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Scouring the better life





BEARS: Jonathan Hilty, Nathan Lamb and Logan Whitmore.



TIGER CUBS: Mason Schlitz and J.T. Woodcox.



WOLVES: back row: Cheryl Lee - leader, Arden Schneider - Den Chief; middle row: Zach Gienger, Billy Lee, Lucas Carmichael; front row: Foster Grant and Tony Meyer.



WEBELOS: back row: Nicole Meyer, Arden Schneider - Den Chief, Jeff Meyers, Robbie Herman, Pat Lamb - asst. leader; front row: Terrence Lamb and Brendan Finley.



WHAT IS A BOY?

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood, We find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same cravings. To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day, and to protest with noise, their only weapon when their last minute is finished and the adult male pack them off to bed at night. Boys are found everywhere, on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping through. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them and Heaven protects them. A boy is proof with dirt on his face, beauty with a cut on his finger, wisdom with bubble gum in his hair. and the hope of the future with a frog in his pocket. When you are busy a boy is an inconsiderate bothersome, intruding jangle of noise, when you want him to make a good impression his brain turns to jelly, or else he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it. A boy is a composite. He has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyon, the shyness of a violet. The audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker. and when he makes something, he has five thumbs on each hand. He likes ice-cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, wood, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, dad, brains, Saturday morning and fire engines. He's not much for Sunday School, company, everyday school, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime. Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper, nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket, a rusty knife, a half eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty Bull Durim sack, two gum drops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine super sonic code ring with a secret compartment. A boy is a magical creature, you can lock him out of you workshop but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up, he is your captor, your jailer, your boss and your master. A freckled face, pint sized, cat chasing bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of you hope and dreams, he can mend them like new with two magic words, HI DAD! Don't Miss the

SCOUTING

ADVENTURE

Boy Scouts of America

BOY SCOUTS: back row - Tanner Lacy, Tyler Finley, Tyler Larson, Trevor Hilt, Ethan Zweygardt, Jerry Whitmore - leader; middle row: Pat Lamb - asst. leader, David Meyer, Jeremy Meyer, Matt Whitmore, Chase Barnhart, Jacob Riedel and Arden Schneider. Not pictured: Scott Ford and Jon Finley

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