

High School Boys Enter Explorer Post



EXPLORER SCOUTS take pride in arranging and carrying out activities on their own. An Explorer Post operates to encourage these qualities of leadership and independence.

Left to right are Jerry Kramer, Bob Anderson, Jon Elliott, Ken Galloway, Lloyd Taggart, Kent Puckett, and Syd Uglum.



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Oscar Anderson, Klamath Falls insurance man, learned about scouting in just four years.

Anderson is adviser to Explorer Post 43 of Klamath Falls. Four years ago he took over adult leadership of a Boy Scout troop and for the past two years he has been working with the older Explorers.

Explorer Scouts are freshmen in high school and older. Naturally, the program is geared to older boys who like to take responsibility and to work out details of their own activities.

The six experience areas of Exploring are social, vocational, outdoor, personal fitness, service and citizenship.

"These boys have a lot of high school activities but the Explorer program puts special emphasis where it is lacking. Hiking, camping and other outdoor activities are especially popular with the boys in the post," Anderson said. "For boys of high school age, physical fitness is not usually a problem. In the service and citizenship areas, we give them an opportunity to do work of genuine benefit to the community."

"An example is study of civil defense materials so that members of the post could help out in an emergency," Anderson pointed out.

"It is interesting to note that Boy Scout troops usually depend quite heavily on adult leadership in most activities," he said. "The Explorers are more independent, however, and like to conduct their own meetings and make their own decisions on activities."

The adviser's role is close to the definition of his title. He advises when his mature judgment is needed and provides ideas that may or may not be accepted by the post.

"We also find that the post does not meet at regularly scheduled times because of the press of other activities," Anderson said. "But that doesn't mean we don't have a lot of meetings and activities."

An activity that would send most Boy Scouts off at a run, dancing, is popular with the older Explorers who are learning the social graces.

Anderson, like other adults in the scouting program, sees it as an opportunity for the adult as well as the youngster.

"I have had some wonderful associations with these boys," Anderson recalls. "I got to know some really fine young fellows who I otherwise would never have met."

"We shared experiences that not even many families have had in common," he said. "I believe that every family that doesn't share in the activities of its younger members is losing something priceless."

"During the time I have been in the program, I have felt at times that the boys have really appreciated something I had done for them," he said.

Anderson's own son, Robert, is a Life Scout and a member of his Explorer troops.

Other members of the troop are three Eagle Scouts, Ralph Breitenstein, Don Owens and Grover Dahn; Life Scouts, Kenneth Galloway, Ronald Hitchcock, and Lloyd Taggart; and Star Scouts, Thurston Henzel, Kent Puckett, Harlan Hamaker, Harold Uglum, Jerry Kramer, Ronald Collman, and Jon Elliott.

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Associate advisers for the post are Wayne Galloway and John C. Dahn.

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LLOYD TAGGART
Explorer Scout



OSCAR ANDERSON

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