

WOMEN AND CAMPING
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ABSTRACT

Women camping in the Boy Scouts of America organization is a touchy and controversial subject for many people. Women are now actively involved who enjoy the outdoors and camping. This report touches on some problems for women and their level of acceptance. What is acceptable behavior? At what positions are women valued and accepted? Embarrassing matters personal to women are discussed such as appropriate dressing at night or when out of uniform, tent arrangements if with her spouse or a child, her role with the boys, latrine usage and what if it is her "time of the month"? This report will propose some solutions.

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Introduction

Women are coming up from Cub Scouts and entering Boy Scouts more and more. As they move up they encounter much controversy. Is there a place for women in Boy Scouts? If so where are they accepted? If not what makes them unacceptable? What should their role be with the boys? When camping how should a woman handle personal matters such as clothing, latrine or toilet usage and tentage?

I believe some women really enjoy camping and consider the challenges rewarding. These women can be of service to the B.S.A. program. I think there are some problems which need workable solutions for women. To prove my theory I set out to survey as many adult Boy Scout Leaders as possible within my council. I spoke to a few adult Boy Scout Leaders to find out what questions I needed to place on my survey. Once it was ready the council office approved sending it to all committees for distribution. This method of distribution had the potential of getting the most result. A copy of my survey can be found in the appendix of this dissertation. I thank all who participated in this survey from the male who responded with "Please help get women out of scouting" to all those who said without the women helping them they would not have a program.

RESULTS

The questions of women in scouting and women camping with boy scouts both need to be answered. Thirty-nine various boy scout leaders in the Great Smoky Mountain Council responded

to the questionnaire. Some did not answer all questions but the majority did answer most. Many had some interesting comments which I will include where pertinent. Twenty-five respondents were male, eight were female and six were unidentified.

Section I - What positions should women hold? To see where women were accepted in Boy Scouts Question 4 asked each person to check the job titles they thought women could hold. They voted as follows. Telephone Person and Driver for Outings tied for first place. Second came Troop Committee Secretary and Troop Committee Treasurer. Third was Main Office Secretary. Fourth was a tie also between Troop Committee Chairperson and Merit Badge Counselor. These positions both need people with some valid skills and dedication. Fifth in line is the Advancement Committee. Next came the positions requiring more advanced training and understanding of the Boy Scout Program, its methods and goals. These positions also vary from one group to the next as to welcoming women. Sixth is District Training Chairperson. Seventh is Quartermaster Guide within the troop. Eighth place is Troop Camping Organizer who should be someone with camping experience. The rest of this list shows positions requiring more extensive training and experience. Ninth is District Commissioner, Tenth is Scoutmaster. The point was made boys may be subjected to additional testing if they have a lady Scoutmaster. The last position was the District Executive. As you study the summary of this list and the chart which follows it is clear to see that women are being accepted. Yet their acceptance comes first in the usual roles. Chart I on on the next page shows where the people responding to this question stood.

This summarizes these results:

95%	Telephone Person
90%	Driver for Outing
	Troop Committee Secretary
	Troop Committee Treasurer
	Main Office Secretary
	Troop Committee Chairperson
80%	Merit Badge Counselor
	Advancement Committee
75%	Assistant District Commissioner
	Assistant Scoutmaster
	District Training Chairperson
60%	Quartermaster/ Guide
	Troop Camping Organizer
50%	District Commissioner
	Scoutmaster
	District Executive

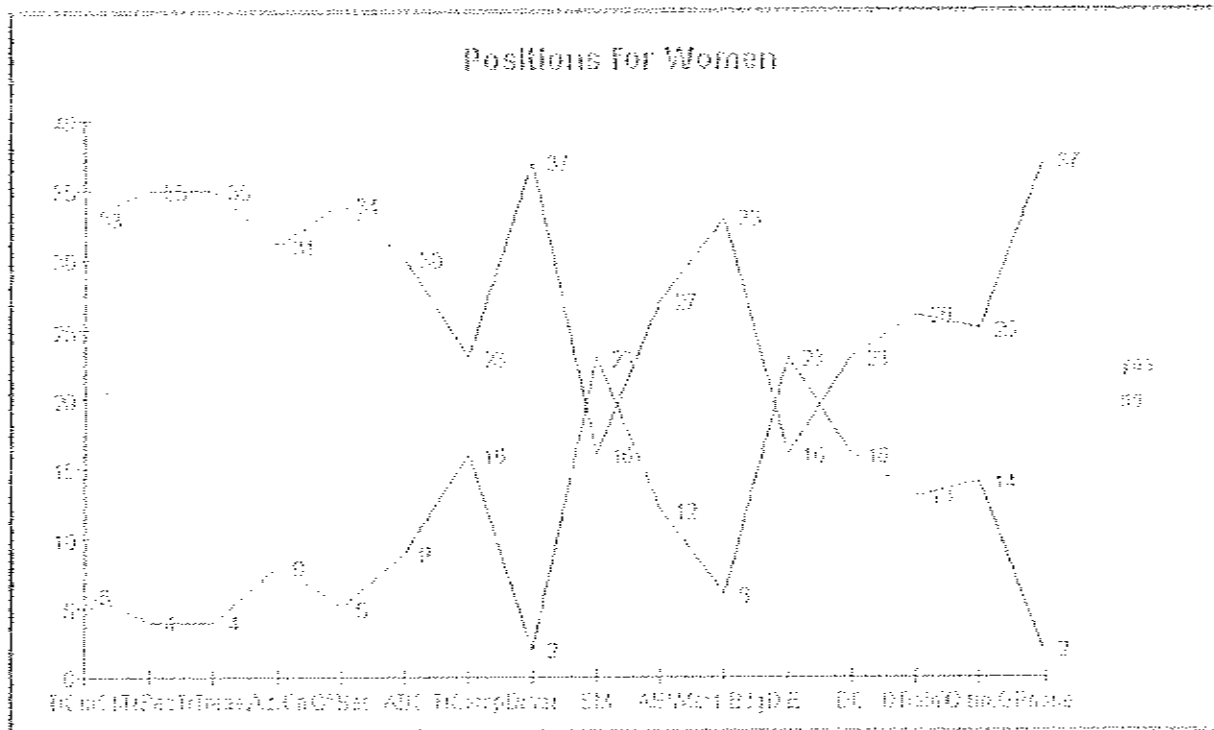


Chart I

Section 2. What to do about different personalities. This leads to the first question on the survey.

This question was meant to target certain behaviors and what to do about individuals with these behaviors. First let's look at the next chart to see how these different temperaments rate.

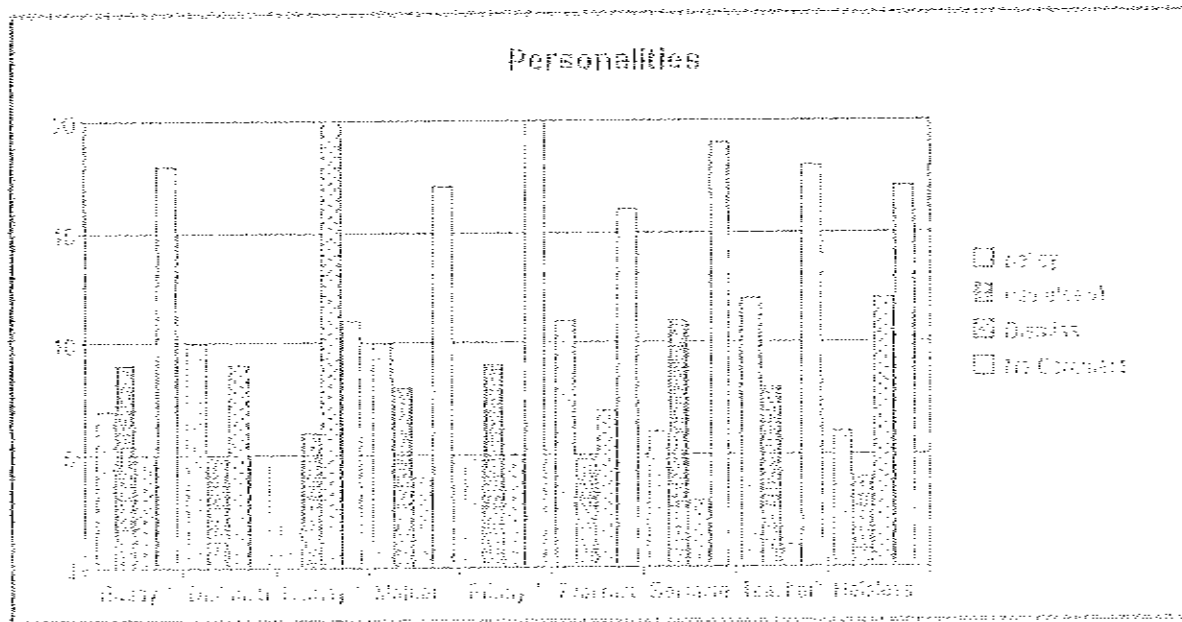


Chart 2

Looking at the chart it seems as if there were a lot of no comments. The following are comments made on the survey sheets.

Buddy Betty - A Potential Home Wrecker...

Drill Instructor Di - Should learn that rules sometimes must be bent for the good of both the individual and the organization as a whole. Needs lesson on diplomacy and attitude.

Henry Heather - Goes camping not to help with the program but to socialize and flirt with the men. Has no place with young boys or men in scouting. Boys will comment on

Horny Heather - They don't use respect when they speak to or about her. There is enough trouble with the news media without her to stir things up. What she does on her own is her business but never at a scouting function. She is involved for the wrong reason.

Mother Theresa - A saint and "do - gooder". She means well. She needs to learn "boys will be boys". Right or wrong they will benefit and grow from the program.

Prissy Priscilla - Always primping, can't quite bring herself to camp in a tent with little facilities. Some things were said of her as "Horny Heather".

Procrastinating Peggy - Can't quite get with the program or get the job done. Might try to see her where it "does little harm for her not to get the job done". She often creates more problems. If she can't do the job then out the door she goes!

Socialite Sally - We all enjoy fellowship but she goes too far.

Teacher Tess - There are places where she could help with training.

Helpless Helen - Boys will comment on this particular person in not so complimentary ways. They don't respect her.

One gentleman humorously noted he had dated all of these women. A couple others feel women undermine the boys by going on outings. The majority felt there was a place for women in the Boy Scout program but had varying degrees of differences as to her help with the unit at home or in the field. The point was made by a few that some of these same personalities also could apply to some men and we must learn to work with all individuals. Those in the recruiting

business say there is not enough help to fulfill the needs of the boys. Solid role models are needed and a sincere commitment to better the child through Scouting. A dismissal should be a last resort because of gross policy infractions. The general rules could easily be stated as follows:

1. Discuss problems one on one.
2. Compliment in front of the group.
3. Set parameters before the trip.

Generally speaking a woman is accepted but some of these behaviors are not. These behaviors also apply to men but that's some one else's topic to explore.

Section 3 How should a woman treat the boys. Once a woman is involved with boy scouts she may need to look at how she handles them during troop functions. Question 3 asks how a women should handle boys on a scout outing. There were many comments on this section as well. It's also noted one man stated men don't necessarily do a good job at this as well. Look at the various comments in the questionnaire.

Play Mother / Don't Mother - Some boys like scouting because they get treated more like an adult and are not mothered.

Authoritarian - This question needed a better explanation. Most agreed a women needs to act with authority but not in such a way as to become controlling repressing. A boys need to experiment and be himself. There is a difference!

Cook and clean up for the boys - Do not cook and clean up for him.

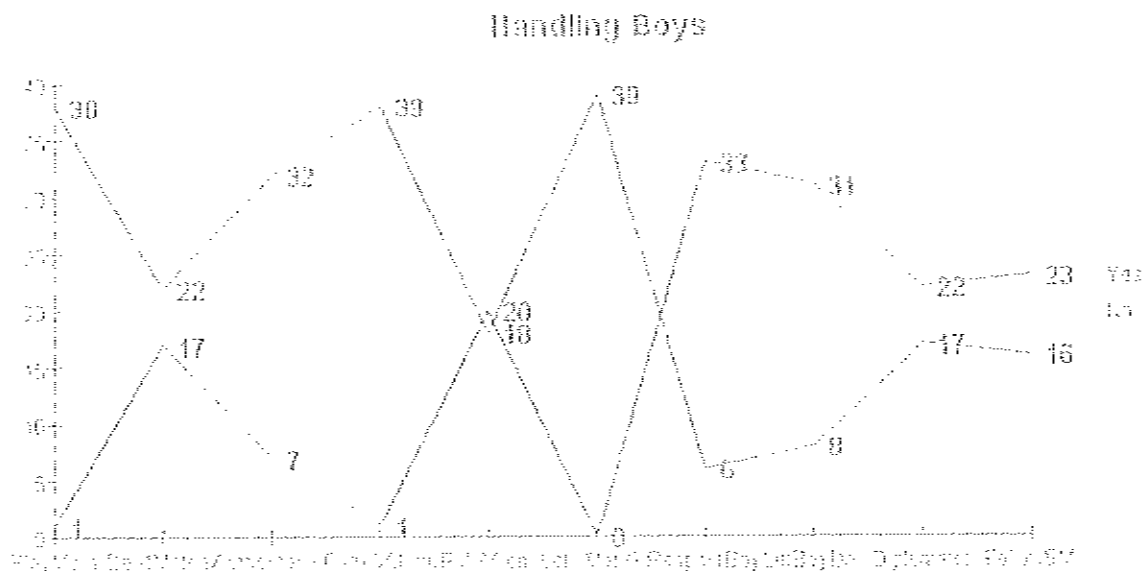
Set rules and consequences - Some boundaries may need to be set for safety. Some rules might best be learned by each boy through his own experience. Training and practice help in this area. Rules for safety should be defined. Rules for a lesson to be learned are also set when there is competition.

Let loose and let go - This situation is a definite no. We have the two adults minimum requirement on outings for supervision and safety. Boys running wild accomplish nothing and usually get injured.

Treat each boy with respect -

Be Diplomatic -

Follow the Scoutmaster's lead - Caution, if the Scoutmaster's lead is against policy she needs to use better judgment.



One applicant, totally against women in the Boy Scout program stated "A study has shown that 80% of boys raised by women go to prison between the ages of 19 and 35. Scouts are the only chance some of these boys ever get my uncle leadership, for God's sake give them a chance to be with a man." I did not have any way of referencing this study since forms were filled out anonymously unless a person allowed me to know who they were for some reason.

In the book "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" Dr. John Gray, Ph.D., uses the following metaphor to illustrate commonly occurring conflicts and differences between men and women:

"Once upon a time Martians and Venusians met, fell in love, and had happy relationships with one another because they respected and accepted their differences. Then they came to earth and amnesia set in: they forgot they were from different planets."

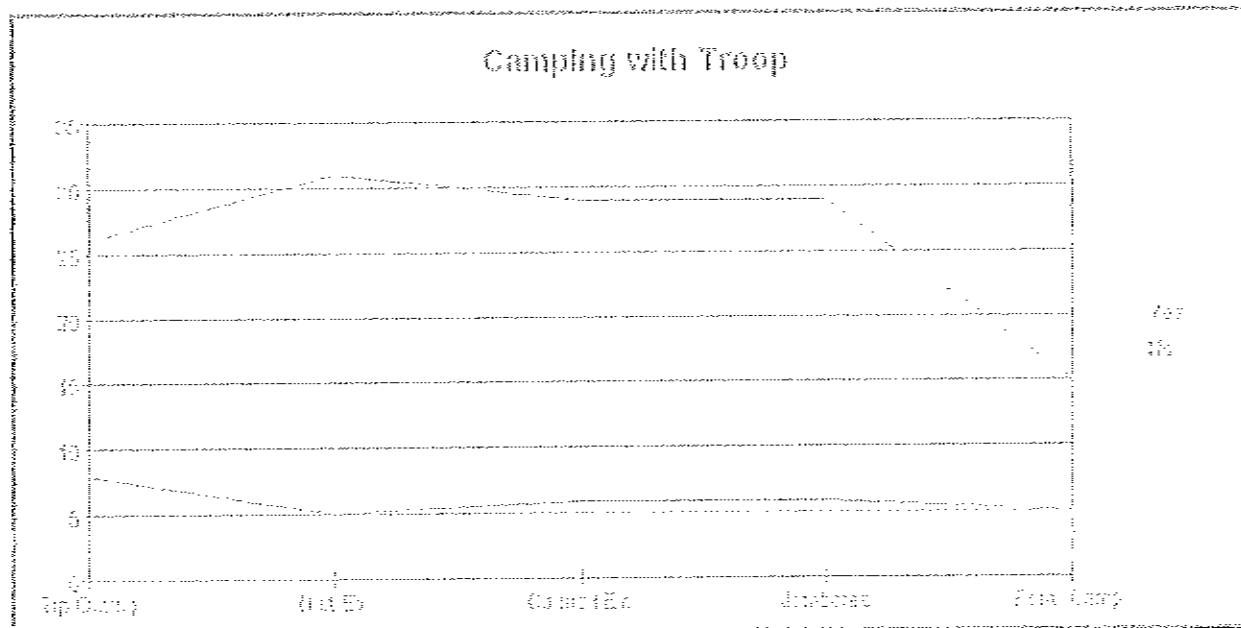
Many people in this study had no problem with the fact that men and women are dissimilar. A woman needs to help in a supervisory role in harmony with the intended situation. Her objectivity must be the same, "to better the boys through the scouting program". Communicating with the boys may mean understanding their ways better. The program is set up to work the way it does because it is their nature. We must respect and understand that fact.

A gentleman running the Sea Explorer Post in our council says the females in his program were a real asset. It seems the boys learned how to treat a woman with respect and took care of themselves better with women around. Of course they have girls who go out camping. According to this man, the boys did not want to look bad in front of the girls and performed better. The boys

and girls learned together with the adults doing the same and getting along well. Women who can conduct themselves appropriately are accepted. Women are breaking ground camping with the boys.

Section 4 Should a women ever camp with the Troop? This covers Question 5. Fewer remarks were made on this section. Some stressed B. S. A. policy. Another depended on the troop situation or outing. Many thought highest of women being involved in District Camping. Fifteen individuals thought women should not be relegated to just family camping. Chart four shows a definite yes in all areas.

Chart 4



Section 5 Camping with your spouse. It's so nice to have your spouses support when involved in Boy Scouts. For some it's a family thing. Question six deals with what if you bring your "significant other" along. If she comes do you use separate tents, the same tent or should she not camp with the troop? The next chart shows the reaction to a spouse coming as follows:

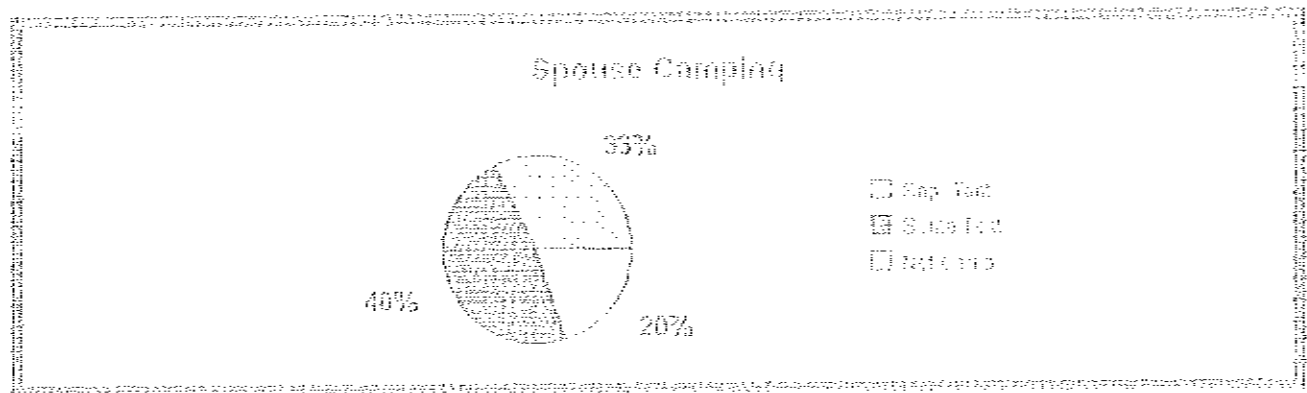


Chart 5

There are a few families where both partners are involved in the scouting program for the betterment of the boys. They enjoy one another and the outdoors. They have the physical and mental capability to run the B.S.A. program and decided to dedicate themselves to helping boys. They could be a positive influence for the boy who lives in a dysfunctional family.

Our survey establishes 20% do not want women camping with Boy Scouts. The other 80% may wish to have their wife along occasionally.

Should they have separate tents? Thirty-three percent thought so. If both adults are involved perhaps they will each need a tent for times when they are involved in different overnights at the same time. Realistically it means an added expense and more gear to carry. How wise is that? Yet thirteen participants in this survey either do this already or think that is the way to go. They believe a young boy may get strange ideas seeing two married adults sleeping together. They are trying to avoid any comments being made about them.

The point was made to me that to stress the family part of the program a man and wife belong together in a tent but should be mindful of their behavior. Possibly using separate sleeping

bugs but no "buggy punky". Forty-eight percent of those surveyed agreed. If true family values are the key then this is the perfect answer to my married couple. Not so for a girl-friend and boy-friend who might live together otherwise.

Section 6 Sharing a tent with a child Well, now that we have found there are times a woman may be accepted let's see if we can clear up another matter causing some controversy. In question # 7 I asked if it was ever appropriate for a woman to share a tent with a child? I will go through each part of this question's results then summarize my answer.

Can a woman share a tent with her boy scout age son? Nine people voted yes, while seventeen said no. One person stated it could be done as a last resort if short on tents. Another person stated it could embarrass the boy with "peer pressure".

Can a woman share her tent with other boys when short on tents? No one checked yes to this! Some even quoted B.S.A. policy.¹ One individual remarked, "It stops confounded gossip". Another said, "same as for males" (meaning Boy Scout policy). Twenty-four individuals put an on plastic check mark in the no column.

Can a woman share her tent if she brings her 9 year old or younger child? This was a mixed bag. Twenty people thought yes while nine stated no. Then I looked at the comments. Some one said yes if child is not a scout. Another asked why is this child coming? Someone else claimed young children should not come. One other person agreed with both sentiments then added if that child did come and there was no other tent/area available yes, otherwise no.

Under the question is it never appropriate for a child to share a tent 17 people said no

never. So lets look at the results in chart 6.

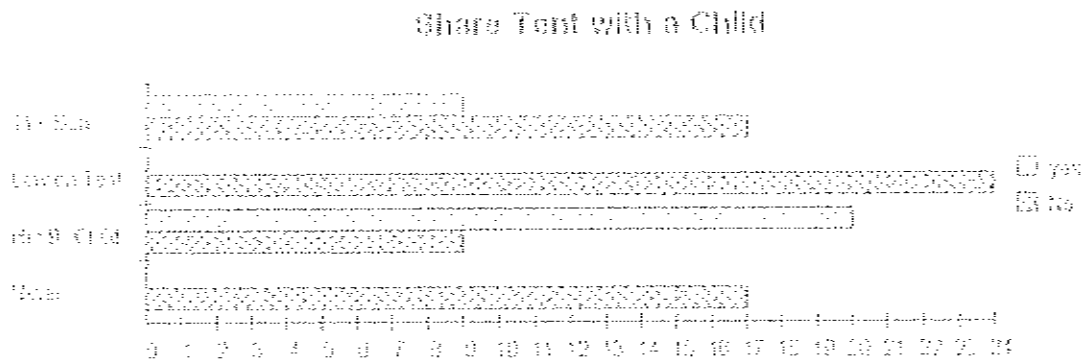


Chart 6

To summarize women often think I'm responsible for this kid as I'll take care of him like he was my own. On a Boy Scout outing we must leave behind our "Mom badges". Boy Scout policy is there for our protection as well as the boy's. If you prepare well in advance this problem should not arise. However I have witnessed it happen within our council. It created a lot of talk and did not reflect well on the leader. Boys have other alternatives for the "not enough tents" problem. It makes for a good pioneering project for them to build a "lean to" or invent some other way to handle how they will stay "high and dry" for the night. They can also plan a fund-raiser to buy sufficient tents. Often kids don't mind squeezing in another tent-mate. A woman should not take a child into her own tent. Even her own younger child may be able to spend the night with his older brother. Better yet get a sitter for him. As one person wisely put it, "Young children will be robbed of the Boy Scout excitement if they start camping with the troop too early. Save this experience for them on their own camping trips."

Section 7: Women in Sports Bras

Well, you're a lady and you've now got some insight into camping with men and boys but what do you wear? As I listened to people for input into my survey one question developed which I had not expected. A lady proposed women wear what's called a "sports bra". She claimed this allowed her the freedom to strip down to this essential piece of clothing when on with the boy seems if necessary to change her shirt. It looks like halter top which pulls on over the head to cover a woman's breasts. So question 10 asked if a person would feel okay with a lady being able to strip down to this for the purpose of changing into another lighter article of clothing on a hike?

Chart 7 shows 73% would say no. One individual claimed they were okay with this as long as it was done out of sight. Another claimed this was contrary to good moral behavior. I went to the trouble of getting one which I thought would look most like an ordinary halter top. When I stripped down to it for my thirteen year old son, (who has seen Mom in swim suits, but only accidentally naked) he was embarrassed. The item has been relegated to bra status and is never seen on me by anyone but my husband. As another person kindly said, "Women should come dressed for the hike."

Sports Bra

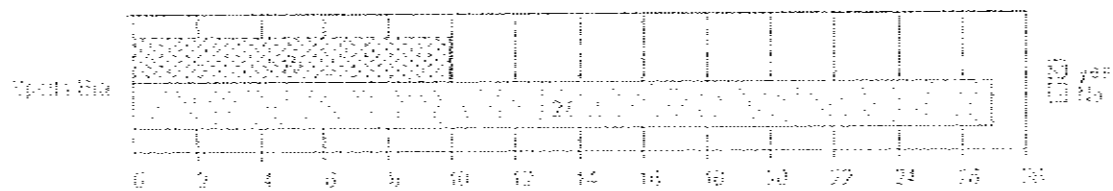


Chart 7

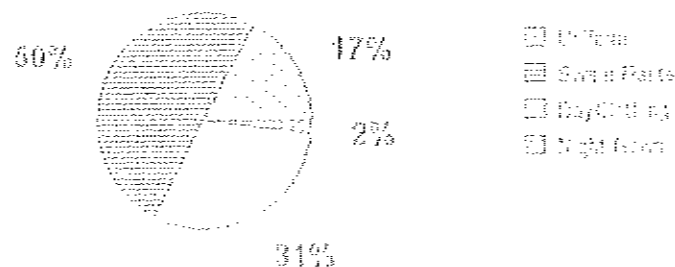
Layering is key. The solution is to have a t-shirt on (or a underneath), and then put other layers on top which you can gradually take off as the day warms up, or put on as the day cools down.

Section 3: What should a woman wear to bed. This leads to the next question. A woman now to sleeping in the woods with the boys may wonder what is appropriate night wear. If she must leave her tent at night. Question nine gave several choices. Scout uniform, sweat pants (or suit), day clothing or night gown. Chart 8 shows the results at a glance.

Nine checked off Scout uniform. Twenty-six voted for the event suit. Sixteen opted for day clothing while one courageous person thought a nightgown was fine. One person reminded me, "Boys between the ages of 11 - 13 are a mass of uncontrolled hormones. If a woman is on an outing with the boys she should always dress as conservative as possible." He goes on to state, "We have a real problem with some women in the council at the present time with too tight and skimpy dress". This statement summarized the many others written. MODESTY SHOULD DICTATE HERE AND NOT CAUSE ANYONE TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE. A look at chart 8 shows a reasonable preference for women in sweats, whether the top be a t-shirt in the summer or sweat-shirt in the winter.

Chart 8

Sleeping Attire for Women



Section 2 Ladies restroom arrangements. Well now it's the middle of the night we have a letter
able of what to wear and where to go. It's time for a trip to the toilet. What are our arrangements?
Boys are often most anywhere lurking in the bushes. A woman must bare all to go to the bathroom,
what is she going to do?

Question 2 asks, "If there are no bathroom facilities, should a woman: 1) provide her own
where necessary, 2) only be allowed on campsites with facilities, 3) be able to get assistance
from the troop in preparing one, 4) have her spot well off from the main, or 5) use the same
hole but arrange for some way to identify if a female is using the latrine?"

Before I attempt to relay the many comments I have for this section let's see how
people voted

- 11 Provide own where necessary
- 7 Only be allowed on campsites with facilities
- 13 Should be able to get assistance from troop in preparing one
- 15 Should have her spot well off from the boy's / men's
- 17 Use same hole but arrange for some way to identify if a female is
using the latrine.

In chart 9 the percentages show up as follows :

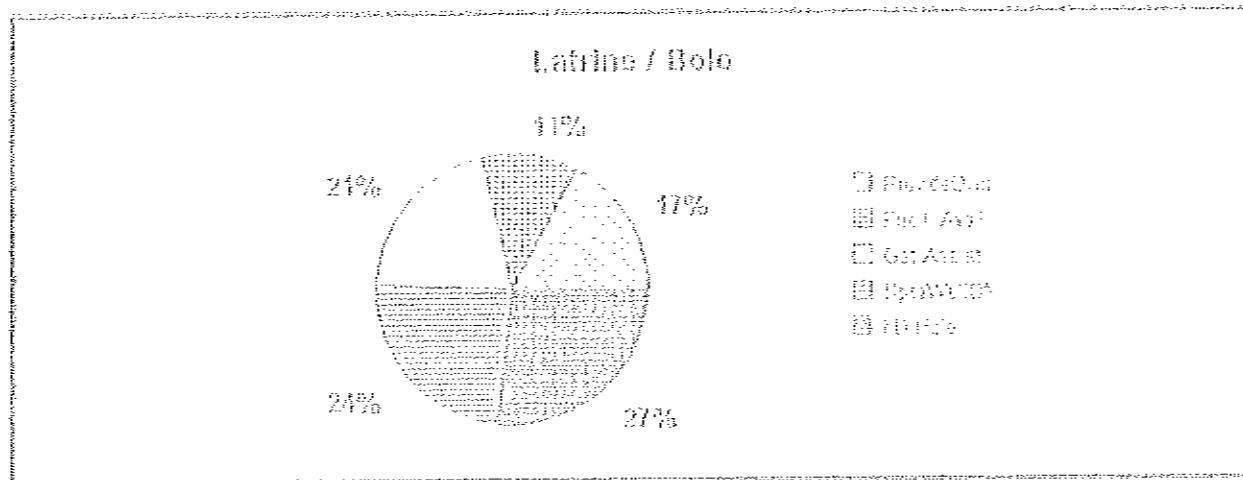


Chart 9

Let's look at the negative responses first. A couple people were strong all the way though this survey with their feeling women should not be allowed to participate with boys. "That's why they have Girl Scouts", according to one. Another thought women should provide their own and be treated the same. Then there was, "Hold it 'til you get home!" Also women should limit camping with troops to State Parks and camps where restrooms are clearly marked. "If she can't dig a cat hole she shouldn't be out there!"

Many more were positive with their feedback. They remarked, "Boys must learn to accommodate - not only women, but anyone who requires different or special arrangements". How about, "A scout should understand social code and be willing to help." Then there was the reply, "Any person should be able to get assistance doing any task. Isn't that what B.S.A. is trying to impart? Why identify only if females are using the latrine? Males like privacy too". Another stated, "Usually it's tough getting one latrine dog". He also reminded me it requires pulling boys

from their troop duties so a woman should be prepared to dig her own or plan to use the community latrine.

Some think separate facilities should be made available when women are participating in scouting activities. Others say no special arrangements are needed. If it's occupied, no one is allowed in. It's occupied whether 11 year old or 10 year old "boy"! One lady mentioned a towel thrown over a bucket, or a fire pan in the doorway works for her. One decided it would appear to depend on the size of the camping group and the terrain as well as the "band" of the event chairman.

Some wisdom can be obtained from all of the above comments. Let's now get some guidelines from all this input.

- 1) Before going on an outing a woman should find out the parameters of the particular event.
- 2) If there are facilities, are there separate outhouses or not? If no separate outhouses are available, what will they agree upon as a way of letting someone know when it is occupied.
- 3) If latrine / bato needs to be dug a woman should be prepared to dig her own. However if she is too involved in registration or some other function of the event that she has no time to dig her own she will need to have an agreement that she gets time or they work something out. She should not purposely depend on the boys or men to dig hers. Or depend on using theirs. The appendix shows some possible solutions for a woman's outdoor bato which I have found.

A gentleman wrote at the end of his survey that when he lived in Mareepart, La., he belonged to the OZARK SOCIETY. They are environmentalists who do a lot of family camping, hiking etc. or other activity in southern Arkansas and eastern Texas. One major rule they had whether hiking, camping or some other activity was :

CHICKS - UPSTREAM / UPHILL (elevated status)

BOYS - DOWNSTREAM / DOWNHILL (little devils you know)

This could easily be adopted within Boy Scouts of America as a guideline.

In doing my research and talking to several people, I spoke to a National Park Service Ranger who suggested an excellent book written by a woman, mainly for women, "HOW TO SHIT IN THE WOODS" by Kathleen Meyer. She describes the word "shit", qualifies it, and then goes into the disasters men and women outdoors have encountered in the process. She is an outdoors enthusiast who has researched this problem and has come up with some solutions for women. She even talks about the environmental concern of everyone "crapping" outdoors (and on the trails). There are places and times (such as winter camping with snow on the ground) when it has to be packed out. Kathleen Meyers has answers for this too. This book is catching from its title to its closing statement. It can be found in some camping equipment stores and is well worth the investment. She even covers my last topic for discussion in this dissertation.

What if a woman is on her cycle? Question eight asked how a woman should dispose of her toiletries and gave four possible solutions. The results are shown in the percentage chart #10.

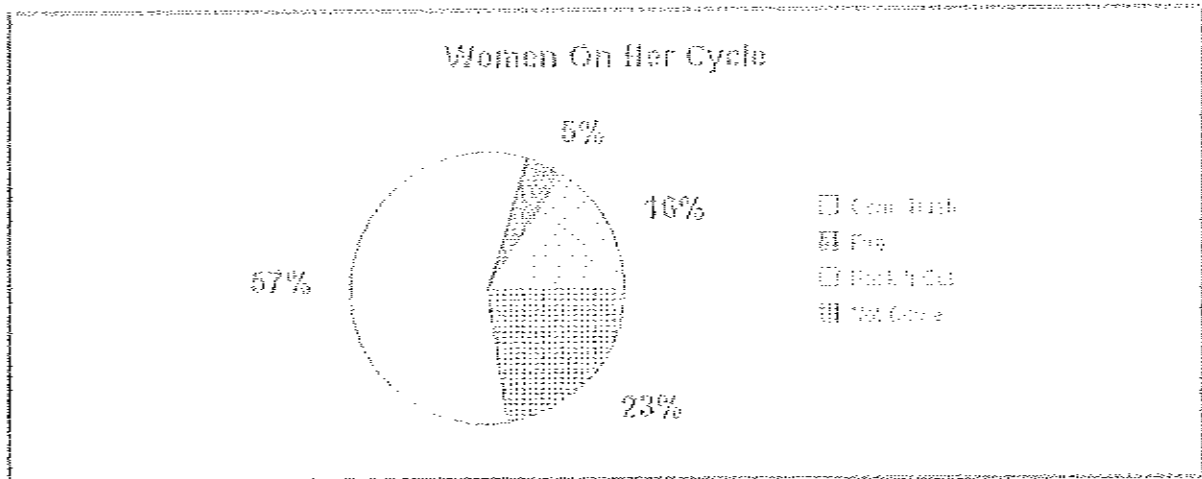


Chart 10

There were a few comments which should be addressed. One individual thought if toiletries were biodegradable we could bury them. Sorry, far as I know they are not. The next thought if we need to burn the items, we could do so in a private fire making sure it is fully burned. The 'gentlemen' in this survey were polite enough to accept it in the common trash, if properly wrapped. In Scouting this could be embarrassing for either the woman or the male who might spot it. The wisest response said, 'pack it out in a Zip Lock bag'. Kathleen Meyer concurs with this solution in her book. The survey also also confirms this as the best solution.

CONCLUSION

In doing this survey I have found my beginning theory to be correct with some adjustments. The majority of the results found women to be their best resource in easing the burden of the work involved at 80 - 95% at the unit level, 59-85% district level and council level with the exception of 41% at Scoutmaster and District Executive level. A woman is still

wanted to fill the stereotypical roles first and must usually work her way up to my positions of authority. This can be positive if it gives her more time to understand not only the program but also to adjust to and accept the ways of the men and boys involved.

Common behaviors are not acceptable in the BSA program.

- Out looking for a man and flirting with one
- Dressing in tight or too skimpy clothing

These behaviors need counseling:

- Running around telling everyone when and how to do everything
- Pulling others away from their duties to perform yours
- Doing everything for the boys instead of allowing them to learn and do for themselves
- Being more interested in looking like a model or beauty queen
- Putting off your duties
- Doing your socializing over all else

These behaviors could be used to benefit the scouting movement with proper training and guidance:

- Stepping in to tell boys how to do something when they must learn by trial and error
- A willingness to learn and do just as everyone else does
- The ability take criticism

- Diplomacy and tactfulness
- Respect for boys and other adults
- Discretion in all you do
- Ability to set rules and consequences for the safety of all
- Knowing when to use your authority without being a dictator

Women camping need to be as self-sufficient as possible but may allow at times for the boys and men to use their social graces in helping them just as you would any other center. She must follow B.S.A. policy in all areas. If she is respectful of both the boys and the adults she will gain their respect. She may have to accept that there are still men who do not want her out there. If that male is Scoutmaster for a unit she is involved in I would suggest at this point that she stay home on troop campouts.

On personal matters, the sports bra is not an item to be displayed in any way in front of the men or boys. Sweat suit or shorts and t-shirt (with bra underneath), are the most appropriate items to sleep in and then be able to leave your tent in the middle of the night. A woman may need to know how to build an appropriate latrine with some sort of covering around it if she is to have a private area of her own. She also needs to be able to dispose of her sanitary devices used for her menstruation cycle in a zip - lock bag and pack it out discreetly.

Women can be of help but must know their limitations. I hope this report is useful to those who are just entering Boy Scouts and have some personal questions but don't quite know where to turn.

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APPENDIX

- 1 - 3 Women and Camping in the B.S.A. Survey
- 4 Some Outdoor Latrine Ideas
- 5 Adult Leadership (From Guide to Safe Scouting)
- 6 Camping (From Guide to Safe Scouting)

**B.S.A. WOMEN AND CAMPING
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1.) There are many personalities in people, please check those personalities which are a problem for you and then check or comment on your solution.

	Policy to Deal With	Keep & Put Elsewhere	Dismiss
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Betty	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Drill Instructor DI	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Honey Heather	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Theresa	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prissy Prissilla	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Procrastinating Peggy	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialite Sally	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Tess	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpless Helen	_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

2.) Many campsites with Boy Scouts are in areas without bathroom facilities. Should a women camping ... (please check your answer)

- Provide own where necessary
- Only be allowed on campsites with facilities
- Should a woman be able to get assistance from troop in preparing one
- Have her spot well off from the boys / mens
- Use same hole but arrange some way to identify if a female is using the latrine.

Comments: _____

3.) Women and men are different in how they see things. How should a women handle boys on a Scout outing? Check those you approve.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> play mother | <input type="checkbox"/> set rules and consequences | <input type="checkbox"/> be diplomatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> don't mother boys | <input type="checkbox"/> let loose & let go | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow the Scoutmasters lead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> be an authoritarian | <input type="checkbox"/> treat each boy with respect | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cook and clean up for the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> let the boys do their own work | |

Others: _____

4.) Please check positions you feel a women could hold in Scouting on Boy Scout Level.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Committee Chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Scoutmaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Committee Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist. Scoutmaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Committee Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advancement Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> District Executive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Office Secretarial Work | <input type="checkbox"/> District Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant District Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> District Training Chairperson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Camping organizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Quartermaster Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver for Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Person |

5.) Should a women ever camp with the troop?

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Troop outings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | District Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Council Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jamborees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Only on special Family Campouts |

6.) Some men have their wives full participation in Troop operations. If she goes camping with them should they:

- use separate tents use same tent She should not camp with the troop

7.) Is it ever appropriate for a women to share a tent with a child?

Yes No

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | With her Boy Scout Age Son |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Boys when short on tents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If she brings her 9 & under age child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Never |

8.) A woman on her cycle should dispose of her toiletries:

in common trash bag in fire pack it out herself not come

9.) A woman sometimes must leave her tent in the middle of the night for an emergency or the privy. Her sleeping attire should be:

Scout Uniform Sweat Pants Day Clothing Night Gown

Comments: _____

10.) There is something called a Sports Bra for women. It looks like a halter top which pulls on over the head. Would you feel okay with a woman being able to strip down to this for the purpose of changing into another lighter article of clothing on a hike? yes no

Please answer the following questions:

Your position in Scouting _____

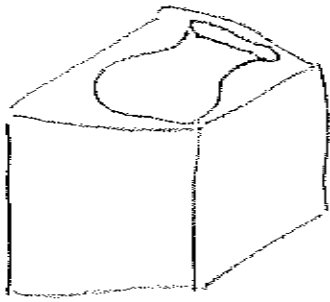
How many years have you worked in the Cub Scout program? _____

How many years have you worked in the Boy Scout Program? _____

Please check one Male

Female

Some Outdoor Latrine Ideas

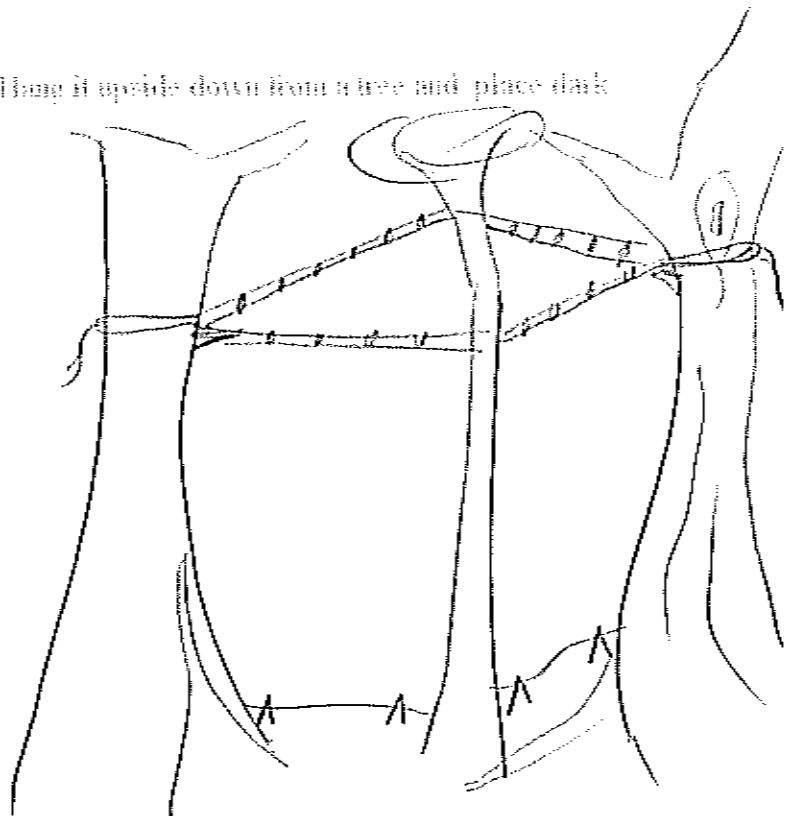
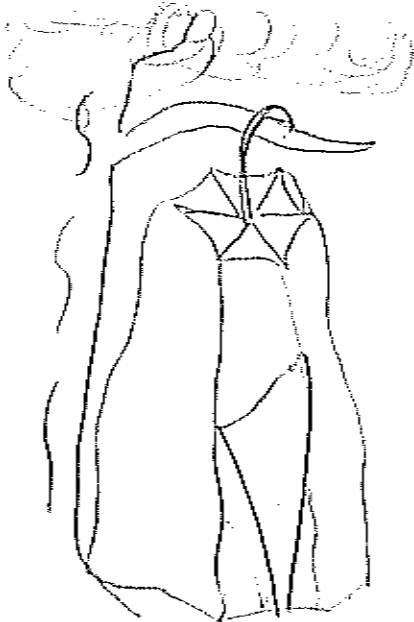


Build a plywood box with a hole in the top and no bottom. Attach a toilet seat to the top.

Dig a hole in the ground placing dirt in a pile nearby. Use dirt to cover up hole each time you finish going to the toilet. Toilet paper should be packed out not dropped into the ground. It does not biodegrade very fast. When finished camping pick up box and cover up hole completely.

Purchase several black or navy blue shower curtain liners in the store. They already are grommeted at the top. Purchase a cream color to make white holes in the bottom for the purpose of sinking down your bolo shelter. Take enough rope to tie off an area for your bolo. Use shower curtain hooks to string on rope or string directly. Overlap ends and stake well to prevent pecking. (you might want to grommet the sides some and tie them together. Let an opening for the door at the back end overlap. Once your hole is dug, place your potty inside and rest in comfort for the duration.

Another Option is to invert a large col umbrellla. Hang it upside down from a tree and place dark shower curtain on the ends.



L. Adult Leadership

Each Cub Scout den and Webelos den and each chartered Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, and Explorer post shall have one citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or older, who shall be registered and serve as the unit or den leader. A unit leader may not serve simultaneously in any other position within the same unit. The head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative and the local council must approve the registration of the unit or den leader on the appropriate form.

Primary reference: Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America

Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings

1. Two-deep leadership:

Two registered adult leaders, or one adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when no adult leadership is required. Coed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders.

2. During transportation to and from planned Scout outings,

- a. Meet for departure at a designated area.
- b. Prearrange a schedule for periodic checkpoint stops as a group.
- c. Plan a daily destination point.

A common departure site and a daily destination point are a must. If you cannot provide two adults for each vehicle, the minimum is one adult and two or more youth members—never one or one.

3. Safety rule four:

No fewer than four individuals (always with a minimum of two adults) go on any backcountry expedition or campout. If an accident occurs, one person stays with the injured, and two go for help. Additional adult leadership requirements must reflect an awareness of such factors as size and skill level of the group, anticipated environmental conditions, and overall degree of challenge.

4. Male and female leaders require separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.

5. Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.

6. When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.

7. If separate shower and latrine facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. The buddy system should be used for latrines by having one person wait outside the entrance, or provide "Occupied" and unoccupied signs and/or inside door latches.

III. CAMPING

AGE GUIDELINES

The Boy Scouts of America has established the following guidelines for its members' participation in camping activities:

* Overnight camping by second- and third-grade Cub Scout dens or Cub Scout Packs (other

than at an approved camping facility operated by other than the local council) is not approved, and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

* Cub Scouts (second and third graders) and Webelos Scouts (fourth and fifth grades) may participate in any council operated camps. A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den campouts when supervised by his mother or father. If a parent cannot attend, arrangements must be made for a parent substitute.

* All Boy Scouts (11-18) may participate in troop or patrol overnight campouts, camporees, and resident camps.

* Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Explorers age 13 or older may also participate in world travel and high adventure programs.

Whenever a unit brings along a child who does not meet these age guidelines, disservice is done to the unit because of distractions often caused by younger children. A disservice is done to the child, who is not trained to participate in such activities and who as a nonmember of the group, may be ignored by the older campers.

Note: Bold type denotes rules and policies.

Guide To Safe Scouting
A Unit Leaders Guide for Current
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