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Scout Promise

I, scouts name,
Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God
and my country,
To help other people,
And
To obey the Law of
the Pack

On the first evening of Webelos Camp, I was walking through the trails back to camp from the Dining Hall after supper when I slipped on the ruddy path and almost twisted my ankle. At the time I didn't realize it, but I guess instead of my ankle getting tweaked my knee took most of the hit. On the third day my knee decided to punish me in full force during rock climbing and rocketry. As the group was returning to camp I began to slow down. There was one scout who stayed behind and kept me company while I made the slow painful tract down the hill, frequently asking me if I was alright or if I would be alright. This scout, who could have stayed with the rest of his Den talking and playing with his fellow scouts and without being asked to, stayed to make sure I would be alright. This "Above & Beyond" goes out to Sam H., Webelos 2nd year of Den 2.

Thank you Sam!

Jerry, Asst Den Leader of Pack 262, Den 2

Scout Profiles

My name is Austin born on April 7th. Have been active in the Cub Scouts for one year and am ranked as a Webelo. Fishing is my favorite Scout activity. My family is made up of my Mom, Lara, Dad, Dave, and a brother Zach. My family has a dog named Sami, a cat named Boots and a lizard named Leo. Gym is my favorite school subject and math is my least favorite subject. I'm interested in playing any kind of outside sports especially fishing, and I have a black belt in Karate. My favorite place that I have traveled to is Branson, Missouri and the Zoo in Omaha Nebraska.

My favorite famous person is Albert Pujos from the St. Louis Cardinals and favorite non-famous person is my Dad.

My name is Aaron born on May 19th. Have been active in the Cub Scouts for two years and am ranked as a Bear. BB guns and archery are my favorite Scout activity. My family is made up of my Dad, Bryan, Mom, Angela and big brother Caleb. We have one dog named Wooley and a fish aquarium containing fish, a frog and a shrimp. Gym is my favorite school subject and art is my least favorite subject. I'm interested in fishing, riding bikes and coloring. I also play 'forward' for my soccer team. My favorite place that I have traveled to is Branson, Missouri. My favorite person is Jackie Robinson, and favorite non-famous person is Brad, the soccer coach.

Family Campout/Tiger Graduation (May Pack Meeting Recap)

What does Lake Jacomo and Pack 262 have in common? Raccoons!!! That's what. In May the annual Family Campout and Tiger Graduation was able to be held at Lake Jacomo's Group Camp site. Though a rainy morning, it cleared up nicely for an afternoon camp set up. The kids were able to go exploring the woods, go fishing, some found a Geo Caching box, and with the help of Mark Nelson go on a nature hike and discover all kinds of insects and animal tracks. With Todd Finley in his usual place of lighting the charcoal and some brave parents willing to stand by Todd as he lit the charcoal, dinner was served. The Pack enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs as well as a pot luck of side dishes. Popcorn and ice cream was for dessert. After dinner the highlight of the day...Tiger Graduation! After months of work and fun the Tigers were ready to earn their Tiger Patch and become Wolves. With the boys passing a final test of having their orange scarves tossed into a cooking pot set on fire with Scout Spirit, I am happy to say all Tigers became Wolves. The boys then received Tiger stripes and wolf track face paint to show the path they have taken and the path ahead of them. Last event for the evening was a Flag retirement that everyone was able to participate in. After Camp Fire it was lights out for the two legged critters of the woods. Then the four legged masked critters came into camp and helped us out by finding and removing all popcorn and food scraps that might have been dropped on the ground. In all it was a good time and good food for all that attended two or four legged scouts will agree.

Conservation Project

In May, Pack 262 did a good deed and conducted a Conservation Project at a local Parks and Recreation Lake behind Bass Pro Shop. A small but determined crew braved the rain (lots of rain!) and walked the entire lake and parking area picking up trash. This not only made the local wildlife happy it progressed the boys toward their 'Leave No Trace' Award. Of course being Pack 262 once the work was done and lunch eaten...the sun came out and was a blue sky day. I thank all those that attended. It was hard work for a good cause at its finest.

Day Camp 2009

"Cub Scout Fun in the Next Generation"

During the week of July 6-10th, Pack 262 had 14 Scouts go enjoy the festivities of Day Camp. We all enjoyed activities such as the buckin' bronco, water rockets, (yes this was very cool and all the parents wanted one!...working on it) fishing, making solar powered hot dog cookers and much more! The fire truck was a huge success once again, and helped to cool everyone off.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help out! I hope you enjoyed your time at camp as much as your son did. I know I did!!

Webelos Camp

Then it was upon us. After months of planning, several emails sent out, what to bring meetings, and several discussions of who was bringing what and when, Webelos Camp was finally here. On June 28, 29 and 30th, Den 8 and 2 left the city of Lee's Summit and headed for the magical land of Camp Naish. Upon arrival the 41 strong group got checked in, swim test done, and received their activity planner. Over the 3 day 2 night stay the boys were able to participate in several activities such as, swimming, hiking, model rockets, bb guns, archery, first aid, wood working, tie dying, knot tying, KP duty and nature center just to name a few. The 2nd year campers were able to attend a special Akela ceremony as well. On the second night the boys were able to make their dinner in foil packs and with the help of Den Chiefs that were in attendance enjoyed some outstanding Dutch oven cobbler. Even with a couple face to face encounters with Scouts favorite night time bandit, an a failed attempt by a couple of Webelos to bait a Den Chiefs tent a good time was had by all. The best sign of a good campout is by the ride home all scouts in this Den Leaders car were asleep 5 minutes after leaving camp. It was a pure joy to watch these boys take part in this camp and if nothing else those who attended now have a new battle cry taught to us the second night...of course that is **RACCOON!!!**...Years from now I know this camp will be remembered fondly by all...Scout On!

Bear Scouts + Bear Camp = FUN!!!

Den 6 and Den 7 traveled to Camp Naish in July for an overnight campout specially designed for Bear Cubs. The dens went out over three separate nights to accommodate everyone's busy summer schedules.

Upon arrival early in the morning, the boys and leaders checked in, put on their yellow tee-shirts, and set their gear in the 2-man canvas tents. They assembled at the flagpole for announcements, and ate lunch in the mess hall. The boys then spent the remainder of the

next two days doing activities and achievements such as archery, art, chess, making a leather pouch, making a wooden tool box, and shooting bb guns. The highlight was a 40 foot long pirate ship at the pool where the boys played and squirted each other with water cannons - a real treat after baking in the hot summer sun. They also enjoyed searching for “gold” in the Lost Mine and pretending to be Sir Lancelot at a medieval castle.

The chow in the mess hall *sometimes* resembled real food, and the boys learned “really useless” trivia and sang songs with the camp staff. After the flag lowering ceremony on the first night, the boys marched to the sounds of a sousaphone to the evening campfire. The evening fire involved a very special ceremony; ashes were sprinkled on the fire that had been handed down from campfire-to-campfire all the way back to the first scout campfire with Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, in 1907. (Den Leader Mark Nelson collected some of the ashes the next day so we can carry on this fine tradition). The boys presented skits, sang songs, and helped retire several worn American flags to end the evening. A short walk back to the tents and the boys were soon sound asleep after a long, exhausting day (all except those kept awake that night by prowling raccoons!)

The second day involved more activities, including an early morning dip in the pool at pirate cove for the boys (kind of chilly for one group, who awoke to record low temps for July). One group from Pack 262 participated in the flag lowering ceremony the second day at the close of the camp and helped camp staff fold the flag before they were dismissed. The hour-long drive home was lonely for most parents as exhausted boys slept, dreaming about all the fun they had at Bear Camp.

Rockets and Car Wash

Pack 262 boys, Den Chiefs and Leaders were seen washing Cars, Trucks and SUV's on a bright and clear Saturday morning in the Aldersgate Parking lot. Water was sprayed, soap was applied and rinsed away and after drying off the cars donations were accepted. Some of the boys even got cleaned as well.

During non-busy times Scouts were seen in the field sending Rockets high into the air and running after them as fast as they could! The Rockets flew up, up and away, yes several rockets flew so high that they failed to return to earth. Even the scouts and parents that stayed for a picnic after did not report any returning rockets. Perhaps next year we will see some UFO's?

Thanks to all who washed/dried cars. All the adults that attended and the patrons of the car wash. Special thanks to all the boys who had a great time with the rockets.

