

Camp Cleawox An Ideal Training For Girl Scouts, 10-16

People who never have had a chance to see Girl Scouting in action, especially as can be put on at Camp Cleawox (near Florence, Ore.), have missed a big treat.

This treat is denied most people, unless they have a daughter registered at camp—it's that exclusive. Situated on a peninsula jutting out into Lake Cleawox, the camp can be reached only by barge, unless one would want to take a long hike around the end of the lake, perhaps a dozen or more miles.

As a back-drop to this scene from the highway-side of the lake are the sand dunes of mountain heights, and almost as white as snow. The camp sits in a jungle-like forest, criss-crossed in web-like fashion by trails cut through the undergrowth. It takes a girl scout camper to find her way in this maze of trails.

Divided into five sections, the girls are classified according to age groups. The beginners are dubbed "Explorers" and the oldest group is called "Vikings."

Each group has its little city of shelters, crescent-shaped affairs with three walls, and housing nine girls. In front of each is an open hearth fireplace, and in the middle of the group is an arena for group activities.

The dining hall is a huge rustic structure which will accommodate about 200 diners. The kitchen looked efficient for the feeding of those hungry mouths made hungrier by living in the out-doors, and whetted by much exercises of such as swimming,

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hiking and exploring the coastline, or dunes.

Swimming is taught by experts — girls, all of whom have Red Cross certificates for life-saving. Counselors are all college girls, many from University of Oregon, Oregon State College and Stanford. Their experience, and their ability to handle the girls is easily noted, for every girl almost idolizes her own counselor.

Despite the fact that more than 100 girls fill the camp designed for about 80, the administration has efficiently studied each girl to be able to bring out the girl's individuality.

A registered nurse is always on hand to administer to the ails of anyone who might be ill from too much walk, or eating, or may have a sliver in her foot.

Every girl in camp has a nickname—same is true of the counselors, unit leaders, and the camp director. Mrs. Janet Bond Stutz, director, is just "Jolly" to the girls of all ages. One counselor is "Sonny," another "Mike," or whatever moniker she wishes to answer to. The unit director of the young girls, a woman of generous proportions, about 6 feet tall, and resembling a football tackle, likes the name of "Irish."

The barge to cross the lake to camp is an implement which demands some description. Pictures of construction companies' barges at work in harbors, may give the reader an idea of its style and usefulness. It is used for everything—everything from hauling provisions to people. To navigate it, a motor boat is lashed alongside. It crosses the lake almost in a sidewise motion, depending upon the amount of cargo it is taxed with at the time.

Under direction of the Three Rivers council of Girls Scouts, headquartered at Eugene, this camp certainly is one answer to challenge of juvenile delinquency. Here girls are taught by capable women who seem to love their work; and who seem to love girls more. Devotional services are conducted each Sunday by the girls themselves. All things in camp are run on the basis of honor. On honor is placed a premium. Girls who have this privilege of being campers at this place talk of the wonderful women who direct all activities.

Former Kansans Set Picnic, July 31

ALBANY — Annual Kansas

picnic will be held at Bryant Park, here, Sunday, July 31.

There will be a basket dinner at noon. Plenty of tables and shade trees are available. All former Kansans will have a chance to spend a happy day and possibly meet some old friends whom they haven't seen for years.

Games and foot races will be provided for the children.

Coffee will be furnished by the committee.

All former Sunflower staters are not only urged but requested to come early and stay late.

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. Norman E. Marsh and family of San Bernardino, Calif., left last Thursday for

their home after spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Marsh at their Chetco home. Dr. Marsh had attended a meeting of doctors at San Francisco, and while that near, drove here for the visit.

Mike Bartell of Empire was a visitor last Thursday at the M. C. Beem home. He is a barber at Empire, and a personal friend of the Beem family.

Mrs. Lena Seward of Healdsburg, Calif., spent last week-end at the E. L. Miller home, going from here to Crescent City to visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller went to Arcata July 11 where they attended the funeral of the late Louis Gunst, former resident of

this area, who was killed. Mr. Miller was one of the pall-bearers. Also going from this area was Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Garvin of Smith River.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powell and two young daughters are at the E. L. Miller home where they are living in a trailer. They came from Maxwell, Calif., and Mr. Powell is shearing with Leslie and Bill Ledford at Gold Beach this week.

Mrs. Paul Shrader and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Akers went to Camp Cleawox, Sunday to visit their daughters, both at Girl Scout camp. They found much highway construction, especially in the Coquille area.

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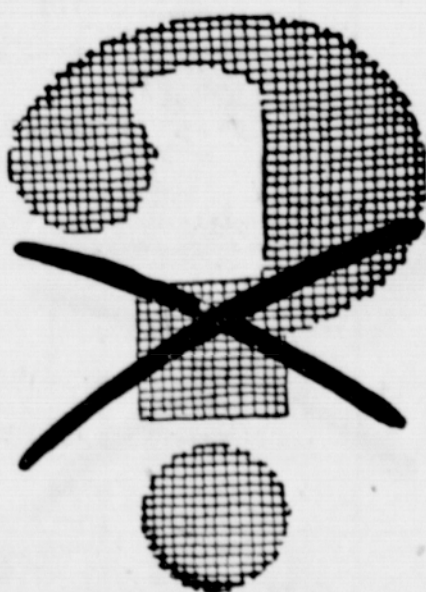
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