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Put the "Out" Into Scouting

Our local scouts have certainly caught the real spirit of scouting. Get out of doors into the big outside and there learn to be big—big body and big in heart! If our readers wish to see how it works come on out some day after school, just to see our boys try out their cooking test in Rushing Water Park only, be sure you bring half a pound of fire. Most of us discovered that very small fire, properly built, will do far more in less time than a big one carelessly piled up. Only one boy used his full allowance of two matches; which is the real test of a properly built fire. George Noble was the last to finish, but my "Bully Slim" was, and so was amply repaid for the extra time in the quality of his stew. A week previous the last to finish produced a wonderful stew, and thereby hangs a lesson. "If you want good stew, don't begrudge the last ten minutes, for it is the last ten minutes that makes all the difference."

And now, about camp. We all want to go to camp, but scouts don't pay the bills. For scouts are thrifty and independent. It's none too soon to look around for odd jobs over. "Here take some of mine." "Ain't it a grand and glorious feel-

ing." Some of the fires were remarkably good last week and would have satisfied the critical judgment of an Indian. Jim Noble built a wonderful "Flap-Jack" fire-pit, and Cliff White constructed a regular "Beau Cooker" out of rocks, and added a most ingenious derrick affair so as to make the very most of his fuel.

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