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Explorer Hike '77

Sixty-seven Scouts, Venturers and leaders completed the annual North Halton District Explorer's Hike at the weekend walking about 20 miles along the Guelph Trail between Georgetown and the Guelph Line.

Only two boys did not complete the walk due to a case of the flu. The boys ranging in age from about 11 years to middle age packed everything they would need for the two nights and two full days they would spend on the walk.

Fifth Georgetown Scout leader Al Fraser added that "They (the Scouts) did a lot better than people give them credit for."

Scouter Brian MacCourt of North Halton District said the boys have learned a lot, and so have the leaders, since the Explorer's Hike was started seven years ago. Each year, he said, the exercise has been refined more and more.

"They see us working together in teams," Scouter Brian Perras said, "and they get the idea too." The 20-mile long course required a number of checkpoints to be cleared and all the hikers had to traverse ground that was thick brush in places. In some places Saturday the Scouts ran into mud and water.

The first leg of the hike from Georgetown brought them to George Henderson's farm near Limehouse for the first night. The second night was spent near Acton and the finish line was at the Halton County Radial Museum on Guelph Line Sunday afternoon where the tired and some sore Scouts took a brief rest before returning home.



A team co-ordinates themselves as they hit the trail. Cameron Lavers and Paul Guistini managed to get off on the right foot.



Richard Burley gets some last minute adjustments from mother Ruth at Joseph Gibbons school

Photos and story By BOB RUTTER



Paul White helps Gord Smithson change into a backpack along the way



Venturer Ray Brennan celebrated his birthday on the two-day hike



Nearly 20 miles on the Guelph Trail left many Scouts just resting in the sun



A treat was in store at the finish line a convoy of Rolls-Royces

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