

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

What This Organization Is And A Brief Explanation Of Its Purpose

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization for the boys of America. The Boy Scouts of America is a corporation formed by a group of men who are anxious that the American boy should come under the influence of this movement and be built up in all that goes to make character and good citizenship.

The affairs of the organization are managed by a National Council, composed of some of the most prominent peace advocates of our country, who gladly and freely give their time and money that this purpose may be accomplished. In various cities, towns, and villages the welfare of the boy scouts is cared for by local councils, and these councils like the National Council, are composed of men who are seeking for the boys of the community the very best things. In our own little town here in Monmouth the movement is now backed by our most prominent citizens who are seeking at all times the welfare of the boy. At the present time a local council will not be organized, but it is earnestly hoped that each responsible citizen will give what little assistance he or she can in the way of encouragement to our boy scout movement.

In order that the work of the boy scouts throughout America may be uniform and intelligent, the National Council has prepared its "Official Handbook," the purpose of which is to furnish to the boy scouts themselves advice in practical methods, as well as inspiring information. Any citizen who is interested in boys and their welfare could gain a clear and concise idea of just what the Boy Scout Organization will do for a boy by reading this book. The "Official Handbook" is now in the hands of some of the boys who have applied as members. But for fear there are some who will not have the opportunity to read one of these books this article is written with the intention of giving a short and as near as possible complete idea of what the organization is and what it will do for boys.

Ernest Thompson Seton, as a boy, lived in a region of rough farms. He was wild with the love of the green outdoors—the trees, the tree-top singers, the wood-herbs, and the living things that left their nightly tracks in the mud by his spring well. He wished so much to know them and learn about them, he would have given almost any price in his gift to know the name of this or that wonderful bird, or brilliant flower; he used to tremble with excitement and intensity of interest when some new bird was seen, or when some strange song burst from the trees to thrill him with its power or vex him with its mystery, and he had a sad sense of lost opportunity when it flew away, leaving him dark as ever. But he was alone and helpless, he had neither book nor friend to guide him, and he grew up with a kind of knowledge hunger in his heart that gnawed without ceasing. But it also did this: It inspired him with the hope that some day he might be the means of saving others from this sort of torment—he would aim to furnish to them what had been denied to himself.

He wanted to learn to camp out—to live like his great-grandfather, who knew all the tricks of winning comfort from the re-

lentless wilderness, the foster-mother so rude to those who fear her, so kind to the stout of heart. And he had yet another hankering—he loved the touch of romance. "Some day," he said, "I will put it all down for other boys to learn." And the years went by and he made attempts to gather simple facts together exactly to meet the need of other boys of like ideas. That information is now obtainable in the "Official Handbook for Boy Scouts" and all those things which are of so much interest to the growing boy are now learned in that great organization of boy scouts.

Scout used to mean the one on watch for the rest. We have widened the word a little. We have made it fit the town as well as the wilderness, and suited it to peace instead of war. We have made the scout an expert in life-craft as well as wood-craft, for he is trained in the things of the heart as well as head and hand. Scouting we have made to cover riding, swimming, tramping, trailing, photography, first aid, camping, handiwork, loyalty, obedience, courtesy, thrift, courage and kindness.

And now, parents, this is what the boy scout organization means. This is what it will do for your boy. Your boy may now learn all these things without that vexation and sadness experienced by our great chief scout, Ernest Thompson Seton. With the organization starting here, are you going to give your boy a chance to join that he may learn these things? Will you save your boy this thirst and hunger for knowledge? Will you give him something to do that will occupy his mind, making him better, broader, more manly, strong of body and character, loyal, kind and courteous, and at the same time keep him off the streets, keep him from impure associations and make him a better citizen? Then let him join the Boy Scouts. All these things will he gain if he becomes a good boy scout. All of the five virtues mentioned in the Bible will he have to his credit.

There are three classes of Boy Scouts. A new member begins as a tenderfoot. After serving at least one month as a tenderfoot he can qualify for a second class. After serving for at least 60 days as a second class he may take the examination for a first class and on passing he is eligible to qualify for merit badges in many lines of work.

The boys are placed in patrols, numbering 8 boys to the patrol, one of which is patrol leader, whose work is to assist the scout master in the management of his patrol, and one of which is the assistant patrol leader. Three patrols make a troop and are under the management of the scout master.

On joining the organization a boy takes an oath to obey the scout law, scout oath and his superiors. The scout law contains twelve divisions: A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, friendly, courteous, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Doing all these things we are very apt to be in the class who begin small and grow larger, rather than in the class that begin larger and grow smaller. It is not claimed that all boys joining this organization will become a perfect boy, but he will become better if he follows the boy scout law and if he doesn't follow it he places himself in a position to be discharged or suspended by the scout master.

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ON WATER FUND:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1914,	3.63
Receipts during the year 1914,	3021.61
Total,	3025.24
Warrants paid during the year 1914,	2920.26
Interest on same,	1.94
Overpayment to City Recorder,	10.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1914,	93.04
Total,	3025.24
ON GENERAL FUND:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1914	\$ 43.14
Received from City Recorder, \$101.70, from Marshal, \$72.50, total,	174.20
Interest refunded,09
Received from the County Treasurer	1718.85
Total,	1936.28
Warrants paid during year 1914,	1805.16
Interest on same,	79.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1914,	52.12
Total,	1936.28
Warrants outstanding January 1, 1914,	3291.56
Warrants endorsed during year, 1914,	3342.08
Total,	6633.64
Warrants endorsed and outstanding January 1, 1914,	3291.56
Warrants issued and not endorsed January 1, 1914,	376.08
Warrants issued during year, 1914,	2966.00
Total,	6633.64
Warrants paid during year, 1914,	1805.16
Warrants outstanding on December 31, 1914,	4828.48
Total,	6633.64

The above report shows \$1536.92 more indebtedness on December 31, 1914, than at the first of the year. To account for most of this, \$376.08 was warrants issued in 1913 and endorsed in 1914. \$750.40 was loaned to the Water Fund to pay the interest due April 1st, and \$300.00 was loaned to the Road Fund to repair the roads. Then there were \$8.98 more on hand at the close of the year than at the beginning. These amounts account for \$1435.46 of the increase, leaving an excess of \$101.46, the excess being the result of the large number of street crossings that had to be replaced with new ones.

The money loaned to the road account will come back about March 1st, and the water works is now paying expenses and with a better contract for power to run the pump and the new business that will come to the water system it looks very probable that the money borrowed from the General fund will be returned this year and that a sinking fund will be created as there is now a surplus on hand.

ATTEST:
D. E. STITT,
City Recorder.

No one can doubt that with such training added to his native gifts the American boy will in the near future, as a man, be strong, noble and an efficient leader in the paths of civilization and peace.

Further details may be obtained by applying to the Scout Master.
RAYMOND L. CORNWELL,
Scout Master.

Pasture in Pork Production

"To make pork production most profitable in all its phases Oregon growers should provide pasture for hogs wherever possi-

ble," says R. E. Reynolds, extension livestock man of the Agricultural College. "Fresh pasture has a beneficial effect on the health of the hog besides affording valuable nutrients for the ration. While grazing, the pigs obtain considerable exercise, which is essential to economical gains, especially in young pigs. It has been proved that cheaper gains can be made in a pasture than in a dry lot. Likewise soil fertility is maintained more steadily, since the manure, which is rich in fertilizing elements, is evenly distributed on the lands pastured."

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