

...The Boy Scouts...

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a course of physical drill; nothing, in fact, is neglected to induce him to get the best out of his body, and, naturally, the manoeuvres he performs in the country benefit him not a little. Everything is done with the object of sharpening the boy's intelligence, power of observation and sense of responsibility. But the training is much wider even than this, for, in fact, the handicrafts, the arts and sciences are brought in to make him a good scout. He is taught something of the mystic movements of the stars; to be a good hunter, he learns how to build huts, bridges and even boats, to light fires and to cook; he learns of trees, of plants, of the birds and beasts of the field, and he studies field sketching to enable him to report on the country. Again, he is specially instructed in ambulance work, life-saving, fire brigade work, and the way to stop runaway horses. He is also encouraged to learn history, and always his eyes are kept busy, and the little brain behind his eyes also, to direct his hands to works of usefulness. Who then can gainsay the fact that General Baden-Powell has accomplished a truly wonderful work among the youth of this country, while he is providing an unfailing source of supply for the national army of the future?"—United Service Gazette.

To sum up, the whole object of the **Boy Scouts** is to seize the boy's character in its red-hot stage of enthusiasm, and to weld it into the right shape and to encourage and develop its individuality so that the boy may become a good man and a valuable citizen for our country in the near future, instead of being a waste of God's material.