

Boy Scout Troop #201 looking for few (or more) good boys and a new Scoutmaster

When you think of Boy Scouts, do you think of camping, hiking, flag carrying, and community service? Those are good thoughts! There's more to the Boy Scouts than this! Scouting was originated by Lord Robert Baden-Powell as a

way to help train young men. He believed in learning by doing and having adventures. The scouts now call this "Fun with a purpose."

Last month a group of scouts from Vernonia went to Camp Lassen in Northern Cali-

fornia and spent the week. They hiked, swam, rowed boats, slept in tents and ate food in a dining hall. They also shot guns, did a rope course, rode bikes, participated in a flag retirement ceremony, and learned something about them-

selves, and others. The picture included with this article is of seven of the boys who built the table they are standing on cooperatively in less than five minutes! The trip to Camp Lassen was the last one for outgoing Scoutmaster Rob Clines, who has moved to California to pursue his education.

Troop 201 is very active, with about 12 boys registered, and more are definitely welcome. The troop meets each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, except in August, when there will be no meetings.

So, if you have a son who is between the ages of 11 and 17, we would love to talk with you and him about joining the troop. We also have many active adults; in fact, all the boys in the troop have at least one parent willing to take an active role within the troop. However, we do not have a replacement for the position of scoutmaster. This position takes a good deal

of time, and some vision as to where the troop is heading. The Scoutmaster is a guide and mentor for the boys. He/she helps plan meetings and campouts and helps the boys plan the program. We are looking for someone with good moral character, good organizational skills and energy. This person could be a man or woman of any age or religion. A background in scouting would be helpful, but is NOT necessary as long as the person is open to learning the scouts rules and methods. This person would NOT have to go on all campouts. A background check will be conducted on anyone who applies for this position. Please consider helping us grow the next generation of young men in Vernonia. An investment in youth is an investment in the future!

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From top clockwise: Patrick Peets, John Fitch, Colin Hayes, Preston Roach, Jacob Dixon, Parker Roach, and Tyler Clines of Boy Scout Troop #201 during trip to Camp Lassen in Northern California.

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