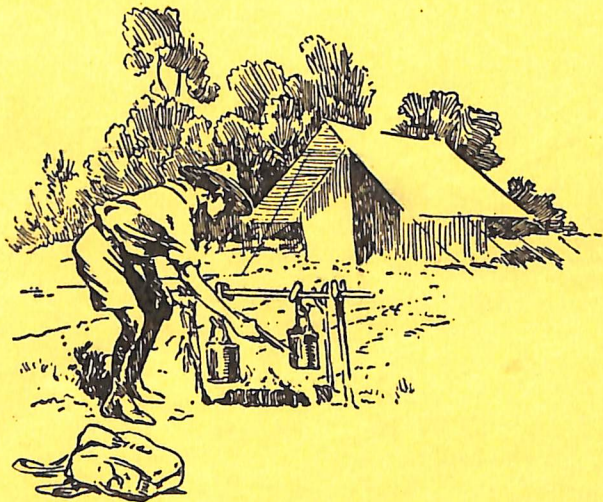




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1st., 3rd., 4th., 6th., 7th. Ringwood and 1st. & 2nd. Heathmont.

BEEF ON THE SPIT.

One nice sunny day on the 14th. of November, 1981, Dad took myself and the kids down to the hall to help get food ready for the BEEF ON THE SPIT.

Mum had gone down before us and when we arrived she told Rosey and I to make the fruit salad, while she went home to make some other food.

I helped Mrs. Naughtin put up the tables and chairs. When I was finished I went outside and watched the men cook the beef. There was a little bolt that kept on breaking and Joe went home to get some more. Oh, by the way he also went home to get a can opener to open up some tins.

Mum finally returned bringing her camera and took pictures of the beef cooking on the spit and I took a picture of my fantastic set-up of tables and chairs.

The little boys wanted to play with the ball, so naturally I played with them. Some of them could throw it well, too! My brother joined in also and we fought desperately for the ball.

When we finished making the food and putting up everthing Mum took us home to get ready for the evening. After getting ready we made our way back to the hall and when we returned you should have seen the beef, it wasn't cooked when we had left however when we returned it was burnt on the outside and raw inside. Rosey and I Buttered some bread for the sausages.

After much struggling to find someone to light the burner for me, I began cooking the sausages. As soon as they were cooked they were gone. The kids came piling up and some of them had eaten at least eight! When the bigger kids came they just managed to get one, but I did notice One of them had Two! When I got sick of the steam from the cooking sausages, I managed to grab one and eat it.

All the adults went into the hall to eat tea about 7p.m. There was a few "arghs" at some of the meat but on the whole it was very,very nice with the beaut salads and spuds in foil.

Later on in the evening about a ¼ of the little kids and myself decided to put on a play to show the adults how good kids can be. With two helpers I was Father Christmas; there was a mother and father, the father was half the mothers height

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and they had lots of children. We called it THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. You should have seen it. All the kids were all over the place and when I finally got their confidence to do it in front of the adults and the other left-over kids, who didn't want to be in it, it was funny and really fantastic too! All in the hall laughed and clapped and we all had a good time.

After our BIG play we all went for dessert. I had a little bit of fruit salad only, because it was going like "crazy man".

By about 10 O'clock the little kids began wearing me out because they all wanted to play chasey all the time, but I wouldn't let them so they all ran out to the oval and I had to get them back because most of their parents were going home.

With most of my strength gone by now, I helped clean up a bit and take some chairs back to 1st. Ringwood with Spud and Derek Naughtin and Mr. Naughtin, Mr. Greer and Mr. Matthews had lots of things to take in their cars.

Mrs. Ronaldson and Mrs. Greer made the tables in the hall look really good with flowers and candles and Mrs. Naughtin put nice white clothes on them, the tables I mean.

It was really funny when Mr. Greer had to wire the meat that Mr. Dempsey brought up, onto the spit to keep it from falling.

Finally when everyone left off doing the dishes and sweeping and picking up bits of stuff from outside and moping and drinking and puting away we all went home to a most welcoming bed.

by Sarah Dexter.

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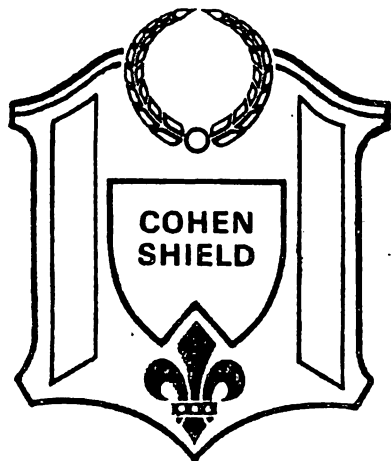
GUIDE - SCOUTING SAILING CENTRE.

A range of Courses catering for Sail, Power and Oar Certificates throughout 1982 begin in March.

January 30th. and 31st. Sailing or Rowing one day Course 10a.m. - 5p.m., Cost \$7.50. Also early February and May. No age limit except you must be able to swim.

Minimum age - 16 years (Scouts), 18 years (Guides)
For details ask your Leader.

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If you were wandering along near the H.E. Parker reserve at Heathmont on Sunday October 4, you would have seen over 1000 Scouts and Guides gathered to take part in the 1981 Cohen.

146 Patrols took part with about 45 Patrols who had entered not turning up.

The activities this year included ARTS, CONSTRUCTION/EMERGENCIES, COOKING, FITNESS.

A tremendous vote of thanks goes to the organisers including the hundreds of parents and Leaders who helped out at the site. There were jobs for any one who wanted to help, from catering to assessing.

According to most of the Patrols, the best activity was the art activity.

The paintings ranged from bush scenes to space scenes and from a city skyline to a river camping scene. One enterprising Patrol painted their assessor.

In all there were 63 Scout Co-holders, 26 Guide Co-holders, 32 Scout Silver, 15 Guide Silver, 15 Scout Bronze, 2 Guide Bronze and 3 Scout competitors.

The Co-holders (Scouts) are as follows;

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| 3rd Bennettswood - Eagles | 1st Wonga Park (Wurrunjeri) - Cobra |
| 6th Box Hill - Albatros - Magpies | - Bulldog - Jaguar - Pant |
| 9th Box Hill - Butcherbirds | 1st Mitcham - Seagull |
| 16th Box Hill - Mustang - Unicorn | 2nd Mitcham - Kangaroo |
| 1st Deepdene - Cobra | 3rd Mitcham - Kookaburra |
| 4th Croydon - Panther | 4th Mitcham - Mopoke |
| 7th Croydon - Butcherbird - Eagle | 5th Nunawading (B) - Kookaburra |
| Kiwi - Woodpecker | 6th Nunawading South - Eagle |
| 1st Lilydale (Thursday) - Python | 7th Nunawading South - Dingo - Panth. |
| 2nd Mooroolbark - Hawk - Jaguar | 1st Vermont (Nav Arc) - First - Second |
| 1st Seville - Panther | 1st Vermont - Cheyenne - Zulu |
| 1st Wonga Park (A) - Butcherbird | 2nd Vermont - Butcherbird - Hawk - Owl |
| - Kingfisher - Magpie | 7th Blackburn - Fox - Owl |
| 1st Heatherdale - Dingo - Goanna | |
| - Wombat | |
| 1st Nunawading - Koala - Platypus | |
| - Rosella - Wallaby | |
| 2nd Nunawading South - Magpie | |
| 4/5/8th Richmond - Stellar Probe | |
| 2nd Ringwood - Eagle | |
| 4th Ringwood (Anukana) - Kanga - Magpie | |
| - Tassie Devil | |
| 6th Ringwood (Warramook) - Puma - Eagle | |
| 7th Ringwood (Pimba) - Pimba | |
| 1st Heathmont - Buffalo - Emu - Rosella | |
| - Wallaby | |
| 3rd Doncaster West - Maccabi - Shalom | |
| Tel Aviv | |

As mentioned on the day, the belt badges should be at Area Headquarters by the end of October so make sure that if your boys have ordered them then please arrange to have them picked up.

Leaders, assessors etc, who worked at the Cohen are eligible for the badge as well. If you want please notify your D.S.L. and fork out the 90¢ per badge and we will order them for you.

LEADER SHORTAGE IN GROUP

***** Desperate Situation xxx Leaders Urgently Required. *****

Leader Shortage: While the situation remains the same in some sections there has been a steady improvement both in extra Leaders and new members joining. The problem of Leaders, however, can only be overcome by PARENTS TALKING wherever they go, to people about how terrific it feels belonging to an active Scout Group such as 2nd.Ringwood.

The prospect of additions built onto the present building this year and the fact that the Group, since losing their hall by fire, have doubled in membership since that dark day in February, 1979, is all the more reason to be proud of belonging to 2nd. Ringwood.

1982 will herald an exciting year for 2nd.Ringwood. Negotiations have commenced in hiring the hall and the council lease should be signed by now. Finishing with the 13th. Australian Jamboree in Queensland at Ipswich, from 29th. December, 1982 - 7th. January, 1983. Boys born between 29th. December, 1967 and 29th. December, 1970 are eligible to attend. Cost - \$160.00 plus air-fare to Queensland.

SO START SAVING NOW.

GOING UP NIGHT 14/10/81

This particular night commenced with a flag break and pray followed by presentations of club badges, two of which were Link Badges presented to Stuart MacPherson and Richard Maddocks. The two earned their badges by working as part of a Scout Patrol competing at the recent Cohen Shield Competition.

The rest of the night was spent playing games and the going-up ceremony. Three Cubs moved into the Scout Troup, Michael Stahl, Marcel Koper and Stuart MacPherson who were invested as Scouts. A new Scout also commenced with the Troup, Matthew Dempsey, and was presented with a Group Scarf.

Towards the end of the night Justin Carol was invested as a Cub in Waratah Pack. The night finished with supper for Mums and Dads as well as Cubs and Scouts.

It had been a successful night with few hitches as it ran smoothly with everyone combining well. Thanks must go to the Leaders, all ten of them.

REPRINT FROM RINGWOOD DISTRICT BULLETIN

Barry Woodman's Letter.

On Sunday, September 20th. a Group Committee Education course was held at 1st. Ringwood. In the presence of a disappointing turnout, Martin Davies, Trevor Stanyer and David Graham presented an informal but highly educational day.

The topics covered ranged from the structure of the Scout Association to Group finance, but most importantly included information on the positive attitudes which should be adopted by Group Committees. The day also included a tour of most of the halls in the Ringwood District.

Personally, I found the day to be invaluable and would heartily recommend it as an annual event for all new committee members. Even the old hands would find value in this course. On behalf of all present I wish to extend my thanks to Martin, Trevor and David for an educational and enjoyable day.

Barry Woodman.
2nd. Ringwood.

JOB WEEK

By now it is over but the money raised and the jobs completed combine to help the Group with Public Relations, which is a never ending business to make the public aware of Scouting. Well done on a fine effort.

REPORT FROM 2nd. RINGWOOD UNIT

'Taganda Meanda' was well done by 7 fit lads from 2nd. Ringwood. Two very fit lads, Ewan McGuilp and Phil Bond, made the whole 50 mile walk and Chris from 4th. Ringwood. These boys were the only three representing Ringwood District.

On Friday nite seven brave lads headed off into the wild suburbs Three piked out at Upwey after catching a train. (Brave and Heroic Men)!!! Still, later on two more smarter lads made all the way to Monbulk (with the help of a thumb)...only kidden. And the last two Phil and Ewen, bravely broke wind at the finish, Ewen getting his third trophy in a row this year. Phil, a new Venturer, gets his first.

2nd. Ringwood had a good swim and a massive four people turned up. It was great. Private parties for Venture Units been going well. Don't forget, all welcome.

Bottle Drive Pick - Up - Well, heaps of bottles collected. Forty-three to be exact.

Script.....Phil Bond.
Leader.....Keith Eyssens.
Review.....Mr. Robert Byatt.
Authorised by Unit Council.
Counter Signed by Unit Chairman.
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NAMES FOR WAITING LIST.

Don't be misled because you have a son or daughter already in the Group. Any of your other children will not be automatically included in the Group when they are old enough. You must have their names on the waiting list for when they turn 8 in order for them to join. To be certain ask the Group Leader or phone 870 2830 and save disappointment.

1982 10 now on waiting list.
1983 4 " " " "

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE - REGISTRATION FEES 1982. *****

In recent years the Group has paid Annual Registration Fees, due to the Scout Association of Victoria, in anticipation of receiving combined Registration - Group Fees from Parents.

Our Treasurer reminds us that that Registrations, this Group's largest single item of expenditure, amounted to \$1,202.00 this year and the Group will be unable to afford next years payment unless Registration Fees from parents are received prior to the date due at the Scout Association Headquarters.

Consequently the Group Committee has decided that 1982 Registration Fees will be due and payable at our Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd March 1982. If Registration Fees are not paid by that date, the child concerned will cease to be a member of 2nd Ringwood Scout Group. Registration Fees for 1981 were \$11.50 per child and are expected to increase in 1982.

Further details will be advised by letter regarding the actual fee as soon as the Scout Association notifies the Group.

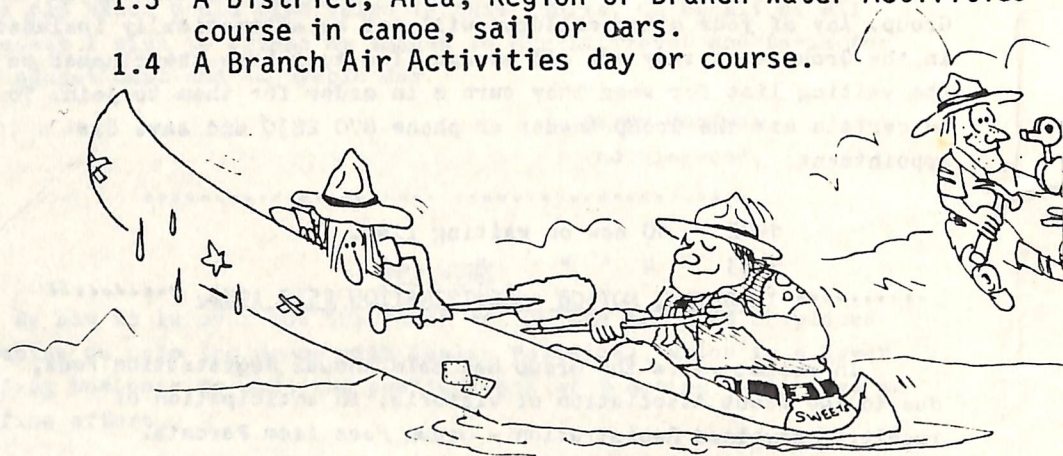
THE WOMBACAT AWARD!

To earn the Wombacat Award for 1982, all you have to do is;

AS A SCOUT MEMBER OF A PATROL OR TROOP DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 1982 PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THREE SECTIONS BELOW:

SECTION 1. PARTICIPATE IN FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES.

- 1.1 The Stradbroke Cup.
- 1.2 The Cohen Shield.
- 1.3 A District, Area, Region or Branch Water Activities course in canoe, sail or oars.
- 1.4 A Branch Air Activities day or course.

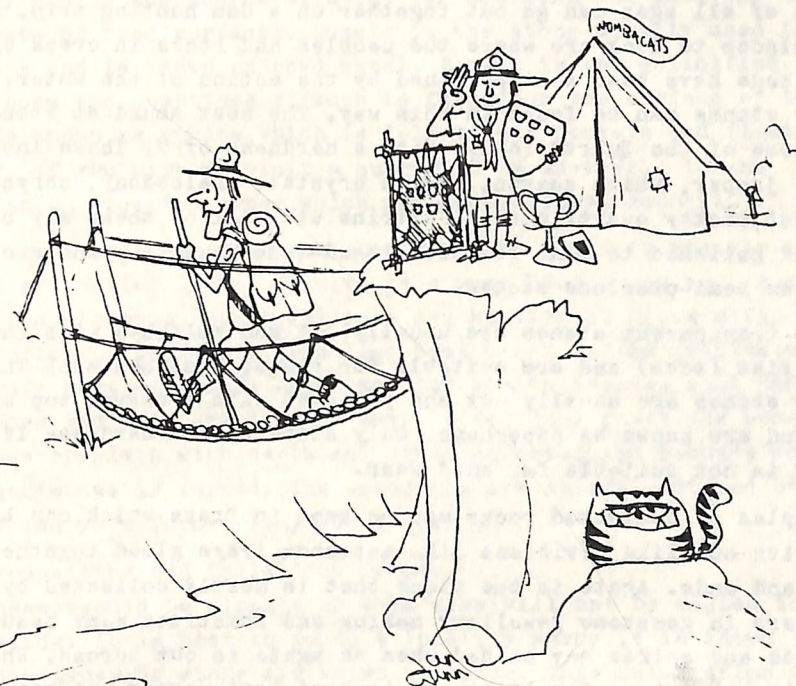


- 1.5 A community service project approved by the District Scout Leader and Mindari.
- 1.6 A Conservation project approved by the District Scout Leader and Mindari.
- 1.7 A father/son and or mother/son camp or family camp for Scouts approved by the District Scout Leader and Mindari.
- 1.8. A District nominated event or activity.
- 1.9 An Area or Region nominated event or activity.
- 1.10 A State Patrol Activity nominated by the Branch Scout Council.

SECTION 2.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Take part in four separate Patrol/Troop camps of one overnight and two days.



SECTION 3.

EXTENDED CAMPING

Take part in a Troop Camp of at least 3 nights and 4 days duration by at least 50% of the registered members of your Troop.

1. Any activity or camp can only qualify once.
e.g. if you went to Stradbroke you can use that for either section 1 or section 3 but not both.
2. A card showing the requirements will be available for you to mark off the activities as you complete them.
When completed the card should be signed by your Scout Leader and he will then obtain approval from the District Mindari and your Award will be obtained from your District Badge Secretary through the normal channels.

GEMSTONE HUNTING

by Uncle Frank.

Gemstone hunting is a very enjoyable and rewarding outdoor activity and may be participated by every member of the family. People of all ages can go out together on a Gem hunting trip. The best places to look are where the pebbles and rocks in creek and river beds have been semi-polished by the action of the water. Many pretty stones can be found in this way. The most abundant stones are those of the Quartz family with a hardness of 7. These include agate, jasper, white quartz, quartz crystal, chalcedony, chrysoprase amethyst, smokey quartz, morion, citrine etc. All of these may be cut and polished to make beautiful hand-made jewellery and are known as semi-precious stones.

The transparent stones are usually cut and polished with facets (i.e. flat faces) and are suitable for rings, brooches etc. The opaque stones are usually cut and polished with a curved top and flat base and are known as cabachons. Only stone with a hardness less than 7 is not suitable for hard wear.

Samples of collected rocks may be kept in trays which can be made with box like divisions like matchbox trays glued together at sides and ends. Agate is the stone that is mostly collected by beginners in gemstone jewellery making and sometimes many beautiful patterns and scines may be had when an agate is cut across. When a stone is held up to the light and is semi-transparent, it may be made mounted into a ring, brooch or pendant. They are usually ground and polished into a circular or oval shape, and can be mounted in metal rings or brooch and pendant mountings.

Rocks and stones vary in hardness and are graded from 1. to 10. This scale is known as MOHS scale and is graded from 1. Tale, 2. gypsum, 3. colite, 4. flourite, 5. apatite, 6. brothodase, 7. quartz, 8. topaz, 9. corundum, 10. diamond. Each one on this scale will scratch the one below but will not scratch one listed higher in the scale. The thumbnail is about 2½ and will scratch tale or gypsum, a 2 cent coin about 3, a pocket knife blade about 5½, glass about 5½, a steel file about 6½.

When collecting stones it is a good idea to have supplies of white paper to wrap and record the date and locality, so that when you are home they can be stored in prepared boxes. There are many kinds of rocks and varities of semi-precious and precious stones to be found all over the earth.

Rocks are composed of many kinds of minerals and when they are concentrated in one locality, ores may be had and minerals and metals may be extracted from it. These are known as mines and may be tin mines, gold mines, iron, opal, mica, asbestos, silver, zinc, diamond, amethyst and all types of mines. Sometimes a mine is known as a quarry and is the source of stone for crushing and used for making concrete or road surfaces. Basalt is the stone usually used for this purpose and is known as road metal. Basalt is the solidified lava of volcanoes and sometimes a froth is formed on the surface of the lava and is known as pumice, which is full of air pockets and floats on water. If you wish to visit a quarry it is advisable to ask permission from the owner, which may be the local council.

A great many semi-precious stones may be found in granite in seams which are called Vughs. Granite is a very hard stone and is made up of three minerals, quartz, feldspar and biotite or black mica. When the action of wind, rain, frost and heat break up the granite, all the separate particles fall apart and the quartz becomes sand and the feldspar and mica are carried away. After many years the sand becomes overlain with earth and other material and becomes compressed and sandstone is formed. The Grampians are mainly composed of sandstone and were formed many years ago.

Prospecting and Collecting Trips.

These should be planned so that time will not be wasted in random wandering. It is best to go to a locality where it is known that various types of stone are known to occur. This information may be had from the mines department and the ability to read a topographical map is very useful. It is advisable for a member of the party to have a compass to obviate the danger of getting lost. A topographical map shows the heights of the land above a datum line, usually sea level, and it is possible to find out where the hills and valleys occur. Obviously a stream will be only in the valleys. When following a stream it is best to go up-stream as when returning, it is easier to go downhill if you feel tired after a trip. Remember to take food and water.

For a start it is best to go only a limited distance, say two or three kilometres and longer trips may be planned for later times. The amount of equipment required for a short trip need only be a small pick or hammer, an old file, a small hand lens. Sometimes a hillside is dotted with outcrops of rock which will usually show the kind of pebble to be found in a stream lower down. These outcrops are formed after the soil has been washed away.

The You Yangs, between Melbourne and Geelong are an instance where this has happened and cubic crystals of feldspar have been found which are two or three centimetres across. The study of crystals is called crystallography and is a fascinating subject on its own, and the crystals of a particular crystal seem always to form in a certain shape and is a guide to what the crystal is made of.

Gemstone finding is a branch of Geology and a great many books have been printed about this subject. ...

Rocks are composed of different kinds of elements. An element is a substance which can be isolated on its own. There are about 100 common elements used in chemistry and a lot of this information may be found in books on chemistry. All kinds of quartz are usually made up of silicon di-oxide. A lot of information about Geology, Chemistry, Mineralogy and Crystallography may be found in books which can be borrowed from any local library and make very interesting reading. A book called "Geology for Beginners" written by W.W.Watts is a good book to start off with. Another good book to start with is called "Rocks and Minerals" a "Golden Exploring Earth" book which may be bought for about \$2.00 at a bookshop.

Good Rock Finding and have many happy trips.

Uncle Frank.

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COHEN '81

The Cohen Shield is an annual event in the Victorian Branch's Scouting calendar, and has been ever since it was first presented under its official title of the "Field Competition Shield" in 1921, by Lt.Col. H.E.Cohen C.M.G., D.S.O. who later became Victoria's Chief Commissioner. In its present format the Cohen Shield consists of 5 different activities for the patrols to compete in, Fitness, Cooking, Mapping, Construction/Emergencies and Arts. Any patrol gaining 70% of the total marks in all five activities becomes Co-holders of the Shield and receive a gold pennant. Patrols that gain 70% in any four activities receive a silver pennant, while patrols with 70% in three receive a bronze pennant, all other patrols gaining a competitors pennant.

This year, as in the previous three years, the site for the East Suburban Area's presentation of the Cohen Shield was at H.E. Parker Reserve, right on the door-step of our Hall. With such an ideal spot for 2nd Ringwood, and considering the enthusiasm the boys had put into preparing for the event, which took place on Sunday October 4th., it was somewhat of a shock for our new leader, Bill "Wombat" West and myself to have only seven boys turn up, two of them still Cubs and another one not yet invested. Despite this poor attendance we decided to have two patrols anyway.

The boys did a tremendous job with what little help they had and managed to emerge from the mess very well and earned themselves a Co-holder and a Silver which is a very commendable effort from only SEVEN boys. I don't know how the boys themselves felt about the effort but at the presentation of the trophies I felt so proud of those seven boys that I felt like rushing up and hugging them as they received their Gold and Silver pennants.

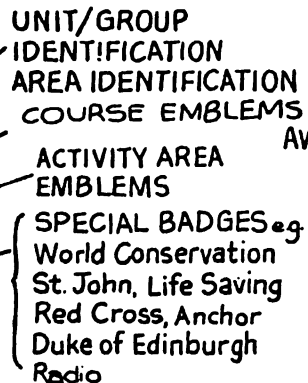
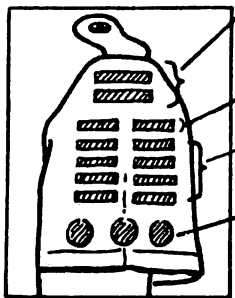
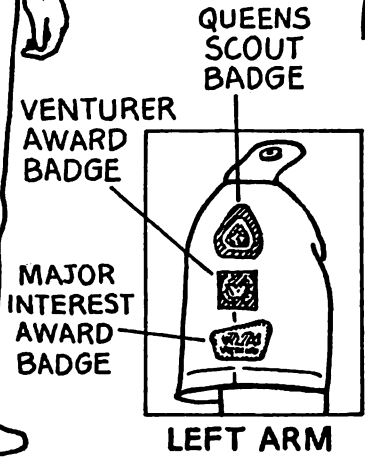
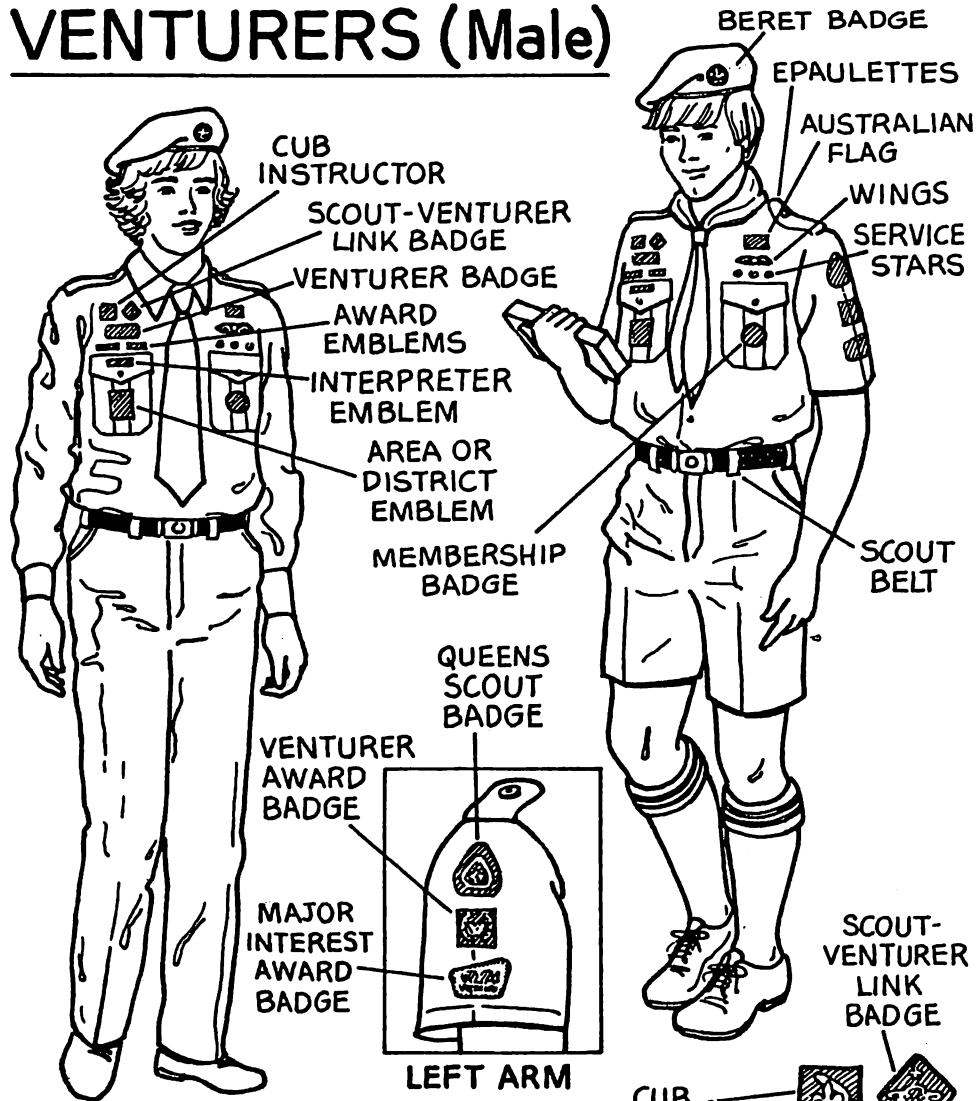
I feel that I should also thank the parents who came along on the day to help out. Mostly they only lugged around the heavy equipment for the boys, but without their help a lot of the boys' time would have been wasted and maybe they wouldn't have done so well.

Thanks Dads!

Joe Nickholds.
A.S.L.

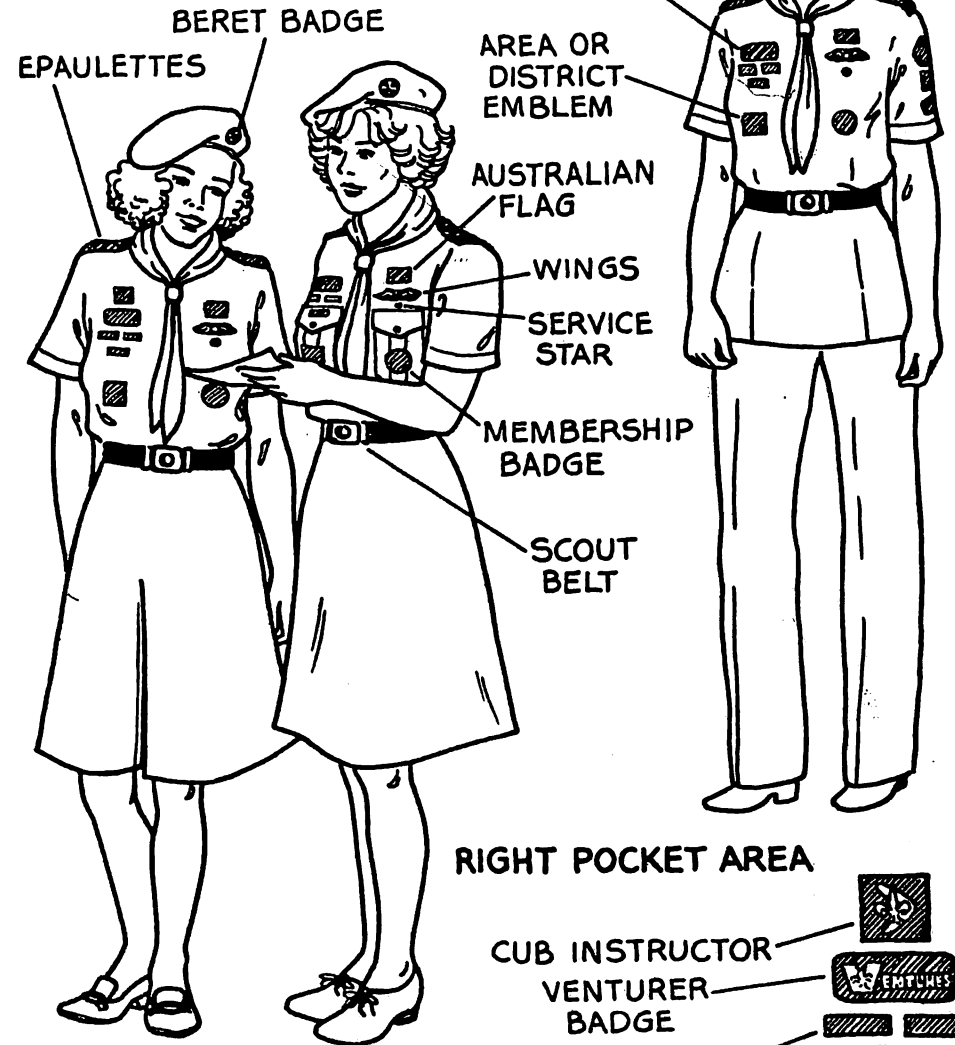
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VENTURERS (Male)

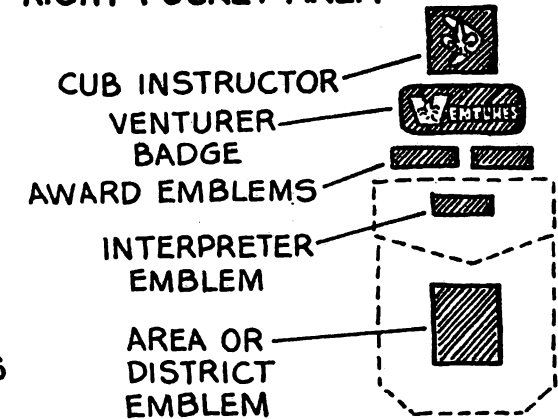


VENTURERS (Female)

BADGES WORN IN SAME OR SIMILAR POSITION TO MALE UNIFORM



RIGHT POCKET AREA



FOR DETAILS OF UNIFORM VARIATIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AREA OR BRANCH HEADQUARTERS

ROWVILLE CAMP 22nd. & 23rd. OCT. '81.

When we arrived on site, we found a suitable campsite and set up the tents. When this was finished we dug out the fires. Then we began making our fences, gates and other gadgets.

We were instructed that when we had five gadgets built we could do what we wanted, within reason.

That night we went to bed early (I think before midnight). There was a rather fierce storm which made us glad to be in our tents.

The next morning Joe went into the tents to wake up people who slept in (of which I was one), by blowing on his favourite toy, frequently heard throughout the camp, his prize possession, a whistle.

We had a nice, hot breakfast before we disappeared into the trees; on returning we had to dig a hole for some cans.

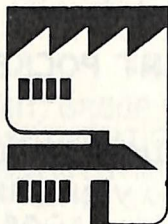
After lunch we started packing up then were invaded by cubs who were having a billy-cart race.

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