

AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS—

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A Scout

HOW CAN YOU BE ONE OF US?

(Continued from the October issue)

8) Association with own age and older

The values of the meetings, the socials and the public events lies in part in accustoming the young man to meet and associate with people of his own age and older. Such associations tend to equip the young man for adult life. They are of great value in aiding normal growth and upward reaching. They may effect the destiny of a life.

9) Leadership Opportunities with younger fellows

Even as "Necessity is the Mother of Invention" so responsible leadership of hers is a great developer and "releaser" of Ability. The Scout Troop, the Cub Pack, the Senior Circle, the Sea Scout Ship afford chances for young men to serve, through giving leadership to younger fellows. This experience should and does tend to up-grade the young leader as well as those led.

10) Definite Citizenship Contacts in the Community Life

The whole experience of Senior and Rover Scouting should make for citizenship values. The whole method is promising chances to make decisions for themselves—chances to share in adult life—chances to initiate things, indeed the whole program as outlined is to be "self-propelled" with its motives coming from within and reaching out in voluntary service—all these practices point toward good citizenship. The discussions of problems of life and government, of international relationships, of economic adjustment, of home, industry, leisure—all these relate to citizenship.

It is hoped, however, that the Rover Scout will reach beyond these significant values and seek to establish definite contacts with the governmental forces and political machinery of his own community. Certainly the stream of public life will not be purged by fine youth keeping away from it. Rovers therefore should familiarize themselves with exact conditions and how things are done so that they may be participating citizens who are "prepared" when inducted into citizenship at 21.

11) Application of Scouting Ideals to Life

The program of associations and activities of Seniors and Rover Scouting of course will be aimed at encouraging and aiding each young man to practice the life principles of Scouting in his daily affairs. Courtesy and friendly fair dealing, consideration and

cares about others, practicing helpfulness and giving leadership—all these relate to the higher life, and leaders and Rovers alike are questing for such values. Indeed, the Rover Gigil and the Investiture done when he feels "ready" are related directly to these Ideals.

12) Happiness—Fun—Enjoyment

After all, the quest for the high levels of life must be a "jolly" quest—a happy adventure—so that all Rovers are to give happiness which is the one sure way to get happiness. While these young men are purposeful and helpful, they must also be hopeful and joyful.

A LAST WORD

As was stated at first, Rover Scouting is grown-up Scouting—its ideals applied to the widened problems of older years. It is a way of living, a way of developing

Character and Intelligence
Handcraft and Skill
Health and Strength
Service for others and Citizenship

Happy, joyous associations, quests for truth and chances to serve, love of and mastery over the out-of-doors, fitting helpfully and responsibly into the community life, glimpsing the vistas of eternal truth but seeing them as related to human needs and possibilities that is something of the spirit of Rovering.

"A jolly brotherhood of the open air and service" which would leave its community and its age enriched and responsibly transmitted even as with the Athenian youth's sacred pledge:

"We will never bring disgrace on this, our city, by an act of dishonesty or cowardice.

"We will fight for the ideals and Sacred Things of the city both alone and with many.

"We will revere and obey the City's Laws, and will do our best to incite a like reverence and respect in these above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught. We will strive increasingly to quick on the public's sense of civic duty.

"Thus in all these ways we will transmit, we will transmit this city, not only net loss, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

—From the "Scout Executive Report, 1933.