Youth Camps Provide Opportunity to Practice Responsibility

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Each year hundreds of children leave the valley to spend from four days to two weeks in the cool green forests surrounding southern Oregon lakes.

This is possible because youth camps are provided through the efforts of area organizations. Although the groups sponsoring the camps are different, their aims and goals are for the most part the same.

Each camp seeks to develop in the youngsters a sense of independence, responsibility, and capability of making decisions. This is accomplished through various techniques, among them camping out, cooking out, and lessons in various sports.

Requirements to participate in summer camping are not stringent. Most camps call for the child to be a member of the sponsoring organization, and age limits are from about 8 years through senior high school.

Most major youth organizations in the valley operate some type of a camp.

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Among these is a camp sponsored by the Medford Young Men's Christian association located at Diamond lake, 85 miles east of Medford. Camp Diamond lake has a capacity of 100 campers.

Physical facilities at the camp include sleeping and eating arrangements. A main dining hall is provided for the youngsters, who sleep in cabins. However, the physical facilities of the camp are not the most important factors.

Time Outdoors

Campers spend by far the greater portion of their time outdoors. Many activities are organized, both for campers' instruction and pleasure. Among outdoor facilities are a waterfront and sports equipment to go with it.

Besides water sports, campers are encouraged to use areas designated for riflery, archery, and other activities. Lessons are given in each of the sports. Instruction is also given in survival training, so each camper will know how to protect himself if lost in the forest, according to Odd Bjerke, camp director.

Care is taken that all children are under the supervision of capable leaders. To insure this, counselors are required to be college students or adults. A standard of one counselor to each eight campers is maintained, so each child has proper supervision.

A staff of about 16 adults operate the YMCA camp.

In training camp counselors, the Y depends on previous camping experience, as well as on a short training program.

Sessions for boys at the camp are in length of 10, six, or four days. In addition, a six-day girls session is held. These are operated in July and early August.

Age requirements for Camp Diamond lake are from eight to 16 years. The only other requirement is that the child possess a basic membership in the YMCA, Bjorke said.

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In operation from July 1 to Aug. 11 is Camp McLoughlin, the Crater Lake Council Boy Scout camp located at Lake of the Woods, 62 miles east of Medford. This camp, according to Neil Butterfield, camp director, will handle 200 boys.

The capacity is dictated by the number of boys who will fit into the central dining hall. Although most of the boys prefer to eat in the dining hall, they are encouraged to cook out whenever they like, Butterfield said.

Organization of Camp McLoughlin is somewhat different from that of the other valley camps. Each Boy Scout troop attends camp as a group. Instead of providing camp counselors and other adult leaders, each group follows the guidance of its troop leaders.

Housed In Tents

Troops are housed in tents, either eight or two-man size. Before reaching camp, each group of boys decides whether it wants to stay in an eight man or a two man unit. On arrival at camp, the troop is assigned to the type of accomodations the group majority wants.

As a result of this, the use of counselors as guidance members of the camp administration is limited. Instead, assistants are used to assist in waterfront activities, other sports activities, and general organization. There are 13 assistants.

Swimming instruction is provided by a qualified waterfront director. Butterfield said there are 15 canoes, 20 rowboats, and two sailboats available. More sailboats will be provided, he said.

A staff of five works on the waterfront. It consists of a director and four assistants.

Rifle Range Facilities

Other activities for Scouters include rifle range facilities for .22 caliber rifles, and a mo-skeet range for small bore trapshooting.

Instruction is offered in archery, and a range is provided for those who want to use it. Activities in other Scoutcraft areas, such as the use of axes, ropes, and compasses, also are planned.

Butterfield mentioned that one of the most popular activities at Camp McLoughlin is the obstacle course. The sense of competition among the boys is keen, and outdoor sports encourage this.

The first week of camp is for staff training. After this, five sessions of six days each are scheduled.

Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts are eligible to attend the camp, Butterfield added. Cub Scouts, however, are not allowed to attend.

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Along with many other activities, 4-H groups of the county also operate a summer camp. The camp is located at Howard Prairie, about 35 miles southeast of Medford, according to Jerry Brog, county extension agent.

Although physical facilities at the camp are somewhat limited, 4-H club officials expect about 80 youngsters to attend the camp between July 17 and 20. Facilities include a cooking cabin, where meals are prepared, although all meals are served outdoors.

Campers use sleeping bags in a tent village. This camp, because of the lack of developed facilities, lasts four days only.

Instruction Offered

Instruction is offered in safe boating on Howard Prairie lake. Also planned are such activities as swimming, hiking, fishing and crafts.

The camp is staffed with 12 adult leaders. In addition, there are counselors in a standard ratio of one to each eight campers. The young counselors are 15 years old and over, and most have worked with younger children in 4-H work as junior leaders or in other positions. In addition, they attend a counselor training session.

This camp has been held at varying locations since 1942. Little effort has been made to develop facilities in any one spot since one of the main purposes is to develop responsibility.

The youngsters are offered as much freedom as possible, with only limited supervision. It is felt by 4-H leaders, Brog said, that this is one of the few opportunities young people have to make decisions on their own. He feels this is an important part of adequate training to be an adult, and the camp is run purposely to attempt to instill independence in the campers. It is a rough-it, free from restrictions camp.

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Across the lake from Camp McLoughlin at Lake of the Woods is Camp Low Echo, organized for the Rogue Valley Council of Girl Scouts.

The capacity in the camp is 100 girls, ranging from Brownie Scouts through Senior Scouts. Facilities include six units, each consisting of four roofed, semi-enclosed cabins. In addition, a counselor's cabin is in each unit.

Meals are served either in the lodge, or provided through unit cookouts managed by the girls themselves.

Recreational Facilities

Recreational and instructional facilities at Low Echo are varied. Canoes and rowboats are provided, as well as swimming instruction. Included in the activities are hikes, cookouts, hayrides, horseback riding, archery, and handcrafts.

The handcrafts uses natural materials, connecting the activity with the natural setting.

A large campfire circle is available for use by the whole camp, and each unit has its own small campfire circle.

Counselors at Low Echo are required to be 18 years old or more. They have had camping experience, and are usually college girls. In addition, the camp employs unit leaders, usually teaechers who have had some training in psychology. They must be at least 21 years old.

Sessions of camping are scheduled to run from July 8 through Aug. 11. Included are Brownie Scouts, Intermediate Girl Scouts, and Senior Scouts.

Any girl who is entering the third grade or above is eligible to attend Low Echo, according to Mrs. Winston H. (Lucille) Russell, camp director. Girls who are not members of the Girl Scouts must pay an extra $2 fee.

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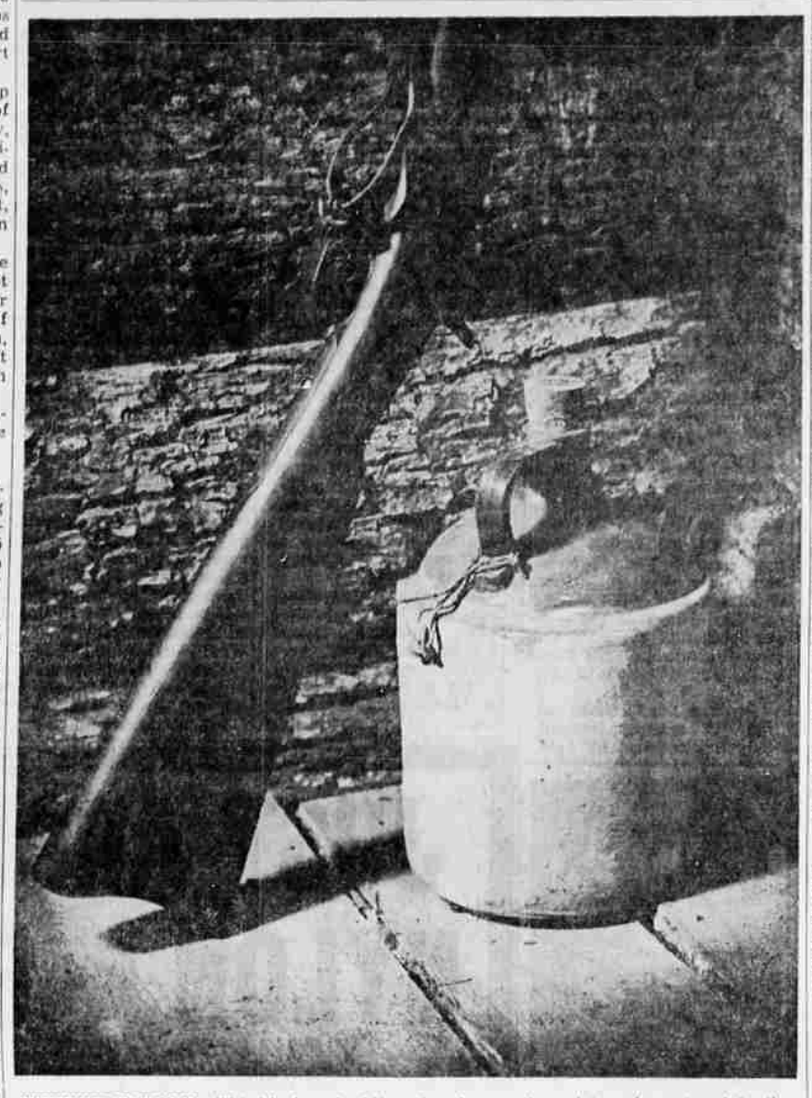
Although it is difficult to estimate the total number these camps accomodate during any given summer, many children escape the dust and heat of the valley for a few days. Their experience is both recreational and educational under the guidance of adult leaders.



WINNING PICTURE—This black and white still life photograph won first place in the summer contest of the Southern Oregon Photographic association recently. The photographer was L. A. Warner, Grants Pass. Warner also earned an honorable mention for another picture he entered in the contest. In addition to the black and white division, awards were given for the best color slides. Club members from this area and Grants Pass participated in the contest.

Grants Pass Man Wins in Event

The summer contest of the Southern Oregon Photographic association was held recently at the Red Cross building.

Both color slides and black and white pictures were entered, and the best in any subject was chosen winner.

L. A. Warner, Grants Pass, took first place in the black and white division. Howard Lind won second place, and Ed Klimko placed third. Honorable mentions were awarded to Charlies Parlier, Esther Warner, and L. A. Warner.

In the color slide division, first place was won by Helen Steffanson, Grants Pass. Herbert H. Whitchurch, Grants Pass, took second place, and Norman Kincheloe placed third and earned an honorable mention. Ralph Clemens and Howard Lind also received honorable mentions.

All pictures entered in the contest will be on display through July 19 in the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

A color slide show by Lloyd Smily will be held at the meeting scheduled Aug. 6. His subject will be desert wild flowers.

All camera club members interested in entering county fair competitions may contact Helen Wilson, 664-2290, for information.

Knights Elect New Officers for Year

Officers for 1962-63 were elected at a recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

Jerome Krueger was elected grand knight; Alexander Austin, deputy grand knight; Robert Hamelin, chancellor; Robert Howard, advocate; Robert Grant, recording secretary; Donald MacPherson, financial secretary; Michael Altobello, treasurer; Arthur Becker, warden; Ivan Allen, inside guard, and August Petard, outside guard.

Installation will be held Monday, July 9.

George Holtzinger, present grand knight, reviewed goals to be attained during the coming year, including completion of a new Knight of Columbus hall on Black Oak dr. The hall is scheduled for completion about Aug. 1.

Headqarters for Gold Rush Jubilee Open in Hotel

Jacksonville — Headquarters for the annual Gold Rush Jubilee, sponsored by the Jacksonville Lions club, are now open in the U.S. Hotel in Jacksonville, according to John Keaveny, general chairman.

The office will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday until the jubilee, which is scheduled Aug. 4 and 5. The telephone number is 899-1841.

Events will include a queen's contest, concessions, three parades, entertainment, and pageant, all in the theme "One Hundred Years Ago."

The Jubilee queen contest, which opened July 2, will end at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1. It is open to girls from 16 through 19 years old. Sponsors, although not compulsory, are advisable, Keaveny noted. Ticket sales will determine the winner of the contest, with prizes going to the seller of the most tickets each week.

Brainerd's is the official contest photographer, and Mann's department store will furnish the finalists grand prizes and the gowns given the queen and her court of four.

The Queen's ball will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 9 p.m. in the Jacksonville community hall. A banquet will honor all contestants Thursday, Aug. 2, at 8 p.m., also in the community hall.

A partial list of prize donors include Weisfield's jewelers, Pearson's jewelers, Brophy's jewelers, Andy's jewelers, John Nutch jewelers, Lawrence jewelers, Swem's, Medford Stationery store, Western Thrift Pharmacy, Wainscott's pharmacy, The Carriage House, and Ginn's.

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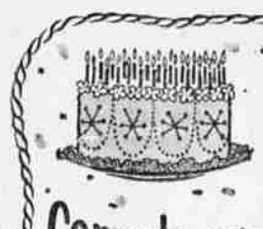

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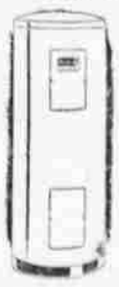
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