

# **THE SCOUT JUNGLE**

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Boy-scout troop 1237, just in the past four weeks, received several second year Webelos from several Cub Scout packs. Since the troop had only about six members before they came the troop tripled in size. Many of the older scouts, "At first the new kids are quiet, but after a while they get cocky and start going crazy all the time." At campouts many people complain about the younger kids being lazy and not contributing anything to help with cooking, KP, setting up camp and breaking it down. Of course there are a few exceptions but not many.

Now at Goshen, the kids still run wildly. They give the adult leaders no breaks and are constantly asking them questions. They have common sense, but they choose not to use it and are making bad decisions that could get them hurt. They like eating snacks, like any self-respecting child would. Then they leave crumbs and wrappers all over the ground and they don't pick them up! The troop suffers from this each time we see the red poker chip nailed to the bulletin board after another failed inspection.

When we said they "run wildly" we weren't joking. The SPL and his brother had to put up trip wires to discourage running around the campsite. No one has actually fallen down from them, but it has practically stopped the madness. Also, they like fighting with sticks and playing with tools in the ax-yard that they aren't supposed to play with or even hold. Then someone comes running and yelling at them till they stop or are forced to stop. So when yelling and screaming is heard, stop and run away because troop 1237 is coming.

