

Here's a message from Phillip Cooper a long time scout leader.

As a 18 year old LIFE SCOUT in 1978, I promised myself, that I would never let my future son down by not being there to see him through to his goals. So when my oldest son Nicholas joined Cub Scouts at age 7, and I too registered right along with him as a registered leader, then my youngest son Stephan turned 7 and he too wanted to be in scouts with his big brother. At that point I was already registered as a Boy Scout Leader, and took on the task for of starting up a feeder Pack for that Troop. So over the last 18 years I was honored to watch my own 2 sons reach the rank of EAGLE SCOUT, in addition I have been blessed to mentor 8 other young men as they too reach Boy Scouting's highest Rank.

During that time I have been held many leadership positions from a committee member to an chartered organizational rep. for 3 Cub Scout Packs / 2 Boy Scout Troops, in 2 separate cities;

Yes it absorbed a lot of my time, and effort! Yes it wasn't always a bed of roses!

But 18 years later, I am positive that I wouldn't have done it another way. In fact I am still willing to assist you in starting up a Pack at your church!

So I ask you parent to parent, are you willing to give your son the same commitment both you and he deserve? Are you ready to spend time with your son, watching him tie his First Square Knot and learn firsthand what scouting is really all about? Are you willing to experience and see why so many organizations / businesses recognize the accomplishments of the boys that earn the Rank of Eagle Scout?

Are you ready to be that proud parent watching his son as he is making / racing his first Pinewood Derby Car, having fellowship / making friendship with scouts from all over the community / nation / world.

Finding out why so many of our countries leaders & hero's have been in scouting at some point in their life, and why they to this date recognize Boy Scouting as one of the best organizations for teaching leadership.

Trust me I can assure you, what time you spend in scouting with your son. Will give him opportunities he will not receive anywhere else.

Scouting is one of the best ways, I have seen used by adults to mentor our youth to a bright, challenging, exciting, fun filled childhood and future.

Yours in Scouting

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