



by Robin Nutbrown
 "Pioneers are men who go ahead to open up a way in the jungles or elsewhere for those coming after them." (Scouting for Boys).

This is the sentence with which Baden Powell opens his camp fire yarn on the subject of Pioneering.

He then goes on to talk about knot-tying, hut-building, felling trees, bridging and so on.

Baden-Powell had certain reasons why pioneering practices are a part of training boys, and to point out to Scouters the value of such practices in training their boys.

Baden Powell said in his own words, "I should

be inclined to suggest to Scouters that in addition to the technical details of knotting, lashing, anchorages, etc. there is an educative value in pioneering since it gives elementary training in stresses, mensuration, etc., and also develops initiative, resourcefulness and so on out of local material.

It also gives practice in team work and discipline."

A leader's efforts should be chiefly directed to the training of the character of his boys. This is the primary job of all Scouters, whatever their position in the Movement and with

whatever section of it they deal.

Team work and leadership are emphasized as not only valuable but essential one learns also the truth of the maxim, "more haste less speed" and realizes the value of

patience and the necessity for making a through job of lashing, say instead of just trusting to luck.

As Baden Powell says: "To tie a knot seems to be a simple thing, and yet there are right ways and wrong

ways of doing it, and Scouts ought to know the right way. Very often it may happen lives depend on a knot being properly tied."

These, and many other lessons, are learned very quickly and thoroughly when

they come to tackle any real pioneering job.

Some will argue that pioneering will have no use to them in the future but in fact without them knowing, they are being fitted out to be self-reliant, to tackle anything with a high

heart, no matter how impossible it may seem at first, and his practice in pioneering will stand him in very good stead and he will be thankful for it in the future, just as he will be thankful for the fun and delight of it in the present.

School's back for many but not all, eh mom?

526-9333

With the children back to school and most of the tourists leaving our area, everyone including Contact will be returning to more normal existence.

So now it is time to start and plan our fall activities.

Again this year the Program of "Enjoying Your Pre-schooler" will be available to parents with very young children.

This will be the third year for this program which in itself says a great deal for the excellence of this program.

For newcomers and new parents let me explain what this excellent program's objectives are and what it can do for you and your child.

1. It helps parents to be informed of normal, expected behaviour of toddlers like child development.
2. To encourage parents to deal with expected and unexpected problems of toddlers in constructive ways.
3. To encourage parents to use one another as support and as a resource in problem solving.
4. To illustrate to parents and their children ways of spending time together and activities which can be enjoyable to both.
5. To encourage parents to allow their children to explore their environments independently where possible.
6. To encourage parents to discover ways of deriving enjoyment from their children.

A qualified Resource Person directs discussions around a special theme for the day, informing or supplying mothers with information regarding the themes and reinforces the theme in the group and in the activities.

The Resource Person has solid training and experiences in child psychology, child development and good ideas of child management.

The actual running of the program is done by the "Activity Leader" who leads and develops all the actual activities.

The program package is an eight week duration and will cost \$5 per family for the whole program.

The sessions will take place every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 308 Third St., Midland.

To register or for further information for this program please call Contact at 526-9333.

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Host families should understand that these young participants are not guests in their homes, but are to help with chores as any member of the family.

If you wish to billet our young visitors or want more information, please call Contact at 526-9333.

Happiness is helping people to help themselves.

Mary Gibson
 Administrator

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