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Our Scout Mothers

Our scout mothers! Every scout will honor his mother on Mother's Day, May 12, and give her some token of his affection. Surely there is not to be found in America today a happier, more youthful, more hopeful group of mothers than the mothers of our three quarters of a million scouts. Happy, because a helpful son makes a happy mother, and scouting teaches a boy to take part in his home duties, to do his share of the little, nagging, household tasks that mean extra work for busy hands and tired feet. Youthful, for the spirit of scouting is the spirit of youth—ageless, timeless the heart never grows old. The cheerfulness, the friendliness, the kindness that are taught by the scout law, shine in the smile that every scout gives his mother. The abounding joy in the out-of-doors, the savor of the simple and wholesome things of life—these are the gifts of scouting to our scout mothers.

Hopeful

"If there is a forward looking movement in America today it is that known as the Boy Scouts of America. If there is an organization which looks primarily to the future for the realization of its ideals, the accomplishment of its goal, that organization is the Boy Scouts of America." Scouting is dealing with soul-stuff, and every mother's heart, as she looks into the clear eyes of her scout son, rejoices in the conviction that he will make all her hopes come true.

Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day. On that day of the year which is peculiarly hers, the test of every good scout will be the smile that lies on the lips and in the heart of his scout mother.—Scouting.

Camp Directors School

Mr. Chas. A. Steele of Glencoe, chairman of the camping committee of the North Shore Area council and Carl F. McManus, assistant scout executive are attending a camp director's school which is being held this week at the Milwaukee council camp under the auspices of the regional headquarters.

Many of the National scout officials are on the faculty of the school. The most up-to-the-minute practices in operating scout camps will be set forth and discussed.

There also will be a display of the most modern types of camp equipment in connection with the school.

New Troop, Diamond Lake

There will be a meeting of the men composing the troop committee of the new troop at the Diamond Lake church on Sunday, May 12th, at 2:30 p. m. at the church to complete the necessary arrangements for organizing the troop.

The boys are to meet at 3:30 p. m. at the church for their initial instructions. The troop expects to register before the Before-Camp rally on May 20th.

Scouts Get Treat

Saturday, April 27th, Troop 32 of Deerfield-Shields school had several patrol hikes. We met at Ravine drive on the beach at 7:30 p. m. There were 15 scouts present. Mr. Schaufler, our scoutmaster, announced that as special treat, through a friend of his, we could go to "Ables Irish Rose" at the Alcyon theatre.—Scribe Robert Lehr, Troop 32.

Parley in Chicago

Monday, April 22, the officers of Troop 32 went to the University club in Chicago. There we went in for a little swim and had lunch. We were the guests of Mr. L. Schaufler, our scoutmaster. Afterwards the officers went to the show.—Scribe Robert Lehr, Troop 32.

Enjoy Hike to Cabin

Friday, May 3, Troop 32 of the Deerfield-Shields school arrived at the scout cabin in the woods at 5:00 p. m. There were 15 scouts present, also some scouts from Troop 8, of Wilmette. After supper we played Capture the Flag. When it was dark we went on a snipe hunt. Saturday we cooked our own dinner and some boys passed second class cooking and fire-building. We left at 12:30 p. m.—Scribe Robert Lehr, Troop 32.

Meets Australian Scouts

The Rotary club invited Troop 30 of Elm Place school to a meeting to get acquainted with some Australian scouts that are traveling this country. We went last Monday to the Moraine hotel for the Rotary luncheon.—John Stern, Troop 30.

To Meet on Beach

Troop 33, of the Lincoln school, will meet on the beach at the foot of Cedar avenue this week, according to reports from officers of the troop.

Patrols will meet as separate units and gather together on the beach at 5:00 when they will cook their supper.

After supper the entire program will be one of test passing and actual scouting experience.

All the members of Troop 33 are trying to help their mothers this week, more than ever. They feel that it is better to make mother happy than to give her something on Mother's Day which comes next Sunday.

Plans for Camp

Troop 33 will attend Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan as a unit during the first period of camp from July 6 to July 21 under leadership furnished by the troop, according to H. R. Smith, scoutmaster of the troop.

Lloyd Wightman, assistant scoutmaster, will go to camp with the troop and be in charge of it during the full first period. Scouts who stay over for more periods will be in provisional troops during second and third periods.

Officers of the troop are planning to arrange transportation by automobile and avoid paying the high trans-

portation rates asked by the railroad.

Wins Civic Duty Award

Troop 52 is proud of the fact that they have won their Civic Duty award completing their required service hours.

The work we have done includes: Mulching the shrubs and mowing the grass in Journal Place park, cleaning a vacant lot in the heart of town, mulching the shrubs in front of the Presbyterian church, starting a tree census, cleaning up along the railroad tracks, picking up glass along Waukegan road, cleaning up the school yard, helping small children across road intersection at noontime.—Joe Andrews, Deerfield Press club.

The troop has also won the standard troop award consisting of hikes, tests, etc.

Troop 51 Reports

The meeting of Troop 51, Deerfield opened by falling in line and pledging allegiance to the flag. Next we had a little of military drilling, instructed by our scoutmaster, Mr. Carl Sheer.

We then had some test passing and then played a few games. The meeting closed with the scout benediction.

Accepts New Scouts

On Friday night, May 4, Troop 52 of Deerfield accepted two new scouts into the troop. The scouts are Raymond Carter and Eldon Frost.

The boys did very good work at passing their tests, and we are sure they will make very fine scouts.

They gave the oath before the troop and then they were escorted to their assigned patrols by the patrol leaders.

Raymond Carter was assigned to the Moose patrol, while Eldon Frost was assigned to the Pine Tree patrol.—Scribe Kenneth Vetter.

Welcome New Scouts

On April 26, the raven patrol held their weekly patrol meeting at patrol leader, Prichard Thormeyer's home. A little drill work was practiced to open the meeting. Six boys were present. A new fellow was welcomed into the patrol, George Watson. Raven patrol then had some exercises to limber up. Some bandages were tied, some being almost perfect. Something was said also about a patrol baseball team. However nothing can be done in this respect until after the Northbrook court of honor on May 3. As several boys were in a hurry to get home, games were left out of the meeting.—Richard Thormeyer, patrol leader, Northbrook, 61.

Troop 61 Meets

Troop 61 of Northbrook held their weekly meeting Thursday at 7:15. Dues were collected and then first aid was practiced. The game of Freezé was again played and also Elephants up. Mr. Olds, chairman of the troop committee and Mr. Mueller, the district scout commissioner, besides Mr. Clore, the scoutmaster and

Frank McLaughlin, assistant scoutmaster were all there. The meeting closed with the scout oath and benediction.—William Cray, Troop 61, Northbrook.

Tribute to Dan Beard

Daniel Carter Beard, National scout commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America and former resident of Flushing, was the guest of honor at the tenth annual father-and-son dinner of Troop No. 1, Flushing, N. Y. Charles Dana Gibson, lifelong friend of the venerable scout, headed half a score of notables who were present to pay him honor.

Order of the Arrow

On Thursday, May 2, the Order of the Arrow of the north shore area council met to discuss their plans for organization. Heretofore the north shore scouts that were in the order were under the jurisdiction of the Chicago council inasmuch as the north shore area council has not had its own camp. With the purchase of the camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan we have the privilege of organizing our own lodge. Scout Executive Goodman of the Chicago council who was one of the founders of the order was there to speak to us on the formation of our own lodge. Many points were discussed and after having decided so many uncertainties we should be able to go right ahead and have the best lodge anywhere. In a later copy of this paper we will discuss the aims and ideas of the Order of the Arrow.



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