

"Troop Camping" Triples Attendance

Assist Scouts in Earning Fee for Camp Cost

Many of the churches and other organizations of the North Shore Area help in some way or other to finance Scouts who have difficulty in raising the necessary camp fee. The Boy Scouts of America recommend as a result of twenty-one years' experience that these attempts should not take the form of giving the camp fee outright to the Scout. One church which helps in this way provides work of cleaning and repairing the church property for which the Scout receives pay to be applied to his camp fee. Another troop committee runs an employment agency for its Scouts.

The Scout organization believes the greatest benefits come where boys are given assistance in earning their own way and their independence and initiative thereby developed rather than by any subsidy that might lead the Scouts to feel that because of their membership in the Boy Scouts, that they had free camping and uniforms coming to them as their right.

There is a tendency on the part of some groups today to request and even demand special privileges. The Scout organization does not accede to that view but rather believes in helping each boy to make his own way, hold his self respect and independence and count on "padding his own canoe," as he goes through life.

It is therefore recommended that sponsoring institutions and troop committees in aiding Scouts to attend camp, provide "opportunity rather than alms" and help conserve and develop in their Scouts the sturdy self-reliance that marked the pioneer citizenry who built our nation.

Many troop committees help greatly by providing transportation to and from the camp for the Scouts from their troops. One group of men with their cars take the Scouts up over the weekend and two weeks later another group of men go up and bring them back. In every instance where this has been tried it has proven so successful that it has been adopted as a regular practice by the committee of that troop.

Some troops loan money to the Scouts where the Scout has already earned part of the fee. This practice when carried out in a business-like manner gives valuable training to the Scout as well as making it possible for him to attend camp.

A Special Word to Parents

The first thoughts which you no doubt have in your mind regarding camp, are as follows:

1. Will my boy be safe?
2. Can I afford to send him for at least a period, maybe two or more periods?
3. What good will camp life do him?

During the season of 1929 and 1930 we had a total attendance of 573 different boys over a period of 14 weeks, but not a single serious accident. We take great pride in our safety precautions, not only as far as physical hazards are concerned, but health hazards, as well. (See swimming Safety System elsewhere.) Your boy will probably be far more safe in camp than he would be running around in the city.

Can you afford to send him to camp? Well, first we advise that you encourage him to earn the money himself if possible. A good Scout will "do his best." You might enter into a contract with him and go 50-50. Regardless of where the money comes from though, sending your boy to camp is a splendid investment, and have you ever considered what it costs to keep him at home?

Why should he go to camp? He can play outdoors in the city. He can even go to the cottage with you for the summer. But camp life is more than being out-of-doors or near a lake. In camp your boy becomes a citizen in a community of boys. He plays and lives with his pals 24 hours a day. Play in camp teaches him loyalty, teamwork, cooperation, the philosophy of sacrifice, humility, respect for the rights of others, promptness, self-mastery, courage, and many other virtues needed to make him a useful and worthy member of society. Your boy may only see the "fun" side of everything that happens, but the camp leaders look for character building value in every activity.

A camp is no longer a loafer's paradise, or a school for rough house. It is an educational agency, where, under the inspiration of the greatest of teachers, nature, boys may learn the great lessons of life and its relationships.

GRANT HIM HIS RIGHT TO LIVE IN CAMP WITH BOYS LIKE HIMSELF, UNDER TRAINED CAPABLE LEADERSHIP. YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT.

Good "Eats" Held Essential in Camp

Again this year the famous Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan "eats" will be served three times a day. In fact, plans show still better meals on the list. This year, as before, a balanced menu with plenty of "eats" will be served in an appetizing manner. The growing, active boy can scarcely eat too much of a properly balanced menu. Large quantities of fresh pasteurized milk and fresh vegetables will be included. A cook of many years' experience will insure proper preparation of all food.

Overnight camping menus also have some new and finer "eats" for those Scouts who take trips away from camp.

Every possible precaution is taken, regardless of cost, to provide the best in health-building foods and menu. Sanitation in preparation is guarded to the uppermost.

Health Exam Is Requirement for Everyone in Camp

So that no contagious diseases will be brought into camp; so the camp authorities may know any Scouts who have physical conditions needing special attention, and so that no Scout attends who is unfit because of poor health, the following procedure will be followed:

Every Scout and Scout Leader will be sent a health certificate blank previous to time of final payment of board fee. On the front of this blank is space for the Parent to fill out complete health history of the boy. After this is done, he must be examined preferably by his family physician, within forty-eight hours of his coming to camp. The Scout or leader will present his signed certificate before boarding the train for camp. Another check-up will be held on the arrival at camp. This procedure is a protection to every one in camp.

Special Camp Loan Fund Is Available

Christ Episcopal church in Winnetka has made a special donation to the council to be used as a fund to aid Scouts to finance their stay in camp. Deserving Scouts may borrow up to \$10 from this fund and repay it later. No interest is charged and your Scout obligation is your security. Application should be made through your Scoutmaster.

At Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan you'll find real leaders — every one a Scouter.

Nature sings an eternal song; why not join in the chorus?

Urge Scoutmaster, When Possible, to Accompany Troop

Records from the last two years of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan reveal that three times as many boys attended camp from those troops where the home Scoutmaster comes with his Scouts. This proves the worth of special emphasis on "Troop Camping."

In troop camping the Scoutmaster registers his own Scouts for camp, accompanies them to camp, is assigned a location for his troop's camp, and is in charge of them during their stay.

The Scoutmaster, because he knows the individual Scout, his environmental background, and how he can be aided in his personal development, is best able to help the Scout to develop physically, mentally and morally, solve small disciplinary problems, guide him in his Scoutcraft program, lead him in his participation in troop activities, and secure through the camp director opportunities for separate troop activities such as hikes and campfires.

Individual Camping

When the troop cannot come as a group, it is permissible for the individual Scout to register in one of the camp's provisional patrols and troops. Splendid men of outstanding character and ability are chosen to serve as Scoutmasters of these troops. The program, of course, is the same as that of the troops camping under their home Scoutmaster.

Mailing Address Changed

The mailing address for the camp this year is changed to Pearson, Wisconsin, in order to facilitate and hasten mail delivery. All letters and packages should be addressed as follows:

Scout (full name)
Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan
Pearson, Wisconsin.

Mail will be collected at least once a day. Telegrams should be sent to Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, Antigo, Wisconsin, and they will be relayed to camp by phone.

'Till We Meet Again

By the blazing council fire's light, we have met in comradeship tonight, Round among the whispering trees, guard our golden memories, And so before we close our eyes in sleep, let us pledge each other that we'll keep Scouting friendship strong and deep, 'till we meet again.

Growing Campers

vs. Growing Trees

Most camps are reaching out for the educational. Some are just blindly feeling or groping. All are eager. Growing campers is just like growing a tree. Blight or fire may wither or destroy in a short time a tree that has taken fifty years to grow. A "rough neck" song at night may tear down what has been fine and worthwhile during the day. **THERE ARE SONGS THAT BUILD UP. THERE ARE STORIES WITH ACTION AND FUN THAT ELEVATE AND LEAVE RIGHT ATTITUDES. ENVIRONMENT IS A POTENT FORCE IN DETERMINING THE INDIVIDUAL. CAMP MA-KA-JA-WAN CAN PLACE THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT.**



Swimmers' raft and water tower—There are now two standard diving boards.