



The Dawn Came Up on Cat's Paws

Their first morning at last weekend's Kensington park camporee dawned quietly for Birmingham area boy scouts who had worked late into the night Friday setting up their camp site. But reveille turned their quiet tent city into a beehive of boisterous bustle. (Eccentric photos)



An Example

Kicking the day off in exemplary fashion for his young charges, Scoutmaster Rex Filkins of Birmingham chug-a-lugs a quart of milk for breakfast.

Area Boy Scouts Test Their Skills At 2-Day Camporee

Marking the 50th anniversary of scouting, every boy scout and cub scout in the nation was afforded an opportunity to camp out of doors and test their nature skills last week end.

More than 800 boy scouts and leaders from Birmingham and surrounding communities set up camp Friday at Kensington park and spent the next two days showing off what they had learned of camping, hiking, archery, athletics, first aid and other skills.

Sponsored by district 1 of the Detroit area council, the camporee coincided with the opening of the national Boy Scout Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colo.



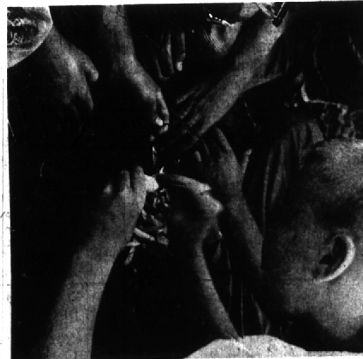
Aiming for That Big One

Getting down to the real business of the day, these scouts are showing off their techniques in bait casting and trying to troops showing outstanding performances in the skill tests.



An Irresistible Combination

Water and trees are both natural attractions for youthful nature lovers and the combination of the two proved an irresistible combination for this trio. Getting out on a limb is easier than getting off one, however—as their parents could have told them. "You got our chaps—you get back" was the answer to their plea for assistance, but they made it without even a camp shoe.



Fire . . . the Hard Way

A stern test of patience as well as skill faces John Filkins as he attempts to start a fire by striking sparks from flint with steel. He was successful, but conceded the method will never replace the safety match. (At meal time most of the campers turned up with charcoal briquettes and starter fluid to build their cooking fires.)

If average parents were as attentive to the problems of the nation's educational system as they are to so many other less important matters affecting them, perhaps both children and parents, in the end, would get greater value for the taxes they pay. Teachers, too, would be benefited. Few human devices are potentially able to make finer contributions to civilization making than is education.

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