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Commissioner's Report

KIM'S GAME/ OBSERVATION

Is the playing of Kim's Game or honing observation skills in our programs offered to the youth we serve today?

Have you ever had a stranger wander in during your meeting time and poke his or her nose into doors and crooks and crannies? Did anyone notice? Did anyone point the intruder out to a leader? Could the youth in your care describe the stranger, height, weight, hair colour, clothing, beard, mustache, clean shaven, light or dark complexion?

Try having someone come in during your meeting time and just walk around and perhaps poke into a few things

and then leave without saying anything. Then ask the question? "Did anything unusual happen during tonight's meeting?" It will be interesting to see what answers you receive.

Why have I mentioned this at all? Every day the papers and news reports on the TV and radio are full of incidents of missing children, people being gunned down in broad daylight in crowded areas.

Vandalism is rampant and bullying on the streets seems to be on the increase especially at bus stops.

Baden-Powell had young observers reporting movements of strangers and unusual tracks in the ground to his command and these young people were instrumental in the winning of the war.

Perhaps if we utilize Kim's Game and other means of sharpening our powers of observation we might just be able to be of assistance to law enforcement in helping to lower the crime rate.

Remember the skills we pass on to our young members helps to prepare them for life and being able to spot a potential danger is priceless.

Till next time, Good Scouting.

Mike Maloney
Chief Commissioner



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Upcoming Events:

- *Summer Camp*
July 19 – 25
Camp Puntchesakut
- *WFIS-NA General Assembly*
July 25 – 26
Camp Puntchesakut
- *Wood Beads 1 Training*
TBA—June
Thompson-Cariboo District

Registration

Time to start Spring recruiting! Any member joining after April 1 has their registration dues paid for the next year until August 2010. If our low registration fees aren't enough to convince them, maybe this incentive will help.

This does **not** apply to groups that have had members join earlier this year but haven't got around to submitting their registration fees. Keeping your membership list current ensures that all members are fully insured and that we have adequate insurance for everyone.

Mail your registration forms to your Provincial Commissioner and the fees to the Treasurer at 157 Brears Road South, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 4G3. Cheques can be made payable to BPSA.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Scouters Five

What is a Boy?

Between the innocence of baby hood and the dignity of manhood, we find a delightful creature called a Boy.

- Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colours, but all boys have the same creed:
- Boys are found everywhere - on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them.
- 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 males pack them off to bed at night.
- A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum on its hair, and Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.
- When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise.
- A boy is a composite - he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket sized atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a fire cracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs to each hand.
- He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water [in its natural habitat], large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines.
- 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 one rusty knife, a half eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty McDonald's sack, two gum drops, six cents, a sling shot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine supersonic code ring with a secret compartment.
- A boy is a magical creature - you can lock him out of your workshop but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can lock 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 freckle faced, pint sized, cat chasing bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magical words, "hi, Dad!"

Saint George's Day is April 23



SAINT GEORGE AND SCOUTING FOR BOYS

In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell wrote of chivalry and the knights of old. He tried to show Scouts a new path to chivalry and honour. Saint George was the Patron Saint of England, and of the Knights of the Garter, the oldest order of chivalry in Europe. They were familiar subjects to most English boys when B-P was writing. Here is what he wrote:

ST. GEORGE

They (the knights of the Round Table) had as their patron saint St. George, because he was the only one of all the saints who was a horseman. He is the Pa-

tron Saint of cavalry from which the word Chivalry is derived, and the special saint of England.

He is also the Patron Saint of Boy Scouts everywhere. Therefore, all Scouts should know his story.

St. George was born in Cappadocia in the year AD 303. He enlisted as a cavalry soldier when he was seventeen, and soon became renowned for his bravery.

On one occasion he came to a city named Selem, near which lived a dragon who had to be fed daily with one of the citizens, drawn by lot.

The day St. George came there, the lot had fallen upon the king's daughter, Cleolinda. St. George resolved that she should not die, and so he went out and attacked the dragon, who lived in a swamp close by, and killed him.

When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared—even in the shape of a dragon—he did not avoid it or

fear it, but went at it with all the power he could put into himself and his horse. Although inadequately armed for such an encounter, having merely a spear, he charged in, did his best, and finally succeeded in overcoming a difficulty which nobody had dared to tackle.

That is exactly the way in which a Scout should face a difficulty or danger, no matter how great or terrifying it may appear to him or how ill-equipped he may be for the struggle.

He should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that he can to try to overcome it, and the probability is that he will succeed.

St. George's Day is April 23rd, and on that day all Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and of the Scout Law. Not that a Scout every forgets either, but on St. George's Day he makes a special point of thinking about them. Remember this when April 23rd comes round again.

Camp Cookery

Moroccan Chicken

Ingredients

2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon tumeric
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
2 Tbsp olive oil
1 chicken, 3-4 lbs, cut into 8 pieces (or 3-4 lbs of just chicken thighs and legs, the dark meat is more flavorful)
Salt
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
1/2 cup water

1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Method

1 Combine all the spices in a large freezer bag. Pat dry the chicken pieces and put in the bag, coat well with the spice mixture. Let the chicken stand for at least one hour in the spices.

2 In a large, heavy bottomed skillet, heat the olive oil on medium high heat. Add the chicken pieces and brown, skin side down for five min-

utes. Lower the heat to medium-low, add the garlic and onions. Cover and let cook for 15 minutes.

3 Turn chicken pieces over. Add the raisins, and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a simmer on medium heat, then lower the heat to low, cover, and cook for an additional 30 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through and quite tender.

4 Mix in fresh parsley and cilantro right before serving. Adjust seasonings to taste.

Serves 4 to 6. Serve with couscous or rice.



The Backpacker's Corner

TENT REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Stuck zipper

Accumulated dirt and grime causes zippers to snag. In the field, brush them off before pulling the slider. At home, clean the teeth with water and a toothbrush, or a vacuum cleaner. Don't apply any lubricant to zippers—it will only attract more grit. Occasionally the looped wires from the zipper tracks will bend or separate under duress. You can simply straighten the damaged coils with a knife or needle.



No More Mold

Have you ever pulled a tent out of the stuff sack and it smells like vomit? That's the smell of moisture breaking down the waterproof coating. Even a few drops of condensation can cause mildew to grow, so never store a wet tent. After a rainy or humid night, drape the fly over a tree and turn the tent on its side to

let the sun dry the bottom. At home, hang the tent on a clothesline or shower rod. Once it's dry, store it loosely in a cotton pillowcase or mesh storage sack.

Eliminate mildew

Kill black-spotted mildew with this cleaning regimen, which will remove the mold, though not the stain.

Mix one cup of Lysol household cleaner into one gallon of hot water (1:16 solution). Pitch the tent and clean it inside and out. Do not rinse—let it dry.

Cleanse the fabric by mixing one-cup table salt and one-cup lemon juice (concentrate is okay) into one gallon of hot water. Scrub the tent inside and out with this solution, then rinse the entire tent with a garden hose.

Remove pine sap

Scrub off sticky stuff with a sponge soaked in mineral oil, then rinse the spot thoroughly with hot water to remove the residue.

Restoring the floor

Just as seam tape will eventually crack and peel, so will the waterproof coating on your tent floor. You can restore the floor and get a few more seasons' use out of it by using a pot scrubber to rub off as many loose flakes as possible. Then sponge off the floor so it is com-

pletely clean and allow it to dry. Using a foam brush apply McNett Tent Sure or some other DWR product that is designed specifically for restoring tent floor waterproof coatings (available at most outdoor stores).

Maintain a waterproof barrier

Invest in a footprint designed for your tent, or build your own using Tyvek or painter's plastic. Even a thin barrier will extend the life of the tent floor and prevent ground soaking during heavy rain. In addition, keep DEET-based bug dope away from the tent fabric. Exposure to that solvent will eat away at the nylon's waterproof coating.

Fact or Myth?

Q: Rolling is better than stuffing.

A: Fact! Stuffing is bad practice. Repeatedly cramming a tent into a stuffsack creates a lot of small radius bends in the fabric. These small edges end up being subjected to far more abrasion and moisture than the coating would be if the tent were folded. The traditional argument against folding has been that permanent creases weakened the fabric, but this is preposterous. Rolling is the best option, because it eliminates micro-creases and segregates the dirty floor from the rest of the tent.



The Patrol System

Exploration

A good form of scout work can be got by scouts going about either as patrols on an exploring expedition, or in pairs like knight-errants of old on a pilgrimage through the country to find people wanting help and to help them. This can equally well be done with bicycles, or in the winter by skating along the canals.

Scouts in carrying out such a tramp should never, if possible, sleep under a roof — that is to say, on fine nights they would sleep in the open wherever they may be; or, in bad weather, would get leave to occupy a hay loft or barn. You should on all occasions take a map with you, and find your way by it, as far as possible, without having to ask the way of passers-by. You would, of course, have to do your daily good turn whenever opportunity presented itself, but besides that, you should do good turns to farmers and others who may allow you the use of their barns, and so on, as a return for their kindness.

As a rule you should have some object in your expedition; that is to say, if you are a patrol of town boys, you would go off with the idea of scouting some special spot, say a mountain, or a famous lake, or possibly some old castle or battlefield, or a seaside beach. Or you may be on your way to join one of the larger camps.

If, on the other hand, you are a patrol from the country, you can make your way up to a big town, with the idea of going to see its buildings, and its Zoological Gardens, circuses, museums, etc. And you should notice everything as you go along the roads, and remember, as far as possible, all your journey, so that you could give directions to anybody else who wanted to follow that road afterwards. And make a map. Explorers, of course, keep a log or journal, giving a short account of each day's journey, with sketches or photos of any interesting things they see.

Boat Cruising

Instead of tramping or cycling, it is also an excellent practice for a patrol to take a boat and make a trip in that way through the country; but no one should be allowed in the boat who is not a good swimmer, because accidents are pretty sure to happen, and if all are swimmers it does not matter—in fact, it is rather a good experience than otherwise.

I once made such a cruise with two of my brothers. We took a small folding-up canvas boat, and went as far up the Thames as we could possibly get, till it became so narrow and small a stream that we were continually having to get out and pull our boat over fallen trees and stopped-up bits of river. Then we took the boat on the Avon, which rises near the source of the Thames, but flows to the westward, and here, again, we began where the river was very small, and gradually worked our way down until it developed into a big stream, and so through Bath and Bristol on to the Severn. Then across the Severn and up the Wye into Wales. We carried with us our tents, stores, and cooking apparatus, so that we were able to live out, independent of houses the whole time. A more enjoyable trip could not be imagined, and the expense was very small.

Mountaineering

A good deal of interesting mountaineering can be done in the British Isles and many places abroad if you know about where to go, and it is grand sport, and brings out into practice all your scoutcraft to enable you to find your way, and to make yourself comfortable in camp.

You are, of course, continually losing your direction, because, moving up and down in the deep gullies of the mountain side, you lose sight of the landmarks which usually guide you, so that you have to watch your direction by the sun and by your compass, and keep on estimating in what direction your proper line of travel lies.

Then, again, you are very liable to be caught in fogs and mists, which are at all times upsetting to the calculations even of men who know every inch of the country. I had such an experience in Scotland one year, when, in company with a Highlander who knew the ground, I got lost in the mist. But, supposing that he knew the way, I committed myself entirely to his guidance, and after going some distance I felt bound to remark to him that I noticed the wind had suddenly changed, for it had been blowing from our left when we started, and was now blowing hard on our right cheek. However, he seemed in no way nonplussed, and led on. Presently I remarked that the wind was blowing behind us, so that either the wind, or the mountain, or we ourselves were turning round. And eventually it proved as I suggested, that it was not the wind that had turned, or the mountain; it was ourselves who had wandered round in a complete circle, and were almost back at the point we started from within an hour.

The scouts working on a mountain ought to practise the art of roping themselves together, as mountaineers do on icy slopes to save themselves from falling into holes in the snow and slipping down precipices. When roped together in this way; supposing that one man falls, the weight of the others will save him from going down into the depths.

When roped together each man has about 14 feet between himself and the next man. The rope is fastened round his waist by a loop or bowline, the knot being on his left side. Each man has to keep back off the man in front of him, so that the rope is tight all the time; then if one falls or slips the others lean away from him with all their weight, and hold him up till he regains his footing. A loop takes up about 4 ft. 6 in. of rope, and should be a "bowline" at the ends of the rope, and a "butterfly," "middleman's loop" or "man harness hitch" for central men on the rope.

-1938 Scouting for Boys



BPSA – British Columbia NEWS

Group News

1st Logan Lake has had an especially good year with the formation of TWO new Otter Groups! The Pack and Troop continue to grow. Sandy and Charlie are looking forward to this summer with the arrival of the group from Germany.

1st Kersley Pack and Troop are meeting together with the **14th Dragon Lake** due to a lack of leaders, but the Pack and the Troop still have good youth membership and they still maintain their Kersley identity with their neckers of Blue and Yellow.

14th Dragon Lake is at capacity in both the Raft and the Pack. Plans are underway to form another group in Bouchie Lake this Fall and leader training is currently taking place to ensure a smooth start. We lost a wonderful Otter Leader that was a Scouter

in the Netherlands when their business took them to Ontario. The two Troops participated in the Annual Sled Dog Mail Run this year and despite the -40C temperatures, the camp was a great success. Winter Camping at its finest!

15th Horizontes is still doing well although they have had some difficulty with parental support. The group continues to grow and Mario and Luzarra are looking forward to attending summer camp again this year.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp will be back at beautiful Camp Puntchesakut this year from July 19 to 25. Campers may arrive on the Saturday before, but camp will open on the Sunday.

Patrols will be setting up in the wooded portion East of the cap this year and a workparty is planned for May to prepare the Patrol Sites and trails as well as clean up the winter debris. Timber Wolves will be sleeping in the cabins this year to save ground space with the higher number of expected participants.

The format will be similar to previous years and this year's theme is "Native Culture Camp". The Nazko 1st Nations held a similar camp last year for the elders to teach the youth the traditional native ways. We hope to use much of their programming for our camp.

There will still be swimming, fishing and canoeing and hopefully the craft house will be fixed up in time if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Look for a separate newsletter coming soon. Only 14 weeks to go!



Upcoming Training Events

Wood Beads 1

There will be a Wood Beads 1 course in June in the Thompson—Cariboo District.

Please email the B.C. Provincial Commissioner for more details at prov.comm@gmail.com

Introduction to Traditional Scouting

The new course is now available for local delivery through your GSM. Contact your Provincial Commissioner for more information.

Wood Beads Training Why B.-P. Started It

"One of the purposes of Wood Bead Training is to get men to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Promise."

Lord Baden-Powell

News from the World Federation of Independent Scouts



Can you help a fellow Scout?

Dear Brother and Sisters in Scouting with this letter the WFIS-World Council turns with a personal request to you.

Used or new scout uniforms and neckerchiefs are needed to support a boy scout association in Africa

– Ivory Coast. The Boy Scouts association is currently set up by the Danish doctor Ole Jacobsen.

At present approximately 300 children and youngsters in 4 groups attend the regular group activities

and the increase in new members is very high.

Used blue and green scout shirts and neckerchiefs of all colours and forms are asked for as support.

This will be send with a Danish care organisation free of charge to Dr. Jacobsen.

If you have used scout uniforms you do not use anymore in your stock and/or in your groups still

please make this available for this project. Your help will be appreciated.

You could do this with your members as a „Good Turn “action and promote this ac-

tivity in your local newspapers.

All participating associations and groups will receive a „Good Turn “document of the WFIS World

Council for your scout house or office.

Please send your collected uniforms and neckerchiefs to:

WFIS World Council

“Aid for Ivory Coast”

Angelstr.15

65558 Heistenbach

Germany

Your help is needed for the „Aid for Ivory Coast“ project of the WFIS World Council

Yours in scouting

Klaus Tegeder – President WFIS World Council



WFIS NA—Notice of General Assembly

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

We would like to invite you to the 1. Orderly General Assembly of the WFIS –

North America Council.

The assembly will take place in Quesnel (Canada) from Saturday July 25th to

Sunday July 26th.

You will have also the possibility to take part at the BPSA Provincial Camp in Quesnel

British Columbia start at the 18. July 2009 and join afterwards the General Assembly in

Camp Puntchesakut, west of Quesnel on the Nazko Highway.

GPS Coordinates of the camp are 52, 59, 32.80N 122, 57, 07.70W.

For information about the BPSA BC Provincial Camp and the General Assembly of the

WFIS - North America Council, please contact

Ric Raynor, rric14@gmail.com

We will see you at the General Assembly

Yours in traditional scouting

Klaus Tegeder – President WFIS

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