

The Value of Scouting in My Life

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Scouting: A Constant in My Life

by John Temesi

From the time I was very young, the one constant in my life has always been Scouting. When I first joined Beavers it was fun, yet profoundly educational. Here I learned the value of sharing, communication, and how to interact with my peers. When I entered Cubs I was able to build upon this foundation, adding to it a basic knowledge of camping and the outdoors. In Scouts the elements of challenge and determination were introduced. I did not want to be just any Scout, but one who achieved the Chief Scout's Award. It was through determination and perseverance that I was able to reach this goal, while learning more about the outdoors and active sports.

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As I moved into Venturers, the challenge and determination of completing both my Queen's Venturer and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (before beginning a year-long exchange to Denmark) enabled me to become more aware of both my physical and mental capabilities.

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— John Temesi comes from Hamilton, ON.



The Spirit of Scouting Within

by Steve Kent

I still remember the night in the school gymnasium when I lost my white neckerchief, and was invested into the local Cub pack. I knew I was joining a Movement that was very special. Eleven years later, my belief still holds true.

Scouting has touched my life in so many ways. My oldest and dearest friends were in my Cub pack or Scout troop. Many of the people who have had a positive influence on me as I have grown have been in the Movement.

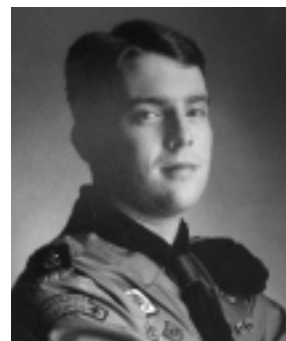
Scouting introduced me to many invaluable skills – public speaking, teamwork, leadership, to name a few – that have led me to achieve success in other areas of my life. Scouting values that I learned as a young boy will remain with me throughout life. My passion for helping others, my appreciation for our natural environment, and my desire to do my best in everything I do, these beliefs were all influenced by my Scouting experiences. Scouting has taken me places and opened my eyes to a whole new world!

Scouting is the greatest youth Movement in the world, both in size and in value to society. I strive constantly to give something back to the organization that has given me so much.

Even at 18 years of age, Scouting provides awesome opportunities for personal development. Scouting has prepared me for life, and I know that throughout life, the spirit of Scouting will continue to burn brightly within my heart.

Thank you, Scouts Canada! \

— Steve Kent lives in Mount Pearl, NL.



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