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FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Over the years the truth about people we have held in high esteem and respected has come out with shocking results. Wikileaks is a prime example.

Just recently it came to light that Robert Baden Powell was not the chap we all believed him to be. Actually, according to records from Charter House where BP attended school, he was quite a timid chap who had trouble finding his way around the halls of the school. He was befriended by a chap who protected him from the bullies and kept him at his side. This benefactor was extremely proficient in the woods and knew all kinds of things that BP had not even imagined. Now it turned out that later in life BP had tagged along with his benefactor even to the point of enlisting in the British Army and became his bat man. (Personal valet) Now this benefactor having discovered the total lack of preparedness of his troops wrote a few stories about how they could better prepare themselves for life and survival in times of strife and war. BP was a skilled writer and wrote these stories under his name. His benefactor was quite an ugly chap and did not want the public to view pictures of himself and instructed BP to put everything under his name. BP also was well versed in doing sketches and many have become famous even until this day.



Even though in Adventures for Boys (*Scouting for Boys*) a lot of emphasis was placed on personal hygiene, BP's benefactor never shaved, had his hair cut or bathed for that matter. His philosophy was that wild game would never catch a human scent from him and run. His hunting expeditions were of course most successful including the one he held in Canada near Kelowna B.C.

Thus the strange relationship between Robert Baden Powell and his benefactor was sealed for life. BP served as a bat man during the siege of Mafeking and the two made a pact to keep their relationship a secret.

When BP married his wife was privy to this conspiracy and never made it know to anyone.

Upon the death of his benefactor, BP and his wife made their way to Africa where BP died in 1941 and is buried in Kenya.

Oh the name of his benefactor? Why none other than *Lord Fibbsalot*.

Happy APRIL FOOLS DAY!

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Provincial Camp at Lake Puntchesakut

July 3 to July 9, 2011

Everybody is welcome!



OTTERS TAKING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT



14th Dragon Lake BPSA group pitches-in !

PITCH-IN CANADA Week is coming up on April 18-24, 2011.

What better excuse than to take the Otters (or your whole group for that matter) and pick a project to help the environment. For the Otters they will satisfy a Green Paw requirement and will be helping Mother Nature in the process. PITCH-IN CANADA Week is an annual national community clean-up and beautification program that is part of the year-round PITCH-IN CANADA program. PITCH-IN CANADA Week started in 1967 with a few conscientious citizens on the west coast cleaning up unsightly and harmful marine debris on their local beach.

Dress for safety sake!

Make sure your Otters are dressed properly for local conditions to avoid injury and overexposure to the sun. Bring sturdy gloves, sneakers, hats, sunscreen, sun glasses and drinking water if not available on site. Tell them not to approach 55 gallon drums or 5 gallon buckets. They may contain toxic chemicals. Record details of such “finds” at a distance. Make sure syringes and glass are handled with care and put them in a container, not a garbage bag. Place small red flags near medical waste and glass and designate a special crew to remove these hazards. Avoid walking in dunes or other areas that may harbour poison ivy, snakes or other wildlife. Don’t disturb nesting animals! Explain that safety is first when talking with your Otters!



Take lots of pictures and send them to us!



Editors' Notebook

April 1 is traditionally referred to as “April Fool’s Day” or by some as *Saint Stupid’s Day*. Of course there is no Saint Stupid and according to the 11th Law “*A Scout is no fool*” But it is a day to let one’s hair (if any) down, enjoy the lighter side of life, maybe play a prank or a practical joke on friends. There are a couple points one should keep in mind, when playing a practical joke.

☞ make sure that object of your prank is somebody who can take a joke. You don’t want to be disrespectful or hurt someone’s feelings.

☞ if you are not willing to become the butt of somebody else’s joke, don’t even start any pranks. If you want to dish it out, you must be prepared to take a taste of your own medicine.

You can mark the day better if you just tell your friends a few good jokes, instead. A good joke is always welcome, on any day.

If you want to do something really special, get together with your Patrol and write a new funny sketch for your next campfire.

Scouting is a very serious game, but never so serious that we could not find some time for a bit of goofing around or downright silliness. Without some fun time, it would be a boring world. Even the most boring school work goes easier, when you have a smile on your face.

B-P thought cheerfulness to be so important, he made it one of the Scout Laws. So just keep smiling.

Happy April Fool’s Day from

Your Editors

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT THIS MOTHERS DAY, MAY 8

B.-P.’s words:

There is only one pain greater than that of losing your mother, and that is for your mother to lose you—I do not mean by death but by your own misdeeds. Has it ever struck you what it means to your mother if you turn out a ‘wrong ‘un’ or a waster? She who taught you your first steps, your prayers, your straight ideas, and was glad when you showed that you could do things.

As she watched you get bigger and stronger and grow clever, she had hoped in her heart of hearts that you were going to make a successful career, and make a good name for yourself — something to be proud of. But if you begin to loaf about and do not show grit and keenness, if you become a slacker, her heart grows cold with disappointment and sorrow — though she may not show it; all her loving work and expectation have been thrown away, and the pain she suffers by seeing you slide off into the wrong road is worse than if she had seen you lost in death. You have not the power of preventing her from losing you by death, but you can save her from losing you in this other way.

Make your career a success, whatever line you take up, and you will rejoice her heart. Try not to disappoint her but to make her happy in any way you can; you owe it to her; and when she dies it will be your greatest comfort to think that at any rate you did your best for her and tried to be a credit to her while she lived.

I never knew a really good manly fellow who was not also a good son to his mother; and by acting up to his mother’s expectations many a man has raised himself to the top of the tree.

KIDS SAY THE DARNEST THINGS . . .

Q: What makes a real mom?

A: You have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

Q: Describe the world’s greatest mom?

A1: She would make broccoli taste like ice cream!

A2: The greatest mom in the world would not make me kiss my aunts!

A3: She’d always be smiling and keep her opinion to herself.

Q: If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

A1: She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean.

A2: I’d make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

Q: Is anything about your mom perfect?

A: Just her children.

SMILES AND CHUCKLES

Camping with Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said; "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?" Dr. Watson replied; "I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes."

Sherlock Holmes: "And what does that tell you, Watson?"
Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes: "It tells me that somebody stole our tent."

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak

A FABLE

A crow was sitting in a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow and asked "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day?"

"Sure, why not?", said the crow. So the young rabbit sat down on the grass below the crow and rested.

All of a sudden, a fox came along, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management lesson: To be sitting and doing nothing all day, you must be sitting pretty high up.

A young boy walks into a barber shop. "This is the dumbest kid in town" the barber whispers to his customer. "watch, I'll prove it to you"
The barber puts a loonie in one hand and two quarters in the other. Then he calls the boy over and asks "Which hand do you want, son?"
The boy takes the two quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you," says the barber, "that kid never learns".
Later, when the customer left, he saw the same boy coming out of the ice cream parlor. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the two quarters instead of the loonie?"
The boy licked his ice cream and said "Because the day I pick the dollar, the game is over."

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Dwain.
Dwain who?
Dwain the bathtub, I'm dwoining.

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Police.
Police who?
Police open the door, I'm tired of knocking.

A RIDDLE

A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays for three days and leaves on Friday. How does he do it?
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Q: What is worse than finding a worm in your apple?

A: Finding half a worm

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July 15th.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

What's happening when you hear "woof ... splat ... meow splat ..."?
It's raining cats and dogs.

A man stalled his car on a country road. He was about to call the nearest garage for help, when a cow came along, leaned over him and said: "It's probably in the carburator".
The startled fellow jumped and ran down the road, until he met a farmer. He told the farmer his story. "Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer.
"Yes, that's the one" replied the man.
"Oh, I wouldn't listen to Bessie" said the farmer, "She doesn't know anything about cars."



"Don't look round, Akela. It's April the first!"

COOKING IN CAMP

Shepherd's Pie

This recipe, from the kitchen of the 14th Dragon Lake Group, was prepared solely by the Timber Wolves at our recent ice fishing camp. Everyone, including the adults, enjoyed every morsel and there was none left for seconds!

INGREDIENTS

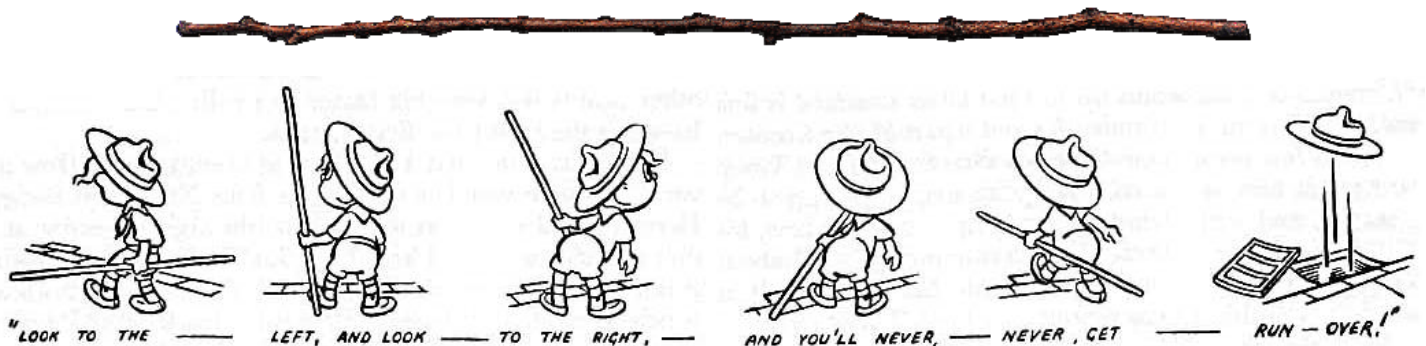
5 lbs ground round beef
3 large onions chopped
1 Kg cooked vegetables - carrots, corn, peas or ????
5 lbs potatoes
1 large can tomato sauce
1/2 cup beef broth powder

Worcestershire sauce to taste
Milk
Margarine
Salt, pepper, other seasonings of choice
Cooking oil

METHOD

- 1 Peel and quarter potatoes, boil until tender.
- 2 While the potatoes are cooking, heat the oil in large, deep frying pan.
- 3 Sauté onions in oil until caramelized (light brown) over medium heat.
- 4 Add the ground beef and cook until no longer pink. Drain off any excess fat.
- 5 Mix the tomato sauce and the beef stock powder and add it to the cooked meat mixture.
- 6 Mash the potatoes with a touch of milk and margarine.
- 7 Put the meat mixture in a large baking dish, arrange the cooked vegetables over and top with the mashed potatoes.
- 8 Bake for about 1/2 hour.

Serves 12-16 hungry campers



Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Rita.

Rita who?

Rita book, you might learn something.

Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Henrietta.

Henrietta who?

Henrietta worm that was in his apple.

Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Carrie.

Carrie who?

Carrie on with what you're doing, I'm at the wrong door.

Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Anita.

Anita who?

Anita drink of water.



BICYCLE SAFETY

Spring is just round the corner and for many that means dragging the bicycle out of the shed after a long winter and buzzing around the neighbourhood. But hold on, just like Dad's car, your bike needs maintenance too. Are your tires in good shape and pumped up to the right pressure? Are your brakes adjusted properly and the pads in good condition? Are your handlebars and seat adjusted to the right height and are they tight? Are the wheels lubricated and not wobbly? How does that chain look? Rusty and dry or well oiled? The pedals need to turn smoothly and be well oiled as well. These are some of the things Dad can help with too, but your bike is your responsibility and you need to take good care of it.

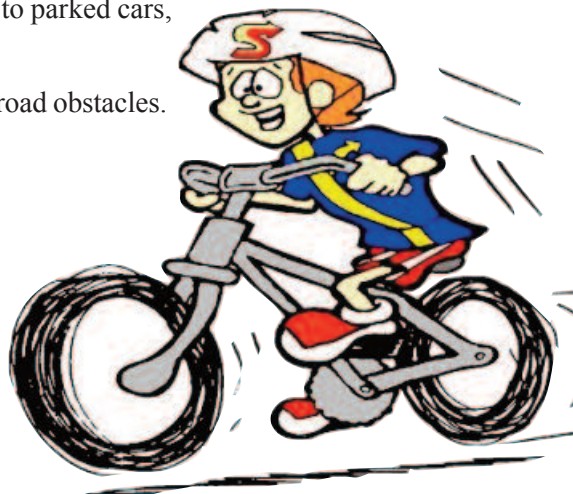
OK, my bike is well maintained and I'm ready for the road, right? Not yet. How is your helmet? Does it still fit properly? Don't even think about riding your bike without a helmet. Is your clothing a nice bright colour so motorists can see you? Do you have a light on your bike, front and rear, just in case you get caught out after dark? Do they still work? Are your pant legs tight so they don't get caught up in the chain?

Do you know the "Highway Code", the rules of the road for bicycles? In BC, the Motor Vehicle Act says that cyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of vehicles. That's right! That Stop Sign applies to you too. Know your hand signals and learn how to obey the traffic signs. Always ride with your hands on the handlebars. Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving your driveway, an alley, or a curb. Cross at intersections. When you pull out between parked cars, drivers can't see you coming. Walk your bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.

Ride on the right-hand side of the street, so you travel in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic. Use bike lanes or designated bike routes wherever you can. Don't ride too close to parked cars, doors can open suddenly.

Keep an eye on the road ahead so you can be prepared for big hills and road obstacles. Some common ones that can cause falls include:

- * wet leaves
- * big puddles
- * changes in the road or sidewalk surface
- * storm grates
- * gravel or rocks
- * curbs
- * little kids in your way!



HAVE A SAFE AND FUN RIDE!



THE SCOUT LAWS OF MOTION

- 1, IT IF SHOULD MOVE AND DOESN'T, USE WD-40
- 2, IF IT MOVES AND SHOULDN'T, USE DUCT TAPE

CALL OF NATURE

SPRING IS THE TIME TO GROW

The snow is gone, the days are getting longer and warmer, it's time to get a head start on some gardening and growing. All sections have some gardening or growing or taking care of nature badges, so this should be not just fun, but also helpful in reaching your Scouting goals.

Practically anything can be grown from seeds. I have at times grown anything from beans and peas to apple trees, orange trees and even a few oak trees. It is very simple, and this is the best time of the year to do it. So let's get started!

For my project, I have used a clear plastic cover like you get in fast food stores or cafeterias. It's a better use for them than just tossing them in the garbage or worse yet, just chucking them in the bushes. (*See an article on "Pitch-In Week", in this edition of The Gazette*). You prepare it by cutting a couple of holes in the top, to allow for air to circulate. On the bottom of the container you lay a folded paper towel. It will help to keep the moisture in, without drowning your seeds.

Next, pick the seeds of the plant you want to grow. Ask mom for a few uncooked, dry peas or beans. Sunflower seeds are also very good. If you do not have the seeds you'd like to grow already at home, your local gardening store has a very good selection of good seeds that are guaranteed to grow into either good food or flowers. Get together with your buddies and split the cost of a packet, because there will be much more seeds in the envelope that you need for this project. You can also share or swap seeds with others in your Raft or Pack. If your beans or peas come from a can, sorry, they will not do anything except rot. Rice is also not very good because it has been processed and stripped of its husk. Peanuts have already been roasted and will not sprout.



You have by now done all the real work. You put a little bit of water on the paper towel in your "micro-greenhouse", and put it into a warm place with a lot of sunlight. I put mine on the window sill over a heater. Here comes the hardest part: waiting for something to happen!!! It will take anywhere from 2 to 4 weeks before you start seeing your seeds sprouting. Don't worry, they will sprout. It really takes a lot of patience. All you need to do during this time is to add a few drops of water every 2 or 3 days, to keep the paper towel under your seeds nice and moist. **Take care not to drown the seeds with too much water.**

Your seeds may not all sprout out at the same time. As you can see from the picture, some will come out faster than others, be patient and keep watering those that have not come up yet. Those that already have a good solid root and a bit of a stem, can be transplanted into soil where they will get better nourishment.

The second stage will need a larger container. A 500ml plastic tub from sour cream is what I used. Ask your parent or an older sibling to help you punch a few holes into the bottom of the tub. You can use a nail for that job, but make sure there is a piece of wood that you do not need under neath it as there will be little holes in that wood, too. It is important to have these holes so that the soil in your "nursery tub" can breathe and draw moisture as it needs. Once you have your bottom prepared, fill it with gardening soil to about 2 or 3 cm (about 1 inch) of the top. With your finger, poke a little hole in the soil and plant your sprout into it. If the sprout already has a stem make sure it shows above the soil. A tub like I used can handle about 3 or 4 beans. Now set the tub on a tray or a saucer. Your plants will needs some water. **Do not pour any water directly on the soil!** That would probably put too much water in it and wash the plant food right out of the soil. Instead, put just a little water in the tray under your nursery tub and the soil will draw from that as much water as it needs on its own. **Also, do not add any artificial plant food to the water or soil.** There are enough nutrients in the soil for the plant. Again, you put the tub some place warm with a lot of light, not necessarily direct sunlight. In a few weeks you will see that your plants have grown large enough to be planted outside in the garden. By then the soil outside will also be warm enough for the plants to grow.



Happy growing!

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SCOUTING ON THE WET COAST

Welcome to Canada's magnificent wet coast. Weather forecasting is easy here.
If it's not raining, it's going to rain! And guess what

IT'S RAINING AGAIN !!!

Some soggy thoughts on how to deal with the weather.



BE PREPARED

- > Drink before you get thirsty.
- > Eat before you get hungry.
- > Rest before you get tired.
- > Add clothing layers before you get cold.
- > Don rain-gear before you get wet.
- > Apply sunscreen before you burn.

CAMPING DRY

- > Putting plastic tarps on the ground under your tent ensures that you will be camping in a bucket of water. Put the plastic inside the tent. (Don't try to test the waterproofing of your tent floor – it isn't!)
- > Put up a plastic tarp shelter to protect your gear while you are putting up your tent. This will also be a good activity area or even dining area.
- > Make sure that the plastic tarp shelter is angled so that the water runs off and away from the shelter. Otherwise, your roof may get a hole in it and you might drown!
- > Camp on the high ground – not in a hollow.
- > Generally speaking you will be dryer under a tarp than you will in a tent. Make sure that your ground sheet is well within the tarp overhang. Yes, you do need a ground sheet! Foamies are good but are not enough.

DRESSING DRY

- > Put on your rain-gear as soon as you feel a drop of rain. Don't wait until you are wet.
- > Avoid all cotton outer clothing. It sops up the water like crazy and will keep you wet and cold.
- > Wool is generally good in wet weather since it retains a fair amount of insulating value. Gor-tex is good also, albeit expensive. Polyprop sheds water quite well for a while, and then it leaks.
- > Plastic rain suits and/or ponchos generally do a good job of keeping you dry.
- > Brimmed hats are a must. The broader the brim the better.
- > Wearing gaiters keeps your socks dry and then the water doesn't get sucked into your boots.
- > Waterproof your boots and gloves with mink oil or snow-seal. Dubbin is okay on leather gloves but not on boots. (It softens things).
- > If you do get your socks wet, get them off ASAP. Dry your feet and put on dry socks. If your boots are still wet, put a plastic bag over your dry socks before putting your boots on. You will be amazed at how well this works.
- > If you stay dry, you can stay warm. Do whatever it takes to stay dry.

GETTING DRY

- > If you get wet, you will get cold, so, if you can, light a fire. Get out of your wet clothing, get into dry and use the fire to warm your body and soul and to dry your wet things.
- > Dead branches on evergreen trees are drier than any wood on the ground. You'll find dead wood near the base of most of these trees. The twigs make great tinder; use larger sticks once the fire is burning well.
- > Break open dry cattails for an excellent source of tinder.
- > Check inside hollow logs, stumps or small caves for dry leaves you can use to get a fire started.
- > If worse comes to worst and you can't find dry fire-lighting materials, check your toilet kit. A stick of solid deodorant burns well.
- > Survival experts recommend that campers and hikers carry along two or three self-lighting emergency flares. They burn as long as 20 minutes, which means you should be able to start a fire with them under almost any conditions.
- > If you're out of matches, on a sunny day you might be able to ignite tinder with the reflector from your flashlight. Remove the reflector and stuff some cotton wool or paper into the bulb hole. Hold the reflector to catch as much direct sunlight as possible. Like a magnifying glass, it will concentrate the heat until the cotton or paper catches fire.
- > If one of your patrol members wears glasses, you can use those as a magnifying glass to concentrate the sun on some tinder. (Believe it or not, steel wool can be used as tinder.)
- > To get a fire going quickly, toss a couple of candle stubs into the kindling before lighting.
- > Now that you've got a nice roaring fire, cook something to get warm inside too. (You did pack dried soup or bouillon in your emergency kit, didn't you?)
- > Next issue I will tell you how to cook food without using pots and pans.

Yours in Traditionally Scouting,



*Terry Blaker,
Provincial Training Commissioner
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SCOUT LAW No. 2

A SCOUT IS LOYAL TO THE KING AND HIS OFFICERS, AND TO HIS PARENTS, HIS COUNTRY, AND HIS EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYEES

We continue our series of articles by Scouter Roland Philipps, discussing the Scout Law and its meaning. While these letters were written some 100 years ago, we believe they are just as valid today as they were the day they were written.



My dear Jim,

Your patrol seem to have thought of a good many things in connection with a Scout's Honour that I did not mention in my letter, and you will find each time that my own ideas on the different Scout Laws merely touch the skeleton of the question, and that you will only get at the real thing by talking things over with your brother Scouts.

When you tackle the second Scout Law, you will find that you are not confronted with such personal difficulties as you were in the case of the first, and you will find also that the hardest boy you ever have to tackle will have some ideas of the meaning of loyalty when he has no idea of the meaning of truth.

Loyalty has its outward signs as well as its inward meaning, and these signs are things which no Scout will pass over or easily ignore.

A Scout is Loyal to the King and to his Country and as a sign of loyal courtesy he is glad and proud to stand at the Alert on the playing of "God Save the King."

You will find that, at the finish of many entertainments, people hurry away from their seats without paying any attention to the playing of "God Save the King." It is up to a Scout to set an example to the others, and before long things will change for the better through the practice of the second Scout Law.

We honour and respect the King as the representative head of our Country and of the great British Empire; and as Scouts we not only honour and respect, but also love him, believing that he is earnestly striving for the good of his people, and that he is setting the highest standard of what we mean by "an English gentleman."

In the Scouts we have the privilege of knowing that the King is our patron, and the happiness also of knowing that the Prince of Wales is one of ourselves, through the fact that he is the Chief Scout of Wales.

You will remember that a Scout salutes the Union Jack as the symbol of the Country's unity, and he also salutes officers of the Navy and of the Army because they hold the King's commission.

The best way of being loyal to the King is by being loyal to the Country.

I asked a Patrol Leader once what he meant by loyalty to the Country, and he answered:

"The way to be loyal to the Country is by being a Scout."

That is a splendid answer, because if you are loyal to your Country you want to make her a present, and you can make her no better present than that of a kind, clean, manly, true Boy Scout.

No good Scout will ever speak against his employer, because that is disloyal.

Some chaps manage to raise a laugh amongst their pals by saying something against their boss or the firm for which they are working. but you will find that in the long run his pals do not think much of a chap who speaks against his employer.

A boy who is disloyal to his employer will probably be disloyal to his parents, and a boy who is disloyal to his parents may at any moment become disloyal, also, to his friends.

I remember an office where the manager was a very small man, although he had a good deal of sense. There was a big, hulking fellow working under him who continually tried to be funny at the expense of his seniors.

He used to go about asking the riddle: "Why is Mr. — like the definition of a point?" He gave as the answer: "Because he has position and no size." His manager got to hear about this one day and sent for him.

"Well, sir," he said. "I understand that I am similar to the definition of a point as being a person of position but of no size. In future, you will differ from me in this important respect, that you will be a person of size but from henceforth of no position." You may be asked a question about strikes.

Supposing in some big industry such as that of coal-mining, or on the railway, the Trades Union to which you belong gives you an order to go on strike against your employer?

Loyalty to your Union tells you to strike, but loyalty to your employer tells you to stick to your job. What is a Scout to do?

It is a fair answer to say that in all the larger industries, and probably in many of the smaller ones also, it is fully recognised as a right that employees should join their Union if they wish to do so.

It is also understood that, as conditions exist at present, to strike is one of the recognised methods of industrial warfare, and that in certain strained circumstances the Union may resort to the strike as a weapon for bargaining just as the employer may resort to locking out his workers.

Strikes and lock-outs cause so much misery, however, that every good Scout will hope that the day may soon come when we can do without them.

Nothing is more likely to bring about that day than the practice of the ten Scout Laws, both on the part of the employees and also on the part of the employers.

You will speak to your Scouts very strongly about loyalty to their parents, and the fact that you played the game so well at home a few weeks ago when your parents were in trouble will make what you say to the boys carry a great deal more weight, especially with those who know you.

The beginning of loyalty to parents is never in any circumstances to say anything against them, either seriously or in fun, nor to allow anybody else to say anything against them.

I saw a small, ragged Patrol Leader teaching his patrol Scout Laws one night at a headquarters in Poplar.

"What you have to do, chaps," he said, not noticing that I was walking up to the group he was talking to, "is to stick to 'em."

I asked whom you had to stick to and when.

"I was speaking about being loyal to your parents, sir, the second Scout Law. You have to stick to 'em always through thick and thin, or you ain't really a Scout at all."

That, after all, is the secret. A Scout is loyal not only to the King and his Country, his officers, his employers, and his parents, but he is loyal to the men and women and children amongst whom he lives. That means that he sticks to them through thick and thin, and tries to do his best for them.

Otherwise, in the words of that small but splendid Patrol Leader," He ain't really a Scout at all."

Times may come, of course, when two loyalties seem to conflict, when you feel that a situation has arisen in which it is impossible to be loyal to two people at the same time.

For instance, if you find one of the boys in your patrol smoking, loyalty to your Scoutmaster might tell you to report him, and loyalty to your brother Scout might tell you to say nothing.

The answer in this case, and in many others of the kind, is that, to say nothing if you find a boy in your patrol smoking, is not loyalty but cowardly leadership.

If you find a chap going wrong, it is your job as a Patrol Leader and a brother Scout to set him right. This is not done by running off to your Scoutmaster, but by speaking to the boy himself.

You will appeal to him in every way that you can—the way in which you do so depends very much upon the boy—and it is only after having tried every other means that you bring the matter before your Court of Honour and you ask your fellow Patrol Leaders and Scoutmaster their advice.

You are never loyal to anybody by helping them to go wrong. If you really mean to stick to them, you will be trying to enable them to go right. In this way you will strengthen your own character, at the same time being able to help a friend.

Your sincere brother Scout,

Roland B. Phillipps

BPSA BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL SUMMER CAMP 2011

Puntchesakut Lake, west of Quesnel, B.C. July 3 – 9, 2011

Welcome to Quesnel, B.C. and our sixth annual BPSA-BC Camporee! This year promises to be another fun filled week of challenges, canoeing, fishing, swimming and a few surprise activities! Camp Puntchesakut is situated at the very end of Puntchesakut Lake Road, off Parkins Road on the Nazko Highway. just 50 Km west of the City of Quesnel in B.C.'s central interior. (52.9925N - 122.9520W for your GPS)



Camp Puntchesakut is a former Anglican Church Camp. The property is just over 6 acres, mostly wooded, but has some buildings and running water, including hot showers! The camp has direct access to beautiful, warm Lake Puntchesakut. We also have canoes for everybody. There is always time for some fishing, swimming, canoeing or just goofing around in the water

Explorers arriving at camp will be placed into Patrols which will live, camp, sleep, cook and compete together for the entire week. Timber Wolves are more than welcome but will camp as a group and will participate in different but similar activities, although more age appropriate.

Parking is very limited and there is very little room for RVs or travel trailers (tents are encouraged for those staying on site). Anyone wanting to bring an RV MUST get prior approval. There is a working farm next door, so no dogs please!

You can get more information as well as a registration form at the association's website:

<http://www.bpsa-bc.org/a-events.htm>



It is the policy of the BPSA-BC that our activities are open to all Explorers, Scouts, Rovers, and Leaders, from ALL associations, regardless of affiliation/world movement.

This is in accordance with B-P's 4th Scout Law.

Answer to riddle on page 4: The horse's name was Friday



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