form prior to attending their first troop outing. Each Scout is required to have a physical every three years before attending any of the council activities (such as Tomahawk summer camp). The official Scout health form must be signed by a physician. It is recommended that you keep a copy. There may be two separate health forms requested throughout the year.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year our troop holds fundraising opportunities for the Scouts and their parents. These events provide the funding needed to operate the troop on a day to day basis and allow the boys a means to earn income for their personal Scout accounts. In addition the Troop Committee may add new fundraising events to fulfill specific needs.

All Scouts and one parent/guardian are expected to participate as needed. Since the funds earned benefit all the Scouts and the troop in general, all must share some of the responsibility of earning the money. In the event a Scout is on suspension, no monies will be placed in the Scout's account from any fundraiser while in effect.

There are two basic types of fundraising Troop 510 takes part in.

- Council fundraising events – fall popcorn sales where a percentage of the profits goes to the Scout's account based on the total amount sold.
- Troop fundraising events – Christmas wreath sales in September where all profits from total sales goes into the Scout's account, 4th of July food/beverage booth sales, clean-up of parade route and grounds following the 4th of July parade celebration

The profits from troop fundraising events are divided by an hourly rate according to the number of Scouts and parents that worked and placed in the individual Scout's account.

The Scouts and Troop Committee may decide to initiate fundraising events to parallel special troop events such as significant troop equipment needs. When special events are planned for Troop benefit all Scouts are expected to work the fundraisers but all proceeds will go into the Troop general account for equipment or specific needs. Fundraising done for special camps such as National Jamboree are worked by the Scouts attending the camp and profits will be placed in their individual accounts.

SERVICE HOURS

All scouts are required to perform community service and log in service hours. There are several troop led opportunities such as Scouting for Food which is a nationally scheduled food drive to stock local food shelves. Highway or Roadside and park cleanup are some other opportunities for scouts to earn service hours. These event dates will be published in the newsletter and announced at meetings.

Service hours worked for rank achievement DO NOT transfer forward into the next rank. Each rank has separate requirements for service hours worked and must be completed during the time the scout is securing that rank.

ADVANCEMENT

The advancement program for Boy Scouts of America is designed to present a series of increasingly difficult challenges for the Scout to master. Advancement rewards individual effort and accomplishment at the same time that the patrol method is teaching group skills and rewarding successful group effort. The first rank earned is Scout. This is usually achieved soon after attending a couple of meetings. Advancement in Boy Scouting is determined by set requirements listed in the Scout Handbook and are accomplished by participation in meetings and campouts, completion of scouting skills and time in rank. Scouts can advance in rank and earn Merit Badges as well as earn special awards. These awards range from religious to event oriented awards. Each rank has different requirements that include skills, leadership, and community service hours that must be met in order to earn the award. The more involved a scout is, the faster he will progress through rank.

Boy Scouting advancement skills can not be done at home. They require a good deal of time and effort be spent on learning and then putting into practice the skills of scouting. These skills are learned by participating in weekly meetings

and monthly camping and other events. Unless a Scout demonstrates his skill it is quite possible that he may not advance in rank or be elected to leadership positions. The Scout outing is designed to give the Scout opportunities to learn and then demonstrate his skills and continue acquiring new skills.

Each Scout must demonstrate his newly acquired skills to his Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or the adult leaders. Designated leaders sign off on the skill/requirement in the Scout's Handbook. The Scout is responsible to get the leader's signature on completed requirements. Rank advancement is finalized by a Scoutmaster conference and Board of Review. The individual Merit Badge Counselor reviews the Scout's progress to determine the receipt of merit badges.

A Scoutmaster Conference is an interview between the Scoutmaster, another adult leader and the advancing Scout. The Scoutmaster confirms the Scout's readiness to advance through questions and discussion. The Scout needs to make the appointment with the Scoutmaster to complete this step. The Scout will then meet with three board members who will ask him questions pertaining to the requirements he has just completed and other appropriate questions to complete rank advancement.

The Boy Scout ranks are: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. Eagle must be achieved by the Scout's 18th birthday or he is ineligible.

Once a boy achieves his First Class rank he is required to earn Merit Badges to achieve Star rank. A Merit Badge is an award that is presented to a Scout when he completes the requirements for that subject or skill level. There are over 130 merit badges in 14 groups to choose from. A total of 21 merit badges are required for advancement to Eagle (required list is in the Boy Scout Handbook). Troop 510 has several Merit Badge Counselors to assist scouts in choosing and completing Merit Badges. For more

information see the website at www.meritbadge.com

COURT OF HONOR

The awards ceremony held to recognize advancements and distribute awards is called the Court of Honor (COH). Troop 510 holds three troop Courts of Honor each year in March, July (at Tomahawk) and October. The Court of Honor is a time for your son's public recognition to both parents and peers of his accomplishments in scouting. In March we host the COH at Christ Lutheran Church with a dinner for all troop families followed by the awards program.

The July COH is held at Camp Tomahawk on the last night of their summer camp. Families are invited to join the troop for the Court of Honor, a campfire (when buring conditions allow it) and dessert following the COH ceremony. This event usually starts about 7:00 and ends about 9:00 when we serve the dessert. The drive back to the Twin Cities will take approximately three and half hours. Some families reserve a room in an area hotel.

The October COH is held at Fred C. Anderson Scout Reserve in Houlton, Wisconsin. This is on the last night, held in conjunction with the October troop campout. We historically have had the Good Medicine lodge to host this "turkey and all the trimmings feast".

These special ceremonies of recognition are an important part of the scouting journey, and we strongly encourage families to have a presence at each of these events. The cost of the meal is nominal and is deducted from the Scout's account for each family member in attendance.

Any Scout achieving the rank of Eagle has the option of receiving his award at a troop COH or at a special ceremony. If a special ceremony is chosen, it is up to the Scout and his family to make the necessary arrangements including date, location, and food. The Troop leadership and Scouts attend these individual Courts of Honor.

EVENTS PARTICIPATION

Troop 510 recognizes that the better part of Scouting is the “outing”. In an effort to encourage participation by all Scouts, a variety of outings and camping trips are provided each year. By providing diversity in outings we feel both the Scout and parents can participate. **With parent involvement** Scouts are more likely to stay in Scouting. The goal for all scouts, whether they become Eagle scout or not, is to give them life long skills and knowledge in leadership, wellness, survival, community, financial and moral decision making. These are all part of the scouting adventure and just some of the many things they will learn as involved scouts.

RULES FOR OUTINGS

Troop 510 follows the guidelines and rules established by the national office of the Boy Scouts of America for all Scout outings. In addition Troop 510 has established certain rules that will serve to benefit and protect the Boy Scout, adult leaders, Troop and our Chartered Partner from harm.

National Office has established the following rules:

1. A minimum of two adult leaders (one trained, registered) will be present and in charge at all times.
2. Transportation will be in vehicles equipped with seat belts for the driver and all passengers, driven by a properly insured driver and over the age of eighteen. **Troop 510 requires drivers to be twenty-one.**
3. A tour permit must be on file in the local Council Offices prior to every outing.

In addition, Troop 510 has established the following rules:

1. Each Scout or parent is to be in attendance at the two troop meetings prior to the outing unless expressly excused by the Scoutmaster.
2. Each Scout will ride to and from the outing in the vehicle assigned to him.

Special requests for riding partners will not be taken. Seat belts must be worn by all passengers and drivers.

3. Smoking is not allowed in the vehicle while Scouts are present.
4. Behavior unbecoming a Scout is grounds for dismissal from the outing. His parents will be notified and required to come and get the Scout.
5. Radios with speakers (boom boxes) are not allowed at any Scouting activity.
6. The Troop will travel as a caravan (all vehicles following one another with headlights on).
7. Scouts must travel to and from scout events in Class A uniforms (tan shirt and neckerchief with shirts tucked into pants or shorts)
8. Health forms for all scouts and adults must be filled out with proper signatures before a campout.
9. Laser pointers, electronics games, headsets, DVD players, fire making devices, straight blade knives and aerosols **are not allowed** at any scouting event. (Electronic games, CD headsets and VHS/DVD movies are allowed in cars while traveling to a long destination.)
10. Upon returning from an outing each Scout will take a piece of troop equipment home for cleaning and return it by the next meeting in good condition. The scout must present his cleaned equipment to the Scout Quartermaster for check in. If the equipment returned is not satisfactory the scout will have to redo it.

Health forms need to be updated every spring. A doctor signed health form must be completed every three years. Troop 510 will maintain a copy of all current health forms. There is also the possibility that more than one type of health form need be filled out.

Transportation is provided by parent volunteers and arranged by the Transportation Committee of Troop 510. They will contact adults in the Troop to serve as drivers when needed. Signup

for driving to/from an outing can be done two weeks in advance at the Troop meeting. Drivers will be reimbursed through payment into their son's Troop account. Departure/return information will be announced at the meeting prior to the outing. For most campouts the return time is pre-set before the group leaves. It is important to check with one of the leaders if you are in doubt about the return time. If the time cannot be pre-set a calling tree will be put in place to inform you of the return time.

MISSED RIDES

When the troop travels together to an activity, we normally leave from the parking lot of Christ Lutheran Church. A meeting time is always set and announced at the meeting prior to the outing. If your son misses the convoy you will be responsible for transportation to and from the activity unless special arrangements have been discussed and approved by the Scoutmaster prior to the outing. Please do NOT drop your child off at an activity and expect that we will have space available for him to return home.

Parents have the responsibility to drop off and pick up Scouts in a timely manner. Scoutmasters are volunteers and their time is valuable to their families. Scouting requires that two adults be present at all times at scouting activities. This also means they may not leave until all Scouts are picked up. It is important to pick your Scout up on time.

A late fee will be assessed when a Scout is not picked up within 15 minutes of the end of an activity. For the weekly meetings end time is 8:15 p.m. A late fee of \$10.00 will be given to the Scoutmaster to reimburse them for their time. If the fee is not paid within 30 days, the fee will be taken from their Scout's account. If an emergency occurs prior to pick up, or if a parent is unable to pick up a Scout on time, please make arrangements with another parent. Your cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

TROOP SHOPPING

The night before a campout Leaders and Scouts shop for the food and cooking necessities for the

weekend. A time and place will be discussed at the meeting prior to the campout. Scouts are encouraged to take part in these outings. Following the shopping several Scouts are needed to help pack the coolers and totes. This is done at the garage behind Christ Lutheran Church in which Troop 510 stores our camping equipment and trailer.

CAMPING/PACKING TIPS

Use a duffel bag for sleeping bags or personal gear instead of garbage bags. Garbage bags tend to fall apart and don't pack in the trailer well. Backpacks are good for travel gear the Scouts take in the cars with them. Please have names on all duffels, sleeping bags and mats for ease of finding each person's gear. Rather than packing the clothing duffel with all the clothes in nice, neat piles, it is suggested to place a day's change of clothing in a two gallon zip lock bag. By placing socks, underwear, shirt and pants in a bag, the scout can grab one each morning and dress without having to dig through their duffel bag for each item. This also insures a dry change of clothes in case of rain or a leak in the tent. The boy may then toss his soiled clothing from the previous day into the zip lock bag. Having a sweatshirt in at least one bag is also useful. Scouts should have a clean pair of pants/shorts for every other day. Make sure each bag has the scout's name on it as many articles of clothing look alike. Raingear and two pair of shoes are essential. Although rain isn't always a factor, hikes in wet areas are highly likely.

"SMELLABLES"

If the campout is in an area indigenous to bear, smellables is a term the boys will get to know. Smellables are anything a bear may find desirable because of the smell such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, sunscreen, snacks, gum etc. These items MUST be placed in a plastic zip lock bag and put into a locked camp box whenever the articles are not in use. Bear, raccoons and squirrels can and will wander into camp anytime day or night. They have very keen noses and will find any item that has a

desirable scent including clothing with last night's dinner on it. Because toothpaste, shampoo and such items look very similar, it is essential the scout's name is on the outside of this bag. A two or two and half gallon zip lock bag is recommended.

PROTECTION

Sunscreen is strongly advised to be packed and USED. A story or two has been told of the boys that thought they didn't need it and spent the first day in the sun without protection. The result was very painful blisters from sun burn. Hats are essential for sun protection on summer outings and warmth in cold weather outings. Insect repellent is a wise item but you can not bring aerosols. Containers of lotion or a pump spray are allowed. Repellent with a 30% deet content should be sufficient for the mosquitoes and ticks. Raingear is necessary and a rain suit is preferred. Always pack an extra pair of shoes. Wet shoes are very common because of the terrain most campouts are located in. There may not be rain but very often there is water.

SPENDING MONEY

On outings that are more than a three hour drive there is often a food stop to and from the destination. It is the Scout's responsibility to have money for the meals eaten on the road. Many outings are held in locations with a trading post. Each Scout needs to discuss personal spending money with his parents prior to departure and maintain control of those funds. It is not up to the scout leaders, parents or other scouts to fund requests from boys without personal spending money.

TOMAHAWK TIPS

Tomahawk is probably the biggest campout your son will attend all year in terms of time, cost and adventure. This is a terrific event for all the scouts as it gives them many fun activities such as skills, crafts, and recreational sports and a daily opportunity to earn rank advancement awards. The boys really get to know each other and have a great time sharing their days. They will learn leadership, teamwork and character

development. It is best for the scout to attend the full week of camp. If the scout has other obligations let the Scoutmaster know. Any activities an absent scout misses could be difficult to make up. He may have to do those activities in another camp or wait until the next year at Tomahawk.

PACKING

In addition to the usual packing tips for any campout there are a couple of tips we can offer for Tomahawk campers. First of all, this is a week long campout. Be sure to pack plenty of socks to maintain dry, comfortable feet. It is helpful for each boy to have a day pack or small back pack as they may go directly from one activity to another. It is helpful to have a pack in which to carry things such as their water bottle, towel and swimsuit, bug spray, sunscreen and a flashlight to name a few. The planned activities and weather for the day will determine what they need to carry. Another helpful item to pack is a piece of rope or clothes line with some clothes pins or clips. They will be in and out of the water and depending on the weather could have more than wet towels and swimsuits to dry. There are plenty of trees on which to tie rope for a clothes line.

TENTS

Tomahawk is the only camp that Scouts are allowed to bring their own tent as Tomahawk tents are not the most comfortable tents. They are canvas with front and back door flaps, no floor and have no mosquito netting. The tents are not on platforms but on the ground. We suggest that your son pair up with a friend and one of them brings a tent from home. Tomahawk has a required area per boy for each tent. That measurement is 30 sq. ft. /scout. Although the size requirement is 30 sq. ft /scout, 50 sq. ft/scout is recommended. They will be sleeping on camp cots provided for our troop. If you use a Tomahawk tent, buy or borrow a mosquito netting and pole for inside the tent. If you are using your own tent try to get some small carpet squares about 4 to 6" square to put under the six legs of each cot to avoid the cot legs poking holes into tent floor.

MAIL

Prior to leaving for Tomahawk you will receive a sheet with the information and mailing address. We strongly suggest that parents write letters to the boys and mail them starting the Wednesday before they leave for camp because of the 4 day delay in receiving mail. Be sure to keep the letters positive and supportive. Wish them fun and let them know you are anxious to hear about the week when you see them. Conversely, don't mail anything after Tuesday because your son will not get the mail as they leave Saturday morning. The days are filled with activities, but at night when the boys crawl into their cots is often a time they get homesick. The staff does everything they can to encourage the boys to get through their feelings without calling home. Letters from home are helpful to minimize homesickness.

MEALS

Scouts will get three meals each day cooked and served in the mess hall. There is one morning and one evening however that they will be cooking meals in their campsites. They have to pack their mess kits and please have their names on them as they all look alike. The meals provided in the mess hall are set meals. If your son has any food allergies please let the troop know in advance so the camp is prepared. There is peanut butter and jelly available for scouts that can't or prefer not to eat the prepared meal. **If you choose to come up to camp during the week and will be eating in the mess hall, please let the troop know so they can make sure there is enough food for you.** The scout shop has snacks, ice cream, candy, soft drinks etc. for sale each day.

On the drive up to Tomahawk the troop will stop for "brunch" and on the way back there is a lunch stop at the Dairy Queen in Barron. Each scout is responsible for money he needs for these two meals.

FUNDS AND CASH

The cost for Tomahawk is approximately \$230 plus money for breakfast on the way up and lunch on the way home and their personal spending money. Each scout will be given a 6 x

9" envelope with his name on it when they are leaving for camp. Parents are asked to place breakfast, lunch and spending money in this envelope which will then be held by an adult leader. This eliminates money being stolen from tents, and it also helps the scout be more accountable with their money as they don't have it available at all times. There are times during each day they will be able to go to the scout shop and buy snacks, souvenirs or necessities and will be allowed to have their money during this time. It is strongly suggested that the money for lunch on the way home be placed in a separate envelope within the larger envelope. This will ensure the ability to eat at that time. The adult leaders will not be monitoring the scout's money. If he chooses to spend his lunch money meant for the trip home at the Trading post, he will be a very hungry boy when he gets back home. He needs to make good choices regarding his money.

Spending money for the week seems to average \$20 to 30 for the week but this is totally up to the parent and scout to determine. As a side note, the boys will be expected to tip the wait staff for their breakfast meal on the way up to camp. If your son is not familiar with tipping protocol, please go over it with him.

HEALTH FORMS

All scouts must have a health form. This form is more detailed than the form used for weekend campouts. New scouts must have their doctor's signature on the form and older scouts need to have a parent signature to confirm there is no change in health.

ACTIVITIES

The week will be filled with more to do than time to do it. First year scouts should all sign up for BrownSea and one other badge. The badges that are the easiest to attain are mammals, basketry, wood craving and leather craft. Nearly all scouts advance one rank due to their achievements during this week. Most new scouts will earn Tenderfoot by the end of the week and a couple will have enough to earn Second Class. All scouts must follow the rules of the buddy system whenever they are not with a

group while in camp. This applies to any free time activity they wish to take part in as well as going to the latrine, showers or a meal. **NEVER TRAVEL ALONE.**

Some of the programs offered at Tomahawk include horse back riding, a bison ranch, climbing tower, high and low ropes courses, a 100' fire tower, war canoes, big and small boat sailing, extensive trail systems, a pioneer village, swimming, fishing, 30+ merit badge offerings, archery ranges, shotgun and 22 caliber rifle ranges, ecology areas, trading posts, tomahawk throwing, blacksmithing, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, white water rafting, mountain biking and more. A well trained staff of over 160 will provide a safe, fun learning environment.

TOMAHAWK COURT OF HONOR

All troops attending Tomahawk hold their own Court of Honor on the last evening they are at camp. This is a very special time for the scouts as many will achieve new ranks and all will come away with badges of accomplishments. They work very hard all week and this is their moment to shine. Parents are strongly encouraged to drive up for this event. Some parents bring a tent and camp, some stay at a hotel in a neighboring town, and some drive the two and half hours back home following the ceremony. If you choose to stay please let the troop know if you will be camping as they will secure a campsite for you. If you plan to stay in a hotel, make sure you make reservations early as there are many parents that do that exact thing and hotels tend to fill up quickly. The Court of Honor usually starts at 7:00 and by the time they are through with awards and the boys share their week with you it will be about 9:30. Most parents do attend this event, and it means a lot to the boys if you do.

SCOUT DEPARTURE

Unless there is a definite reason your son can not stay into Saturday and drive home with the troop,

we strongly discourage you taking him home on Friday night. This is a troop activity in which every boy is expected to assist in the setting up and taking down of the campsite. Leaving early affects the entire troop. If your son has another obligation and needs to leave early, please let the leaders know ahead of time and when he will be leaving. All the boys have been through a week at camp and away from the comforts of their home. Especially for new scouts, the emotion of seeing family members is very strong and brings on the urge to leave without seeing their job through to the end. Scouts are paired up in tents throughout their stay and disrupting this balance is unsettling to everyone in the troop. Traveling back home gives the boys a chance to relive their memories, share additional laughs and helps build confidence that they just completed a full week on their own.

PARENT INVOLVMENT

There will be opportunities for parent volunteers to assist the boys while at Tomahawk. Because nearly every Scout attends Tomahawk there is need for drivers both going to and coming back from camp. The first couple of days the newer scouts could use help understanding the schedule and where and when to be for their next activity. Some parents have stayed the entire week to help them answer questions and be at the right place at the right time. Several parents will drive up for a day to work with the boys. If you are able to assist, please let the Scoutmaster know. Camp staff will be notified that extra meals will need to be prepared. You will need to provide your own tent if you stay and transportation if you drive up for the day. Frequently parents will car pool and just drive up for a day. You will also need to check in at the Visitor's Center so camp staff knows you are there. This is to maintain security while the boys are at camp. The first three days at camp are when the boys need the most assistance getting around and learning the schedule. By day three they have it fairly well under control.

SCOUTING TERMS AND NAMES

As with any organization there is a language unique to that group and often isn't as recognized by new Scouts and parents to the troop. We hope this list of terms and names with a brief definition will help you understand their meaning and aid your acclimation to the troop.

APL – Assistant Patrol Leader, a Scout that assists the Patrol Leader or acts as Patrol Leader when needed within their patrol or at Patrol Leader Committee meetings.

ASPL – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, a Scout that assists the Senior Patrol Leader or acts as Senior Patrol Leader when needed on a Troop level.

ASM – Assistant Scout Master, a trained adult that assists the Scout Master with many duties both at meetings and on campouts. There are many ASMs within a Troop.

BrownSea – Skill badge to aid in the achievement of Tenderfoot often completed by Scouts attending Camp Tomahawk for the first time.

Camporee – The fall campout of many area troops held at Phillip Scout Reserve each September. Second year Webelos from partner Packs are invited to join the Troop for a weekend of skill and fun.

Chaplain Aide – Works with the Troop Chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He promotes the religious emblem program.

Committee Chair – An adult that leads the Troop Committee meetings and is the liaison with the council and the Troop's charter partner.

Court of Honor – A meeting held to honor Scouts that have earned awards such as rank advancement and merit badges. A Court of Honor may also be held by an individual Scout to recognize his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Historian – Scout that takes photos and writes articles following campouts and keeps a scrapbook of outings and activities for the Troop. A patrol Historian will do the same for his patrol.

Jamboree – A special nationwide camp held every four years in Virginia. This is a wonderful opportunity for scouts that are eligible to join Scouts from all over the United States and many countries of the world for a week long campout. Troop 510 spends an additional week driving and sightseeing along the way.

JLTC – Junior Leadership Training Course, a program designed to give scouts additional leadership training.

Leadership Corp – Elected positions of leadership within the Troop and patrols and the adult leaders such as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.

Librarian – The Librarian takes care of Troop literature and forms.

Order of the Arrow (OA) – A distinguished group of scouts and adults. A scout must meet certain requirements to be a candidate. He is then elected by his peers as the candidate that best exemplifies the ideals of camping and other scouting criteria.

Patrol – A small group of scouts formed initially by age, to act as a team at meetings and on campouts.

PL – Patrol Leader, a scout that is elected by his fellow patrol members and represents his patrol on the Patrol Leader’s Council.

PLC – Patrol Leader Council, a committee of all patrol leaders in the Troop.

Quartermaster – Keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good condition and altogether. He is responsible to assist the Adult Leader Quartermaster to pack and unpack the trailer during campouts and assign Scouts troop equipment to clean following a campout.

Service Hours – Hours of service in the community working on a food drive, clean up or repair project. These are mandatory commitments determined by rank.

Scribe – Troop Scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities of the Patrol Leaders’ Council and keeps a record of Scout attendance at troop meetings and PLCs.

Scoutmaster – (SM) An adult leader that acts as the leader of the Troop. Under his guidance the Scouts and patrols go through their ranks and achievements.

SPL –Senior Patrol Leader, a Scout elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the Troop.

Troop Guide – Troop Guides work with new Scouts to feel comfortable in the Troop. They help new Scouts earn their ranks in their first year.

Leadership Positions and Duties

Senior Patrol Leader

JOB DESCRIPTION: Senior Patrol Leader is promoted to this position after training for a six month term as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He is the top junior leader in the Troop.

Reports to: Scoutmaster

Duties:

- Attend and run all troop meetings, events and activities
- Attend and run all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Attend all Courts of Honor
- Appoint other junior leaders to fill troop ranks and positions
- Assign duties and responsibilities to junior leaders
- Assist the Scoutmaster with Junior Leader Training
- Delegate tasks to the ASPL. Makes sure that ASPL attends any meeting/function he will not be able to attend (Troop, PLC, Committee Meeting, etc.)
- Oversee the planning efforts of Scouts for Troop outings (whether he attends these outings or not)
- Create a duty roster before all campouts
- Utilize PLC and Adult Leaders
- Serve as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is the second-highest junior leader in the Troop. He is elected by the Scouts for a six month term, then assumes the role of Senior Patrol Leader for the following six month term. The ASPL acts as the Senior Patrol Leader in the absence of the SPL or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other junior leaders in the Troop.

Reports to: Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Aid the Senior Patrol Leader in preparation of Troop meetings and activities
- Help the SPL run Troop meetings and activities
- Take over Troop leadership in the absence of the SPL
- Be responsible for giving leadership to the following appointed junior leaders: Scribe, Librarian, Troop Historian, Instructor, Quartermaster and Chaplain Aide.
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Trainings
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly
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- Show Scout spirit

Troop Guide

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Troop Guides work actively with new Scouts. They introduce new Scouts to Troop operations and help them feel comfortable in the Troop. The Troop Guides help new Scouts earn their First Class rank in their first year.

Reports to: Assistant Scoutmaster for the New Scout Patrols in the Troop

Duties:

- Introduce new Scouts to Troop operations
- Guide new Scouts through early Scouting activities
- Prepare and teach Scout through First Class skills to incoming Scouts at each meeting
- Teach basic Scout skills
- Coach the Patrol Leader of the new Scout patrol on his duties
- Work with the Patrol Leader at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Troop Scribe

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Scribe keeps the Troop records. He records the activities of the Patrol Leaders' Council and keeps a record of attendance at Troop meetings, outings, and Patrol Leaders' Conference meetings.

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Attend and keep a log of Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Keep a running attendance chart for all Troop functions
- Write a monthly report for the newsletter summing up the events coming in following months
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Troop Quartermaster

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Quartermaster keeps track of Troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Keep records of patrol and Troop equipment
- Arrange the trailer with assistance from Adult Leader Quartermaster (ALQ) before each campout
- Keep track of and organize patrol boxes
- Make sure equipment is in good working condition
- Makes suggestions for new or replacement items
- Attend an information meeting hosted by the ALQ
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop outings and meetings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Librarian

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Librarian takes care of Troop literature.

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Keep track of the Troop library
- Keep records of books and literature in the library
- Keep a record of books that are checked out and in to the library
- Maintain the alphabetical order of the library
- Make sure the Troop owns enough merit badge books to effectively teach that month's merit badge
- Bring the library to every campout and meeting
- Follow up on the late returns
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
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Historian

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Historian keeps a historical record or scrapbook of Troop activities.
Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Take pictures of all events and campouts
- Write a descriptive article of all campouts to be published in the Troop newsletter
- Create a scrapbook/photo album or display of the events that took place during your six month term
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Bugler

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Bugler plays the bugle at troop ceremonies.
Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Play bugle as requested by Troop leadership
- Play reveille or taps at all campouts
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Chaplain Aide

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Chaplain Aide works to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the Troop. He also works to promote the religious emblem program.

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Tell Scouts about the religious emblem program for their faith
- Encourage saying grace at meals while camping or on activities
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Patrol Leader

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Patrol Leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the Patrol Leaders' Council.

Reports to: Senior Patrol Leader. If you are the patrol leader for a New Scout patrol, you will also work with the Troop Guide who is assigned to your patrol.

Duties:

- Plan for and direct patrol meetings as necessary
- Represent the patrol on the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Develop patrol spirit
- Help members in your patrol advance in rank
- Prepare the patrol to take part in all Troop activities
- Keep patrol members informed of patrol and Troop events
- Know what his patrol members and other leaders can do
- Assign patrol duties to patrol members before all campouts and help them succeed
- Attend all Courts of Honor
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Assistant Patrol Leader

JOB DESCRIPTION: The assistant patrol leader is appointed by the patrol leader and leads the patrol in his absence.

Reports to: The Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Help the Patrol Leader plan and steer patrol meetings and activities
- Help his keep patrol members informed
- Help the patrol get ready for all Troop activities
- Lend a hand controlling the patrol and building patrol spirit
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Patrol Quartermaster

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Patrol Quartermaster is appointed by the Patrol Leader. He keeps patrol gear organized and knows who has it.

Reports to: Both the Patrol Leader and the Troop Quartermaster

Duties:

- Keep all the patrol gear in order and know who has it
- Check-out and check-in required equipment from the Troop Quartermaster
- Tell Troop Quartermaster or adult Equipment Coordinator if something is broken
- Set a good example
- Wear the uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Patrol Scribe

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Patrol Scribe is appointed by the Patrol Leader and keeps patrol records.

Reports to: The Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Read the log of the last patrol meeting
- Set a good example
- Wear the uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

JOB DESCRIPTION: Serves as the youth liaison between the local OA lodge or chapter and his Troop. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his Troop. **Qualifications:** Under 18 years old, appointed by SPL with SM approval and an OA Member in good standing.

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- Serve as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the Troop
- Prepare all Order of the Arrow announcements for all meetings
- Be knowledgeable of all future OA events
- Encourage Arrow men in the Troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members
- Encourage older Scout participation in high adventure programs
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Den Chief

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Den Chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and Den Leaders in the Cub Scout Pack.

Reports to: Den Leader in the Pack and the Assistant Scoutmaster for the New Scout patrol in the Troop.

Duties:

- Know the purpose of Cub Scouting
- Help Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks
- Encourage Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout Troop upon graduation
- Assist with activities in the Den meeting
- Is a friend to the boys in the Den
- Help out at weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings
- Meet with adult members of the Den, Pack, and Troop as necessary
- Attend or be represented at all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Participate in Junior Leader Training
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings and outings
- Set a good example
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TROOP BIOS

There are many parents and adults that hold leadership positions in the troop. The following is a listing of our leadership:

Tom Lenagh– Scoutmaster

Mr. Lenagh has been involved with Troop 510 for over 10 years; he attends almost all of the campouts and especially works hard with the boys in training them for the more rigorous adventures they might be interested in. His wife, Phyllis, is also very involved and is famous for her Dutch-oven cobbler recipe, which Troop 510's scouts used to win the Cook-Off Award at last year's Fall Camporee! Tom & Phyllis are also on the Central Region Staff for the 2005 National Jamboree.

TROOP ADULT LEADERS

Michael Amundson– Asst. Scoutmaster

Cynthia Amundson – Asst. Scoutmaster

Dennis Callinan – Asst. Scoutmaster

Craig Cherland – Asst. Scoutmaster

John Deters – Asst. Scoutmaster

Brice Erickson – Asst. Scoutmaster

Dave Hammer – Asst. Scoutmaster

Arlene Larson – Asst. Scoutmaster

Shawn Lenagh – Asst. Scoutmaster

Ken Loher – Asst. Scoutmaster

Paul Mensink – Asst. Scoutmaster

Joe Moschera – Asst. Scoutmaster

Mark Schaenzer – Asst. Scoutmaster

Kevin Schwarzbauer – Asst. Scoutmaster

Kurt Schwarzbauer – Asst. Scoutmaster

Dan Suiter – Asst. Scoutmaster

Dan Vieths – Asst. Scoutmaster

Scott White – Asst. Scoutmaster

Nancy Arbogast – Committee Chair

Cindy Deters – Committee Member

Phyllis Lenagh – Committee Member

Matt & Sona Mehring – Committee Treasures

Linda Offerdahl – Committee Member

Liz Schwarzbauer – Committee Member

Bonnie Suiter – Committee Member

Laurie Vieths – Committee Member

ADULT LEADERSHIP AND THE PARENT'S ROLE

Troop 510 has found Scouts are much more successful in their scouting journey if parents are involved. Our troop is run totally on volunteers most of which are parents of present or past scouts. We ask that parents get involved and plan to do their part to help the troop function and grow. As with any organization there is an attrition where by some parents leave when their son has completed his time in the troop so we are always in need of volunteers. We welcome new Scouts and parents each year and invite any one interested to talk to Leaders and Committee members about how your talents can be used.

All parents are encouraged to attend troop meetings and expected to attend parent meetings. Parent meetings are your forum to learn the troop, its members and to voice your opinion as well as get important information regarding your son's activities. To better understand the program, parents are also asked to read the *Boy Scout Handbook* along with the other Scouting resources and to encourage their son to do the same. We are always in need of trained leaders to attend outings and events with the troop. Parents are needed for one time and on-going events that may include planning and execution of fundraisers, assistance with service projects, weekly troop meeting activities, seasonal parties, and Merit Badge completion.

If you have an expertise or interest in one or more of the 130 Merit Badge options you may consider coaching Scouts through the requirements. If you would like to teach a Merit Badge(s) you must register with the BSA by completing an Adult Application form, which can be obtained from the Troop Committee and be approved by the Council.

It takes numerous adult drivers, hikers, and campers to transport and supervise our

Scouts on their various outings. Whether you would like to join the troop on a hike or campout, or just want to drive to/from an activity, adults should volunteer for activities as soon as possible to help the leaders know what is needed for an outing. You don't need to be a trained Leader to attend campouts. Participation in these outings provides parents the opportunity to observe and/or share their son's Scouting experiences first hand as well as the chance to get to know other parents and leaders in the troop. This is quality time at its best!

Parents are asked to participate in troop activities, get their boys to meetings and activities on time, and encourage their son's progress on rank advancement and Merit Badges. Parents are also asked to help their boy maintain a neat and clean uniform and overall appearance. This includes the proper placement of badges and patches on the uniform according to the insignia guide in the *Boy Scout Handbook*. Scouts' uniforms are a representation of the organization and themselves.

If you are interested in becoming an Adult Leader and helping the Scouts meet requirement on outings you will need to go through BSA training sessions. These sessions are held at various locations and times around the Twin Cities. Troop Leaders can assist you with this information or you can go online to the Northern Star/Chief Blackdog District website. Our troop follows the BSA requirement of two-deep leadership meaning that for any troop activity, there will be at least one trained leader and one other adult present. Outings have had to be cancelled due to lack of trained leaders in attendance. Adult Leaders can be either male or female.

Please see the list of volunteer positions in the following pages. Your help is needed to keep the troop strong and assist the boys on the scouting journey.

PARENT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Troop Committee Positions:

Committee Chair – Organizes the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed. Prepares troop committee meeting agendas. Calls, presides over, and promotes attendance at monthly troop committee meetings. Training required.

Weekly position, 3 hrs/week.

Recording Secretary – Keeps minutes of meetings and sends out committee meeting notices. Keeps track of scout attendance at meetings. Training required. Weekly position, 1 hr/week.

Treasurer – Handles all troop funds. Pays bills on recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee. Maintains separate accounts for each boy via spreadsheets. Training required. Weekly position, 2 hrs/week.

Year Round Positions:

Camping Coordinator – Calls campgrounds and sets up dates for monthly campouts. Keeps track of number of nights each boy has camped outside. Year round position, two hrs/month.

Health Forms – Makes sure all boys and adults have current health forms on file and have them available for each campout. Year round position. Time varies.

Pack 104 Liaison & Pack 517 Liaison (2 separate positions) – Keeps our partner packs informed of what our troop activities are and invites them to the Webelos visit nights and campouts. Attends monthly pack committee meetings. Coordinates scout volunteers to assist at monthly pack meetings. Year round position, 6 hrs/month.

Troop Newsletter Editor – Puts together the monthly troop newsletter and makes sure that all scouts receive it at the first meeting of the month. You need to have a computer to do this. Year round position, 10 hrs/month.

Once or Twice a Year Activities:

Adopt-A-Highway – Coordinates with Department of Transportation twice/year. Gets trash bags and vests, and helps during cleanup. 6 hrs, twice a year.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser – Distributes order forms to the boys, collects the orders, and makes the order with on-line ordering. The boxes of wreaths are delivered to your garage, and each boy comes to pick up their order. Collects the money from the boys once wreaths are distributed and turns it into treasurer. (Profits go to scouts.) 15 hrs, once/year (Oct/Nov).

Council Product Sales Fundraiser (popcorn) – Distributes order forms to the boys, collects the orders, and makes the order with on-line ordering. Picks up the popcorn from the distribution site and brings it to the next meeting to distribute to the boys. Collects the money from the boys once popcorn is distributed and turns it into treasurer. (Profits go to scouts.) 15 hrs, once/year (Oct/Nov).

Family Picnic – Reserves place for Troop 510 annual family picnic usually held in August. Coordinates which food items that families will bring. 6 hrs, once/year.

4th of July Food Stand Fundraiser – Attends 4th of July meeting with city of Eagan. Coordinates buying supplies for the food booth and schedules parents and scouts to work the booth during the celebration. (Profits go to scouts.) 20 hrs, 2-3 days during Eagan 4th of July celebration.

4th of July Parade – Schedules scouts and parents to clean the parade route at the end of the Eagan 4th of July parade. Troop is paid for this, and proceeds go to scouts. 3 hrs, once/year on day of Eagan parade.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) – Hands out info on FOS at Spring Court of Honor. Makes presentation about where the money that is donated goes and makes sure that all money is collected and turned into the council. Trained on this at Roundtable. 10 hrs, once/year.

Neckerchiefs – Buys material for white and plaid neckerchiefs and sews them. Makes sure we have enough neckerchiefs each year for the new scouts. 10 hrs, once/year.

Scouting for Food – Coordinates national food drive that the Boy Scouts of America does each year in April. Gets map and bags from the council at the March round table meeting. Collects food as the boys bring it in and drives it to the main council collection area. Helps scouts hand out bags in collection area the week before. 6 hrs, once/year.

Telephone Tree – Calls parents of scouts on camping trips to let them know when scouts will arrive back in town (only for camping trips farther than 3 hours away). Must stay close to phone on those particular days. 1 hr., approximately 6 times/year.

Transportation – Coordinates number of drivers necessary to transport scouts to and from camping trips. Also makes list of which cars the scouts will be riding in. 3 hrs, once/month.

Troop Roster – Keeps computer roster of scout's name, address, rank, parents' name and phone, birth date, as well as patrols they are in and troop positions they have. Also keeps roster of registered adults and the activities they are assigned to. This roster is printed and handed out semi-annually to the troop and their families. Time varies according to updates needed.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR:

A merit badge is an award that is presented to a Scout when he completes the requirements for one of the merit badge subjects. The badge is only a small piece of khaki cloth with a design embroidered in color -- but its significance is as large as the interest of the merit badge counselor who helps a boy earn it.

The counselor is the key to success in the merit badge plan. They offer their time, experience, and knowledge to guide Scouts in one or more of the merit badge subjects. The counselor's job is to (1) Assist the Scout as he plans the assigned projects and activities to meet the merit badge requirements; (2) Coach Scouts through interviews and demonstrations on how to do the required skills of his own craft, business, or hobby; and (3) Certify the Scout after determining if he is qualified for the merit badge.

It is in the career fields that adults can make a vital impact on the life of a Scout by helping him with merit badges. Badges such as American Business, Drafting, Engineering, Chemistry, and many others are the finest kind of orientation toward a possible career for the Scout. Merit badge counselors supplement the efforts of the schools by providing the means for Scouts to explore many subjects not available to them otherwise. The Scout who has earned a number of merit badges gains confidence, finds greater purpose in life, and becomes a better person from his experience.

There are 14 groups of merit badges and over 100 different merit badges. These are just a partial listing of the badges in each group. For more info on each badge, see the website: www.meritbadge.com. The names of Eagle required badges are underlined.

(1) Agribusiness -- Animal Science, Farm Mechanics, Plant Science; **(2) Arts and Craft** -- Art, Bugling, Metalwork, Music, Pottery, Sculpture, Theater; **(3) Business & Activity** -- American Business, Entrepreneurship, Salesmanship, Textile; **(4) Conservation** -- Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Forestry; **(5) Hobbies** -- Backpacking, Camping, Coin Collecting, Dog Care, Gardening, Hiking, Home Repairs, Indian Lore, Model Design & Building, Pets, Radio, Stamp Collecting; **(6) Natural Science** -- Archaeology, Geology, Insect Study, Nature, Oceanography, Weather; **(7) Communications** -- Cinematography, Journalism, Photography; **(8) Personal Development** -- American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Family Life, Genealogy, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Public Speaking; Reading, Scholarship, Traffic Safety; **(9) Physical Science** -- Atomic Energy, Chemistry, Computers, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Space Exploration; **(10) Professions** -- Architecture, Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Surveying, Veterinary Medicine; **(11) Public Service** -- Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Lifesaving, Public Health, Safety; **(12) Sports** -- Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Cycling, Fishing, Golf, Orienteering, Skating, Swimming, Waterskiing; **(13) Trades** -- Auto Mechanics, Drafting, Graphic Arts, Painting, Plumbing, Woodwork; **(14) Transportation** -- Aviation, Railroading, Truck Transportation

CAMP GUIDE



Your guide to 510 camping includes:

- **Camp Locations and Maps**
- **Summer and Winter Camps**
- **Camp Facility Description**
- **Packing Suggestions**

Troop 510 camps every month except December. From October through April we winter camp in cabins or a lodge depending on the facility. May through September we tent camp. Parents have asked where their son is going for the weekend. This guide is intended to give you an overview to the camps your son(s) will be attending, their location and the types of activities they may be involved in. It doesn't include every camp as the troop tries to add new outings into the old standard list. Also, each of these sites is not visited every year. While some may be frequent camp sites some are visited every two to three years giving scouts the opportunity to see these sites at least once in their tenure with 510. We always need adults to attend weekend campouts so please use this information to assist in determining which campouts you may be interested in attending.

Traditional Winter Camps

Camp Phillip – Camp Phillip is located just thirty miles south of Eagan on the northwest edge of Cannon Falls. Cabins have kitchens but toilets are outside latrines. There is one large, great room where sleeping bags and mats are laid out on the floor. Cabins are heated with a gas or woodburning stoves. Weather permitting there are sliding hills and snowshoeing activities. Camp Phillip is frequently the site of one winter cabin campout and also the site for Fall Camporee in September.

Eagle Cave – This is the one winter camp that you sleep neither in a cabin or a lodge but rather in a cave (just as the name implies). Located in southwestern Wisconsin near the Wisconsin River about a three hour drive from the Twin Cities. This site is a privately held facility with a dining hall and a store for souvenirs. The toilets and shower facilities are in an out building separate from the cave. Extra set of clothing for the ride home is essential on this trip.

Good Medicine – Good Medicine Lodge is a rustic cabin on the Fred C. Anderson Scout Reserve in Houlton, Wisconsin. It sits on the banks of the St. Croix River about twelve miles north of Hudson. There is a full kitchen and running water. Bathrooms are outside latrines located behind the cabin. There is a loft with 32 bunk beds and a large gathering room with a wood burning fireplace. Typically this site hosts our October Court of Honor/meeting. Saturday evening families are invited to join the troop at the lodge for a turkey dinner preceding the fall Court of Honor.

Fort Rice – Offering a great setting with a full kitchen, running water, indoor toilets, showers, and comfortable bunks. Fort Rice is a section of Camp Phillips near Haugen, Wisconsin about three and half hours northwest of the Twin Cities. This is a “five star” campground!

Fred C. Anderson – Is the camp in which Good Medicine Lodge and other cabins are located.

Polaris Lodge – Is located inside Camp Cedar Point near Fairmont, MN, 153 miles south of the Twin Cities. On this outing a hike into Iowa is one of the highlights. Polaris Lodge underwent renovations in 2006 in which indoor toilet facilities were added. There is a full kitchen, large gathering room with a wood burning fireplace and bunks for sleeping. Leaders' sleeping quarters are in a separate room also with bunks.

Stearns Scout Camp – Diamond Lake Lodge has a kitchen, running water, gas furnace, electricity and indoor toilets. The lodge has a large gathering room and mattresses that are laid on the floor for sleeping. Stearns is located near South Haven about forty miles west of the Twin Cities north of highway 55.

Traditional Summer Camps

Summer camping is the best part of scouting for many scouts and leaders. The activities involved include survival techniques such as fire safety, knives and ax handling, water safety and outdoor cooking skills. Scouts learn to deal with all types of weather and still enjoy camping. There is usually plenty of time for field games, exploration hikes and requirements for rank advancement and merit badges. Life skills and camaraderie are the core of scouting and campouts provide the opportunity for both.

Camp Phillip – This beautiful site on Lake Byllesby, three miles west of Cannon Falls just thirty miles from Eagan. It is often the site for the Fall Camporee. Camp Phillip may be familiar as it is attended by many Cub Scout packs and offers a variety of facilities including a dining hall, trading post and swimming pool. As Boy Scouts we set up our own campsite away from the campus and amenities. Water is retrieved from pumps near the campsite. Toilets are either outhouses or portable toilets brought in for larger groups. Sleeping is two boys per tent. Cooking and dining is done under a tarp.

Madeline Island – This site is fairly new to our troop but quickly becoming a favorite. Madeline Island is one of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior about a twenty minute ferry ride from Bayfield, Wisconsin. Our Troop camp has camped on private land. Although there is a hunting cabin on the property, we operate as usual sleeping, cooking and eating in the scenic, fresh air wilderness.

Soudan Mines – We camp in tents in one of the state parks nearby. The facilities will depend on the park. The highlight of this trip is the mine tour.

Spring Lake Park – This campground is located just east of highway 55 on the Rosemount/Hastings border. Spring Lake Park is the site of our Webelos Woods campout and is usually our first tent campout of the summer. There is a lodge with shower facilities. Campsites are set up in clusters each having their own firewood, water pump and outhouses. Troop 510 is the host troop for Webelos Woods and has the responsibility of running activities for the younger scouts in attendance.

Tomahawk Scout Reserve – Tomahawk is listed at length in our handbook. It is located near Haugan, Wisconsin about twenty miles north of Rice Lake and three and a half hours from the Twin Cities. This outing is the “work horse” week of camping for all scouts as they work on rank advancement and merit badges throughout the week.

High Adventure – The troop tries to do an outing each summer that offers a bit of high adventure for the boys. These trips have included; South Dakota and white water rafting and are planned the fall and winter before travelling. Options are limited by the boys abilities and sense of adventure as well as the reality of costs and time for leaders and parents.

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Winter Indoor Weekend Camping Equipment List

1 – Class A Scout uniform (must be worn while traveling to and from destination)

1 – Boy Scout Handbook

1 – sleeping bag

1 – sleeping pad (for outings that don't have bunks with mattresses)

1 – pillow

1 – Duffel Bag for personal gear

1 – t-shirts

2 – long sleeved shirts

1 – sweatshirt, preferably hooded

2 – underwear changes

1 – long underwear

3 – pair synthetic or wool socks

2 – pair extra socks

1 – extra pair long pants

personal toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant, comb, soap, towel)

EQUIPMENT

1 – nalgene water bottle LABELED WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – mess kit (bowl, cup, fork, spoon, plate) LABELD WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – pocket knife (no open blade or sheathed knives allowed)

1 – flashlight with extra batteries

1 – compass (optional but good to have)

Sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm are good items to pack - cameras are optional

SNOW GEAR

1 – warm jacket

1 – warm hat

2 – pair warm gloves or mittens

1 – pair snow boots

1 – pair of snow pants

OPTIONAL

Personal gear for ride to and from such as, books or magazines, deck of cards or simple games playable in vehicles. CD headset are allowed while in transit only. Please label your gear.

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Summer Weekend Camping Equipment List

1 – Class A Scout uniform (must be worn while traveling to and from destination)

1 – Boy Scout Handbook

1 – sleeping bag

1 – sleeping pad

1 – pillow

1 – Duffel Bag for personal gear

2 – t-shirts

1 – long sleeved shirt

1 – sweatshirt or light jacket

2 – underwear changes

3 – pair socks

1 – wool socks for hiking

1 – pair shorts

1 – extra pair long pants

1 – hat or cap

1 – rain suit

Hiking boots and tennis shoes

personal toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant, comb, soap, towel)

EQUIPMENT

1 – nalgene water bottle LABELD WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – mess kit (bowl, cup, fork, spoon, plate) LABELD WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – pocket knife (no open blade or sheathed knives allowed)

1 – flashlight with extra batteries

1 – compass (optional but good to have)

Insect repellent and sunscreen (no aerosols allowed)

Personal first aid kit

WATER GEAR

1 – swim suit

1 – water shoes

1 – towel – cord or rope and clothes clips to dry gear (optional)

1 – pair goggles (optional)

1 – plastic bag to tote wet gear

OPTIONAL

Personal gear for ride to and from such as, books or magazines, deck of cards or simple games playable in vehicles. Boys are allowed to bring footballs, frisbees or balls, bats and gloves to be used in free time but they are responsible for any personal items brought to camp. CD headset are allowed while in transit only. Please label your gear.

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Spring/Fall Weekend Camping Equipment List

1 – Class A Scout uniform (must be worn while traveling to and from destination)

1 – Boy Scout Handbook

1 – sleeping bag (+20°F)

1 – sleeping pad

1 – pillow

1 – Duffel Bag for personal gear

2 – t-shirts

2 – long sleeved shirt

1 – sweatshirt or light jacket

2 – underwear changes

3 – pair socks

1 – pair wool socks for hiking

1 – extra pair long pants

1 – hat or cap

Hiking boots and tennis shoes

personal toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant, comb, soap, towel)

EQUIPMENT

1 – nalgene water bottle LABELD WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – mess kit (bowl, cup, fork, spoon, plate) LABELD WITH SCOUT'S NAME

1 – pocket knife (no open blade or sheathed knives allowed)

1 – flashlight with extra batteries

1 – compass (optional but good to have)

Insect repellent and sunscreen (no aerosols allowed)

Personal first aid kit

WEATHER APPROPRIATE GEAR

1 – Rain suit

1 – warm jacket

1 – warm hat

1 – warm gloves

1 – plastic bag to tote wet gear

OPTIONAL

Personal gear for ride to and from such as, books or magazines, deck of cards or simple games playable in vehicles. Boys are allowed to bring footballs, frisbees or balls, bats and gloves to be used in free time but they are responsible for any personal items brought to camp. CD headset are allowed while in transit only. Please label your gear.