



AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS—

CUBBING IN THE PHILIPPINES

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What is "Cubbing"?

Cubbing or "Cubs" is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys of 9, 10, and 11 years of age. It has pleasant past-time activities and a character-influencing movement for the boy of the pre-Scout age.

Its activities also afford opportunity for the development of good habits and traits essential to good citizenship.

The Aim and Purpose

This program is to give every member. (1) more of that joy in living. (2) Chances to do with and for others. (3) Example of manly ideals. (4) Chances to bear responsibility. (5) Opportunity for hobbies, handicrafts and skills. (6) Definite emphasis upon health.

When and How the Program Started

The movement started in the States under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America in response to demands from parents, churches, schools and other institutions in most parts of the country.

At first the National Council declined to bear the burden until they have fully progress in the program of the Boy Scout and not until 1928 after a thorough study of the efforts of the younger boy programs, a fund was made available by one of the major Foundations (Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial). This made possible the organization of the "Cub Pack."

Introduction and Progress in the Philippines

The movement was not introduced in the Philippines until 1931 when the Office of the Chaplain of the U. S. Army at Fort Stotsenburg in Pampanga, organized the first Pack, composing of 9 boys. This Pack which still exist was backed by the Philippine Council, although very little attention was given to it due to the fact that the Council that time was concentrating to organization of more troops.

From that time on other Packs were organized but sponsored by Private Schools and other Church Institutions, although during those times petitions and complaints came from scoutmasters and parents from time to time, that the movement be taken up by the Philippine Council. It can be said that the Philippine Council took it up seriously only this year when

pamphlets and other booklets were printed for the training of cubmaster and a course personally conducted by Mr. Ernest E. Voss, Regional Scout Executive, was held in Baguio. At present there are 22 Packs, one of which is in the Culion Leper Colony, five in Manila and the rest in the provinces.

If Mother Were Away

I would not care for stars,
Birds' songs and flower's in May,
For moonlight and raindrops,
If mother were away!
The butterflies would lose
Their colors bright and gay—
The dawn—its crimson hues
If mother were away!
The winds shall cease to sing,
The white clouds shall be gray,
The sun shall cease to shine,
If mother were away!

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