

HAPPY DAYS AT WINTER CAMP

Twenty-four Scouts Spent Week in Tents at Lake Delavan—Report a Grand Time.

The second winter camp of the Boy Scouts at Lake Delavan last week proved a great success. There were twenty-four Scouts in attendance and four leaders: Scout Executive C. H. Barnes of Riverside, Scoutmasters Ed. Hulsburg and L. V. Curnow and Andrew Harvey, Jr., of La Grange. At all times the boys were under the care of the adult leaders.

The party went up Monday morning, December 26, reaching camp about noon. This is the only camp of the kind in the north, all the others being in log huts while here the men and boys live in tents. Both years they have been comfortable and there has been no sickness—not even a severe cold—which indicates the men know how to take care of themselves and the boys in their care.

Most of the party returned home Sunday evening and a photographer from the Herald-Examiner was at the Union Station to take pictures of them.

For the benefit of the many Scouts who could not enjoy the outing an account is given of how each day was spent.

Monday

Mess was served about 2 o'clock by Old Jim, the cook. Many of the boys of the summer camp remember him. The boys were kept busy arranging their quarters, supplying plenty of mattresses for the cots, setting up the stove and gathering firewood for the night. After this was finished there was a mad scramble for skates. Skis and so forth, and a grand rush was made for the lake. Supper was served at 6:30 and after that a business meeting was held at camp headquarters. Needless to say that it was short, for the boys after their first day out of doors in the cold crisp air were ready to "turn in."

Tuesday

Reveille sounded at 7 a. m. The boys, however, judging from the noises that came from the tents, must have thought it was about 3 a. m. Finally between shivers that would have made any "shimmy" dancer green with envy, they got into their clothes and proceeded to rustle firewood for the coming twenty-four hours and carrying the many buckets of water that were needed for the kitchen. The job of thawing out the pump, with which the boys now a days are not familiar in their homes, was a daily occurrence. Inspection at breakfast revealed the fact that some of the boys had forgotten that it was necessary to wash face and hands and comb their hair while at camp. After hastily performing these duties they returned to find that they were about six pancakes behind the other fellows. The last one at the table was elected to K. P. duty. Immediately after mess more water was hauled and the stoves looked after, beds made and everything else put in readiness for the day. After this parties were organized for hunting, setting snares, skiing and going to town for provisions. After these strenuous exercises the boys rested about thirty minutes before dinner. Dinner was served promptly at 12:30 and the way things disappeared before the hearty appetites were satisfied brought many a groan from Jim, the cook.

The fishing parties were then organized and holes were cut in the ice for their lines. There was much rivalry as to who would set their lines first and the lake resounded with the blow of axes as they cut the way through about eight inches of ice. The first day's fishing was with canned minnows which proved of no avail as bait. The fish of the lake were far too wise to even nibble at such artificial bait.

Scoutmaster Lyle V. Curnow of Troop 6 of LaGrange arrived in camp in the afternoon and just had time to get his bunk ready when the call to supper sounded. After supper there was a short meeting at headquarters and Scout Executive Barnes read some stories about woodcraft and camp life. Taps sounded shortly after 9 o'clock. It was bitter cold coming out of the warm mess hall this evening and going to bed in tents but it was pure joy to all the boys.

Wednesday

After breakfast parties were again organized for hunting, fishing and skating. Andrew Harvey and Mr. Barnes got the first two rabbits after chasing for miles through stump lots and kicking up brush piles. Chickadees, were all through the woods that morning and woodpeckers and nut-hatches were seen. Blue Jays were everywhere and crows came sailing overhead every once in a while. The fishing was good this day, a large pickerel was caught. Live minnows were used as bait. After dinner Scoutmasters Curnow and Hulsburg brought in several more big rabbits. All the traps were looked after and more snares set. Mr. Barnes had the boys put up another tent for George F. Weatherwax and son and Dick Moore of Berwyn and Glenn Lemon of LaGrange, who arrived about supper time.

After mess the subject of discussion was "Trapping." Muskrats were also discussed, learning of their mode of living and how to trap. Mr. Curnow told the story "Why I Trapped My Last Wild Animal." It is surprising how much the boys know about the out of doors. It would do a parent good to enter into some of the

discussions which boys have, to get to know better what a boy likes.

Thursday

The camp was now in full swing. Many interesting incidents occurred on this day that would take up too much space to enumerate. Some more large cottontails were brought in. The skins were promised long before they were off the backs of the animals, the boys being anxious to take them home. Especially were the large tails in great demand. Upon investigation it was found that the boys were very desirous of presenting them to their favorite girl friends, to be used as powder puffs.

The boys who had not as yet been out hunting were taken out and given a few pointers. Hunting is not on the scout program, but the lads were very anxious to learn something about this great sport and it was thought best to show them the proper way of doing it. Several attempts were made to secure ice boats for the boys.

The rarest catch of the period was a "swamp sucker" which was only a few days old.

Friday

This morning some more live minnows were used in fishing but all in vain. Those fish were the most persistent eluders of the leaping bait that ever lived.

Friday afternoon Scoutmaster Cur-

now saw an Arctic three-toed woodpecker. This bird is rarely seen this far south. Marks were found in the snow where a sparrow hawk had swooped down on an unsuspecting squirrel and carried it away. Things of this kind are the most interesting to the scouts. Tracks were found in the snow where crows had been hunting for field mice. Perhaps one of the most interesting incidents about

the crows was the great flocks of them that roosted in the trees near the camp. The flocks numbered way into the hundreds. Other birds such as snow birds, tree sparrows and brown creepers were seen in small numbers.

In the evening Scoutmaster Floyd Eckman and Scout George Teller of Riverside and George Denieko of Berwyn arrived. It was a great night in

camp except for a forty mile an hour gale that was blowing.

Saturday

Saturday morning everyone was out early with the exception of an early breakfast so that they could get ready for watch-night. However, disappointment awaited them as the high wind of the night before had blown the smoke stack off the mess (Continued on Page 4)

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