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Plan Overnight Hike

That plans for Troop 33, of the Lincoln school, to hike to the Cabin in the Woods and stay overnight are nearing completion is the announcement of Mr. Herbert R. Smith, scoutmaster of the troop.

Mr. Smith and his assistant, Lloyd Wightman made a trip to the cabin last Sunday, to inspect the location and equipment in preparation of the hike.

The program on Friday evening after supper will consist of games and a campfire program under the direction of Dick Wichman, junior assistant scoutmaster and Fred Reichardt, senior patrol leader.

There will be four meals during the stay at the cabin and each patrol of the troop is preparing one of them.

While on K. P. duty the patrols will gather firewood, build fires, cook, serve the meal, wash the dishes, and clean up the kitchen.

Each patrol will also be allotted a corner of the large room to use as headquarters while at the cabin. They will have their bunks in these corners and will be assigned to definite positions.

In addition the patrols are eating at patrol tables. Each patrol will endeavor to make its table the neatest one and try to win the award that will be presented at the council fire.

On Saturday the program will be devoted to test passing to a large extent although some games will be played.

Second-class scouts are hiking to the cabin by the seven mile route over Clavey and Ridge roads to pass their first class test in hiking. Tenderfoot scouts will also hike out, but will hike across country, if practical. Others who do not have any duties to take care of in preparation for the program will go with the tenderfoot scouts.

All luggage is being taken out in cars by the troop officers. The Beaver and Rattlesnake patrols are to leave their packs at Mr. Smith's residence Friday morning and members of the Rhinoceros and Wolf patrols are to leave theirs at Mr. Wightman's home.

The troop will return from the cabin late Saturday afternoon.

Practice Signaling

Signalling practice, in preparation for the hike to the Cabin in the Woods on April 26 and 27, was of first importance at the meeting of Troop 33, of the Lincoln school, held a week ago last Wednesday.

There was practice in both semaphore and wig-wag and after the practice there was a signalling contest between patrols.

Work to Earn Awards

"Troop 33 has been working hard for the past few months and we look forward to being partially rewarded

on May 20 when we hope to receive all five of the awards recently made available to troops by the north shore area council," is the statement of Mr. Herbert R. Smith, scoutmaster of the active troop meeting at the Lincoln school.

"We are now entitled to the Civic Service, Advancement, and Standard Troop awards," continues Mr. Smith. "We are at present working to make the troop 100 per cent subscribers to Boys' Life and thereby get the boys' life award. The drive to accomplish this is nearly complete.

"Our next job is to capture the Camp Enrollment award and plans for this are under consideration at present. We aim to get into the 90 per cent class in this award and with the co-operation of all scouts and their parents this will be accomplished.

Awarded Badge

At the last regular troop meeting of Troop 33, held in their usual meeting place at the Lincoln school, Highland Park, Judson Wells, Jr., was awarded the inspection badge, by Scoutmaster H. R. Smith. This badge is awarded at each meeting to the neatest appearing scout.

Oak Terrace Troop Hike

Last Thursday evening, Troop 37, of Oak Terrace school went on a hike out west of Highwood. We gathered at the school and went out Prairie avenue to a road about half a mile out. Here we stationed a man and took this road leading to the north for about another half a mile. Here we stationed another man and took to the woods. We broke off twigs for pathfinding and when we had gone a quarter of a mile, we stationed another man. We then marched over to a clearing in the woods and made a small fire. We let it burn a small ring around it, and we then took all dead branches or things which might catch fire and put them in the fire. Mr. Lauridson noticed a lot of dead branches hanging over the fire so our mascot, Buddy Walz, climbed up the tree and brought them down.

After a while we had a swell fire. We let it die down to a bed of coals, and then had a hot dog roast. After this we had our meeting. There were 14 boys present and Vicent Guini took charge of the meeting.

About 9 o'clock we started home and we took a different trail. After walking for a few minutes we encountered soggy ground, but we went right along. Later we heard Mr. Lauridson yelled water, lets go. So we started to run and boy we went. We got out of this and you could smell us all the way home. We had got swamped in the slough. —Scout Scribe Milton Roberts.

Await May Hike

Troop 35 of Rayinia school opened the meeting with the scout oath and

law. The scribe then took dues and registration fees. There was a short signaling drill. We also had a discussion of when we would take our next hike to the cabin. The scribe has reserved a week-end in May for the troop and we are looking forward to the trip. After all business, drills, etc., were over the troop played "hare and hound." We closed with the scout benediction.—Scribe R. Gault, Troop 35.

Troop 52, Deerfield

The weekly meeting of Troop 52 was somewhat different from other meetings. First of all those present gathered in a nearby vacant lot and removed some objectionable looking ticket stands from public gaze. The scouts then adjourned to the troop meeting place. Assembly was played

by our bugler, John Derby, our acting senior patrol leader, then led us at this time and told us about the May rally and the different awards we could get. He left us all too soon, having to go to some other scout troop. We then went to our patrol corners and the patrol leader of each patrol figured up their points. The stag patrol came out on top with an average of 15¼ points. The remainder of the evening was used in playing games. Taps were then played by Mark Andrews the bugler and the meeting was dismissed.—Mark Andrews, Stag patrol.

Report of Stag Patrol

The stag patrol met at the home of Edgley Todd. There were four present and we worked on first aid and reviewed first class work. We had an airplane demonstration and closed our meeting with some nice refreshments.—Mark Andrews, Stag patrol, Deerfield.

Pine Tree Patrol

The Pine Tree patrol met at Elmer Anderson's, assistant patrol leader, house at seven o'clock. Then we played games till eight o'clock. The patrol was served with a fine lunch consisting of cake and cocoa.

At 8:30 we drew up a patrol constitution, Scout Kenneth Vetter suggested regular scout ceremonials at the beginning of the patrol meetings.—John Beckman, patrol scribe Troop 52, Deerfield.

Holds Fine Meeting

Troop 52, of Presbyterian church, Deerfield met Friday evening, April 19. 23 members of Troop 52, and three members of 51 were present in spite of the inclement weather. The meeting began with the usual scout ceremonies. We planned to take a hike to the cabin, Monday morning. We held several contests after the other announcements had been given. The first contest consisted of boxing the compass. Every time a scout made a mistake, he was sent to the end of the line. Mr. Russell gave us some first aid problems

to perform before the rest of the troop. The troop adjourned at 8:40 with taps and the scout benediction Joe Andrews, patrol leader, Moose patrol, Troop 52, Deerfield.

Here are the grand totals in our patrol contest: Pine Tree patrol, 7 present adv. points per scout 153-4, total 110, grand 403. Stag patrol, 7 present adv. points per scout 173-4, total 115, grand total 419. Moose patrol, 6 presents adv. points per scout 16½, total 97, grand total 417. Otter patrol, 2 presents adv. points per scout 6½, total 133, grand total 263.

Work for Civic Award

The members of troop 52 are busy qualifying for their civic service award. The first part of our project took us to Journal place park. We cleaned up the park in fine shape, mulching the shrubs, and raking up the leaves. We intend to clean up vacant lots, made unsightly because of refuse. Some of the boys have mulched the shrubs in front of the Presbyterian church. The boys are taking increased interest in this civic service for the community.—Joe Andrews, patrol leader, Moose patrol, Troop 52, Deerfield.

Why I Am a Scout

Just why I am a scout is a question I presume many scouts would give different reasons were you to ask them this question.

A boy derives many benefits and many pleasures as well from being a scout. When I joined the scouts it was because the other boys I paled with were joining. After I became a member and attended the meetings I found them very interesting.

Then too I learned there was a purpose in scouting. The boys are trained for leadership and good citizenship. At the meetings we are taught first-aid, signaling and what to do in case of a fire or accident. Then we have the pleasure of going for long hikes and for overnight camps without leaders. We learn a great deal about nature in this way. We learn how to build camp fires and how to cook in the open without cooking utensils. We learn to follow trails woodcraft and many other things.

We also have the privilege of going to scout camp. Here we are taught swimming, boating, lifesaving and other things which a boy should know. In general we are taught to be prepared, which is the scout motto.

If a boy is interested along certain lines he has the help and encouragement of the scout leaders and can take merit badges for the things that he is interested in. There is no better recommendation that a boy can have than that he is a scout.—J. Kenneth Vetter, scribe Troop 52, Deerfield.

First Aid Contest

The first aid contest open to one team of five from each troop of this council will be held before the camp rally at 6:30 Monday evening, May 20th at the Deerfield-Shields auditorium. This will be the north shore area council-elimination contest to decide the council's best team. There will be first, second, and third prizes awarded. The winning team of this contest will compete that same evening at the camp rally against crack teams from Evanston and Desplains councils. The winner of this triangular meet will go to Chicago on May 25th to compete against Chi-

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