



BOY SCOUT NEWS

of the
North Shore Troops



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Describes Visit to Mt. Rainier National Park

Mother and I arrived at Tacoma in the midst of a beautiful sunset. We asked the porter who carried our bags in what direction Mt. Rainier was from the city. He said "You mean Mt. Tacoma."

The next morning at 8:30 we took the bus for Mt. Rainier Park and on the way we noticed a sign saying, "You are now enroute to Mt. Spokane, "So Seattle also claims Mt. Rainier.

The first stop in the Park is Longmire where we found a pleasant hotel, warmed ourselves by a blazing log fire, then ate lunch. Afterward we saw a crowd gathered near a service station and we found there was a little grizzly cub, he was standing upon his hind legs eating Hersheys out of a boy's hand; when he got thirsty he would go over to the drinking fountain, reach up and take a drink. The policeman sometimes took him for a ride on his motorcycle.

We found it was time for the bus to leave so hurried back to the hotel. The road wound around and round taking us higher and higher.

The pines and balsams were very beautiful and occasionally we saw a lovely water-fall, still, because of the clouds we could not see Mt. Rainier. Often people stay in the park for over a week and don't get a glimpse of Mt. Rainier.

We saw a Mother bear and three cubs along the road side.

We were getting up into the snow. Finally the bus stopped in front of a Ranger's tent where we procured woolen socks and rubber shoes as the bus could go no farther we found a trail to Paradise Inn. It seemed as if every step we took we slid back two. After we had gone some distance we met a number of people coming from the Inn. One man said, "Just a little farther." Then some one said, "Eight miles to go." After climbing one long steep hill, we sighted the Inn. We could not see much of the building because of the fourteen feet of snow? It was a large rustic structure made of logs.

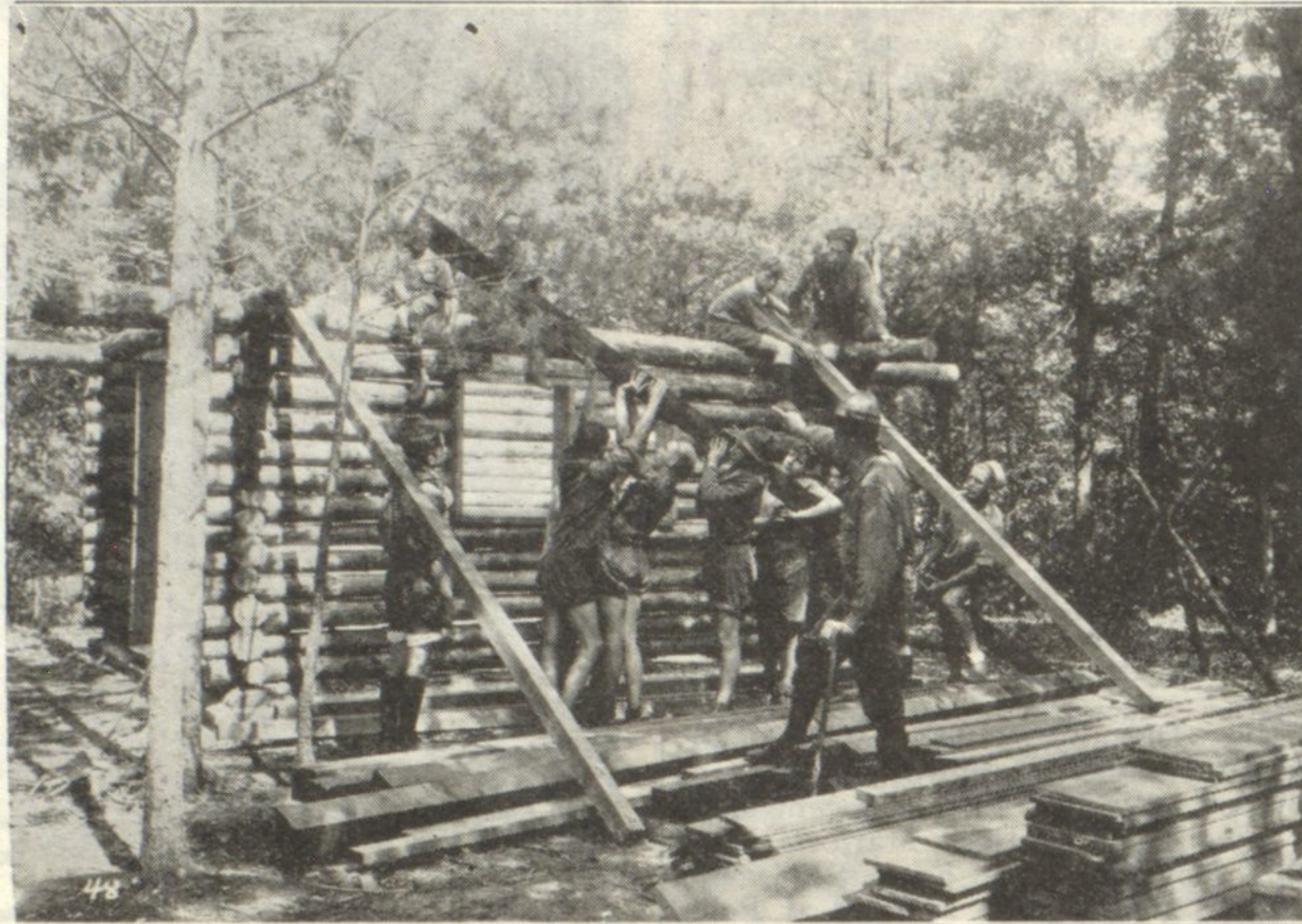
Later we took a ride in the Alaskan dog sled which we thought very exciting.

In the morning I dressed in tin pan breeches, (that is breeches with a seat of several thicknesses of heavy canvas, which is thoroughly soaked in oil), spiked boots, heavy woolen socks, two flannel shirts and smoked glasses. After breakfast I left for Paradise Glacier. We climbed up and up till we were about 1000 feet above the Inn, then we came to a steep hill where we sat down, folded our arms, leaned back in the snow and slid down one at a time. It certainly was fun. I turned over and got snow down my back and in my mouth. Then we visited the ice caves and under the Glacier.

Afterward we started for the Inn, sliding a good part of the way. We reached the hotel in time for luncheon. That afternoon we hiked down to where the bus stopped. Again we stopped at Longmire where the clouds parted giving us a beautiful glimpse of Mt. Rainier.

I think Mt. Rainier National park is the most beautiful place I have ever seen in this country.—Scout Walter Merrill, Troop 2, Wilmette, Silver Fox Patrol.

Building From Ground Up



Building a Cabin at Scout Camp—also building men.

Scout Calendar

Mobilization of all Wilmette and Kenilworth Scouts in uniform, Friday, September 21, 3:45 p. m. St. Augustine's Club House, Wilmette Ave., Wilmette. (Photographs will be taken.)

All Wilmette-Kenilworth Junior Scout Leaders to hold Conference and to be hosts to adult Leaders on Friday, September 21, 4 to 8 p. m., St. Augustine's Club House. Area-Wide Scout Leaders Roundtable, Monday, September 24, 6:30 p. m. Cabin in the Woods. (J. R. Goetz, Chairman)

Area-Wide Camp Reunion, Friday, September 28th, 6 p. m. New Trier Lunch Room. (Eats 50c)

Area-Wide Court of Award, Friday, September 28, 8 p. m. New Trier High School Auditorium, (Public invited.) North Shore Line Band will play.

Annual Fall Meeting of Wilmette-Kenilworth Committeemen, Monday, October 1, 6:30 p. m. Wilmette Congregational Church.

Area-Wide Junior Leaders Conference, Friday, October 5, 4 to 8 p. m. Glencoe Union Church.

Scout Service Stations—effective September 24, for Winnetka-Kenilworth-Glencoe Scouts, Mr. McPeck will be available on Fridays, 3:15 to 4 p. m. New Trier High School. (Press Club Material will be turned in at this time.)

For Wilmette Scouts, Mr. McPeck will be available Fridays, 4:15 to 5:00 p. m. Taylor's store, Central Ave., Wilmette, for supplies and consultations with Scouts.

EVENTS FOR EVERY TROOP

September—Troop Kick-Off meeting.
Each 4 months—Formal council Inspection of your troop.
Father and Son banquet.
Troop analysis—Month before re-registration.
Anniversary night charter presentation.

Doing Things for Boys Not the Leader's Task

A Scout leader's job is not doing things for boys, but rather in giving boys a chance to learn how to do things for themselves. Merely doing things for boys is not Scouting. In scouting the relationship of boys and leaders is one of mutual enjoyment. Boys are Scouts because they enjoy Scouting experiences. Leaders who feel that the boys are in their troops for what they can get in the way of free movies, feeds, etc., haven't yet caught the vision of yearning for worth-while experiences that throbs in every boy's heart. As leaders we do not want to bribe boys to be Scouts with special privileges. We need no "bait" but Scout activities. Boys want to be Scouts so that they may follow the Scouting Program. Our responsibility is to see that they get Scouting.

Scout Troops Encamp at Cabin Over Last Week-End

Troop 9 of Wilmette were at the Cabin-in-the-Woods, August 27, 28, and 29.

Troop 9 of St. Joseph's, under the leadership of Scoutmasters F. J. Kreuzsch and P. J. Braun, hiked to the Cabin-in-the-Woods for a three-day encampment August 27, 28 and 29.

Other troops plan short camping trips there soon.

RESOLUTIONS FOR LEADERS

- 1.—I will recruit 12 year old candidates until I have 4 full patrols.
- 2.—I will work through my Patrol Leaders, urging them to try to have every patrol represented at every Court of Honor.
- 3.—I will inaugurate a perpetual "Wear your scout badge" Campaign.
- 4.—I will utilize every opportunity to grow on the job, so that I may help give a richer contribution to the scouts in my troop.

Troops Lay Plans to Annex Ribbon Awards This Month

Some of the Scout troops of the north shore have carried on strong summer programs while others declared a vacation for the month of August, but all are looking forward to resuming activities in full force early this month.

Many troops are making plans to win one of the honor ribbons during September. The Honor Ribbon is awarded to any troop earning more than 90 points during the month on the following inter-troop rating plan:

1. Attendance. For each regular meeting at which a minimum of 80% of the registered active scouts of the troop are present (Maximum of 24 points possible in a month) 6 points.

2. Advancement. For having a minimum of 75% of the registered active Scouts pass at least one full test requirement each during the month, 30 points. (A "test requirement" is one full division of the 12 divisions of Second Class or First Class Requirements, such as first aid, or signaling, or cooking, etc. Tenderfoot tests do not count. Each full merit badge counts as one test in the month during which it is credited by the Court of Honor.)

3. Outdoor activity. For having at least 50% of the active registered membership of the troop in an overnight camp or on an all day hike during the month, 20 points. (The boys need all not take part in the same event. There must be at least 50% of all the scouts attend in full one such event; the same 25% of the troop attending two events does not count as 50%. The camps and hikes must be under the leadership as regular scout events.) During the summer camp season, attendance of 30% or more of the active registered scouts of the troop at an approved scout camp for two weeks or more may count instead of the above 50% requirement of overnight camp or all day hike. Such credit will be given in the month during which the majority of the two weeks period falls.

4. Growth. For having a net gain of at least two registered scouts during the month, 20 points. (If troop enrollment is 32 active scouts, full credit in the item is given without addition of new scouts. Dropped re-registered scouts count as new scouts.)

5. Troop Committee meeting. For having at least one meeting of the Troop Committee during the month with at least three members present, 6 points. In every case where the above standards are not met in full, points are awarded in proportion of the actual achievements.

Scouting Leaders Will Visit Camp This Week

Karl D. King and Henry Fowler of Wilmette, Henry Urion and J. R. Goetz of Winnetka, and Charles Steele of Glencoe, are among the group of north shore men who plan to motor with their families to the site of the new North shore Scout camp in Northern Wisconsin over Labor Day.

Tom Antrim, a patrol leader in Troop 12 of Wilmette, in writing to Scout Executive McPeck, from Montreal, Canada, says: "We are having a fine time here in Montreal. Hope the troop is alright. Sorry to have missed the last meeting."