

develops ability to come up to standards. The attractions of Scouting are compelling to the boys through their own choice and willingness to do and be. It respects the dignity of the boy's personality and has due regard for what he may become.

Scout methods have been experimented with and have proved themselves capable of affording wholesome activities of body, mind and feelings, all leading to the desired end—character and good citizenship.

Series of Activities:

Scouting is carried on through a series of activities which require the boy to exercise his powers of observing, reflecting, planning, trying out, valuing, recording and reaching conclusions. The externals such as uniform, signs, flags, etc., appeals to the boy's love of the dramatic, the mystic and the ceremonial. They help to preserve a sense of dignity in the boy himself and that nourishes a proper spirit of respect for and deference to others. While wearing the uniform the boy feels set apart for a time for a purpose believed by himself to be good and ennobling.

Among the subjects and activities included in the program are the observation and interpretation of the meaning of signs such as tracks made by animals or records caused by nature; first aid; healthful exercises; map reading and map making; life in the open; signalling, tying knots; building fires; cooking campers' food; identifying trees, flowers and other plants; identifying animals, including birds and insects; generally playing the game of Scouting as well as looking on.

Subjects and Badges

THERE are badges to be won by earnest and sustained study. The range of subjects and qualifications is wide enough to meet the natural tastes, aptitudes and longings of boys when they are still in a measure living in a land of dreams where imagination is a strong factor to be reckoned with. Out of the seventy odd authorized proficiency badges I mention only a few as illustrative of the others—ambulance, airman, artist, book-keeper, blacksmith, boatman, camping, carpenter, citizen, clerk, cook, electrician, entertainer, farmer, fireman, fisherman, handyman, horseman, marksman, mason, musician, path-finder, printer, rescuer, swimmer, tailor, telegraphist, watchman. To earn any one of these badges a Scout must apply himself in a manner which brings into play self-discipline to reach standards which he understands. This is a form of self education which has immediate and permanent values. Besides the Scout educates himself by helping to educate another. He must prepare a Tenderfoot to pass his tests. In all this the program