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EDITOR'S DESK

Since the re-ignition of the Campfire Light, we had received some feed-back and comments; Some asking for more articles about our own scouts rather than those on skills and development. However, we feel that the aim of our newsletter is not just to report on our activities but also to provide our readers with more awareness and knowledge about the world around them. Hence, the three-page special on scouting on the internet.

Nevertheless we will still endeavour to capture and immortalise the special moments in scouting at Catholic High School.

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A Page From The Past



A page from Campfire Light Vol. 24

Camping is an integral part of Scouting. If a Scout only comes for troop meetings and for proficiency badges without experiencing camping, he is not a true Scout.

Camping is important for various reasons:-

- 1. Fraternisation --- the harmony within a patrol and troop depends on fraternisation. In camp, if every one cares for himself, the camp is sure to be a failure. For comfortable and happy camping life, co-operation and tolerance are essential. Scouts know one another better after camping and working in closer harmony.
- 2. A Test for self --- A campsite is not a piece of cosy meadow. Sleeping in the open is a test for you to "rough it out". It is a test to see whether you can tolerate the heat of the sun and to share your food with your brother Scouts. All your personal shortcomings will be revealed to yourself as you go under these tests so that you will be able to improve and better yourself.
- 3. Knowledge --- In school, knowledge is learnt under the roof. In camps, in the bosom of Mother Nature, if you are observant enough, you will no doubt learn many more interesting things outside the books. At home, you may not have the opportunity to cook, but in camp you have to learn, one way or another.
- 4. To Put into Practice --- It may not be so obvious when you are taught the square lashing, diagonal lashing at troop meetings. In camp, you see before you how these lashings are put into use and tested in practice. You may have to apply the theory of pulleys and levers in pioneering.

In short, camping is not merely sleeping in the open for a few nights, and to feel the cool fresh dew. It is Scouting put into practice. If there is anyone who tells you that camping is a torture and a waste of time, you know he is a coward.



THE FUTURE IS

magine browsing through articles of a scout troop in America or England at the comfort of your desk anytime,

any day. Imagine getting the latest Scouting news practically as soon as it's written or chatting with a few scouts from New Zealand. Australia or South Africa without even signing up for a Jamboree? How about e-mailing to scouts in Hong Kong or Japan and telling them about your adventures in Sarimbun Camp? Are you searching for materials or pictures that will help you in your proficiency or progress badges? What about having thousands of campcraft notes and pictures at your fingertips? Now imagine exploring a 'virtual campsite' so vast that no one knows for sure how big it is, or how many people it contains. This isn't a scenario from some commercial for a futuristic company or a "guess what-television-will-be-like-in-2050".

Scouting on the Internet

by R. Gary Hendra and Michael F. Bowman

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Location: http://www.best.com/~hendra/SCT_INET/index.html

What's New What's Cool Handbook Net Search Net Directory

The Information Superhighway is liere! And there, are a lot of Scouting related resources out there in Cyberspace. If you can get a computer onto Internet, either through an ISP (Internet Service). Provider) or one of the major services — AOL; Compuserve, e-World, Prodigy, etc.—you should be able to access everything you read about on this Web Page.

This is an introduction to what is out there. It is not intended to provide any information on how to use specific applications — you will have to work that out for yourself.

7 Document Done

This is a snapshot of the Internet as it exists right now.

WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

The Internet is a term coined to describe the network that connects computers from all over the world, be it the computers in universities or the PC at your home. Scouting has established itself well in the world of Cyberspace. What makes the Internet relevant to Scouting is its sheer magnitude. It reaches almost all corners of the world. Through the Internet, Scouting can also fulfill its goal of international understanding with ease for the Internet transcends all barriers of race, language and distance.

How AND WHERE TO START?

The Internet has numerous scouting related resources and they can be found at various sites. Depending on what type of information is

stored, sites are divided into a few categories. You need a computer and a modem connected to an Internet Service Provider and a software browser to begin your journey to Cyberspace.

WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW)

The World Wide Web is the hottest thing in Cyberspace these days. The amount of stuff out there is growing at an enormous rate. In the WWW, you can browse through pictures and text at the same time just like reading a magazine. The WWW is excellent for you to look up resources on knotting or orienteering as the diagrams alongside with instructions make it an easy and a powerful learning medium. You can also view photographs, listen to songs and

play videos in the WWW. There are many Scout Troops and National Associations with home pages in the WWW. Visit them and learn more about Scouting around the world!

DISCUSSION GROUPS, NEWS GROUPS AND FO-RUMS

These are sites maintained by organizations or groups of people where scouts and scouters all over the world can share their woes or experiences through messages and letters. There is a wealth of information and experience available for exchange. With a computer and an Internet connection, you and your unit can benefit

from discussions with other scouts. If you like active discussions with people around the world, or be informed regularly, this is the place for you!

FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL (FTP) SITES

FTP sites store large amount of goodies in 'files' which you may benefit from. You can find files ranging from scouting pictures, charts, documents, guides, photographs to songs and more! Computer programmes that relates directly to Scouting or group management can also be retrieved. Most of these sites are open to the public and the files are free. You will need a FTP software to access FTP

sites and many of these software are free. Due to the great variety of files, you may come across a GOPHER as you look around. Don't you worry, the GOPHER is your librarian for it will search for what you want in a few minutes. If you have something that you would want to share with the rest of the world, some FTP sites accept such contributions as uploads.

SEARCH ENGINES

If you are looking for somehting in the Internet but don't know where to start, you should look for a search engine.

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)

An interesting news article from the Internet



OTA (Jamboree On The Air) is an annual event in which Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur Radio. As every year since 1993, a JOTI (Jamboree On The Internet) will be held as off-stage event during the JOTA. To participate, connect to the Internet Relay Chatter (IRC) by using the irc client on your local host or by telnetting to <host name to be supplied>. There will be a channel named "Scouting" where JOTers will meet during that time.

IRC stands for Internet Relay Chat. IRC is devoted to just "type-talking" with other users around the world. You

join what they call a channel (like a chat room where you can talk) and type words which appear on the channel. Everyone on that channel receives your words and can respond. The software needed is basically a client. Clients can be obtained from many ftp sites. One of the permanent channels on IRC is #scouting, which will be the central meeting point for JOTIRC participants.

For more information on IRC, anonymous FTP to: cs.bu.edu:/irc/support/tutorial*

A search engine is actually a very powerful and fast reader which searches the Internet for the word or phrase you are looking for. For example, if you are interested in knowing more about knotting, you can ask the search engine to look out for the words 'knots' or 'knotting' and report the location to you.

Alta Vista, Infoseek, Lycos, Web Crawler, are examples of search engines. To visit a search engine, just press the 'Net Search' button in your Internet browser.

HOW TO GAIN ACCESS INTO THE INTERNET (BRIEF)

Right now there are a few ways you can gain access into the Internet. If you have a computer, a modem and a phoneline, you can subscribe to service providers such as SingNet, Pacific Internet and Cyber-Way in Singapore.

Where to Start Looking

General

Boyscouts of America Scotting Front Door

Scouting Clipart

Scout Jumpstation 1996 SongBook

http://www.almaden.ibm.com/scouting/ http://www.hiwaay.net/usscouts ftp://ftp.hiwaay.net/usscouts/bsaclipart http://http.brunel.ac.uk:8080/~cs92pdt/scout/links.htm

http://cac.psu.edu/~jxm181/songs.html

The Global ScoutNet http://scoutnet.ch/

Survival Training for Scouts http://www.win.net/~gros/gaelwolf/survive.htm http://www.livjm.ac.uk/scoutnet/

ScoutNet UK

http://fourier.dur.ac.uk:8000/~dma1jas/scouting htmls/

Guild of Knot Tyers Semaphore Signalling

1GKT.html http://155.187.10.12/flags/Semaphore.html

FTP

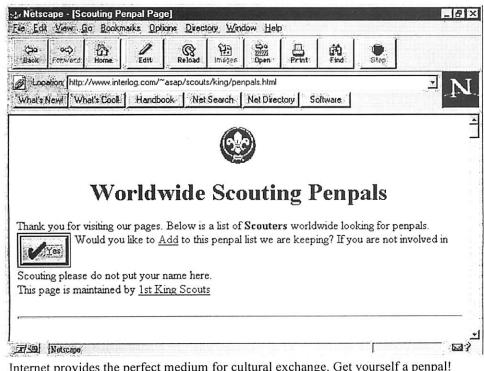
ftp.ethz.ch/rec.scouting/site Pluto.utdallas.edu gopher.//gopher.ethz.ch mikey@cts.com

Don't be discouraged if you do not own a computer for there are still ways to access the Internet. The National Library and some of its branches provide computer terminals with Internet access free of charge!

All you have to do is to book them at a counter nearby.

If you are a student in school, you may want to check if your school's computer lab or library provides Internet access. Many schools have set up terminals that access the Internet through the Ministry of Education's server computer, please check it out from your teacher.

There are also CyberCafes where you can eat, drink and 'surf the Net' for a fee. These cafes are linked to the Internet by ISDN lines which is very fast! The information pours in like a waterfall, which is very good for impatient people.





Internet provides the perfect medium for cultural exchange. Get yourself a penpal!

Scouting in Czechia

et me introduce JUN'K - the Associ- it and instead of "krouzek", a small circle ation of the Boyscouts and Girl Guides in the Czech Republic.

Our organization was founded by A.B. Svojsik in 1911. JUN' AK was banned after the Nazi Occupation in 1940, after the communist coup in 1948 and after the Soviet occupation of our country in 1970. Scouts were persecuted, but all the time, scouting had been continued here, even illegally. Since 1989 we have existed legally again.

At the moment we are members of IFOFSAG and WAGGGS (they accept our 18-... guides as a founder member) and we are not oldskauti/oldscouts members of the WOSM yet (because of some bureaucratic problems, but we had been members as former Czechoslovak scouting, before the separation in 1993).

one organization, one administration, but two different programs for boyscouts and girl guides, no coeducation. At the moment our organization has got approximately 70 000 members (our country has got 10 000 000 citizens).

We are using these age ranks: (info about spelling: because I can't use the Czech alphabet in this publication, instead of the "hacek", originally a small "v" above the letter, I have to use " ~ " before it, instead of the "carka", originally a small comma above the letters, I used " ' " before

above the letter, Tuse " ")

6-11 years

vl~cata/wolf cubs and sv~etlu~sky/fire flies (the name for our brownies was chosen by the book Brou~cci by Jan Karafi'at)

skauti/boyscouts and skautky/girl guides

15-18(25...) rove~ri/rovers and rangers

The Czech scout promise is quite un-1911, when our usual. In movement was founded, our state didn't exist yet. The area of the present Czech Republic was part of We are a merged organization that is the Austrian-Hungarian Empeire. Czech people didn't like that absolutistic state at all (government tried to oppress them not to use the Ezech language and to speak German, in the last few years there was a strong police state etc.). The main supports for regime were the army, the police and the Catholic church. These were the reasons, that in our promise wasn't the loyalty to the king or to the supreme being expressed.

From: "JIRI DANDA"

Archery Shoot '96

An event organised by the Catholic High Scout Group



ith sunshine flooding the school field, 60 archers from various archery clubs gathered, all with the warmth of the morning sun bearing on their backs. The participants were from NTU, NUS, Whampoa Community Centre, Balestier ITE, Hai Sing Secondary School and our very own Ventures and Rovers.

The day started with the individual events, comprising of both the Standard and 'C' classes. The Standard class archers competed at distances of 30 and 18 metres, respectively. While the 'C' class archers pitted themselves against each other at distances of 50 and 30 metres.

At the firm instructions of the timekeepers, the shoot got under way. 6 ends of 6 arrows were to be shot, with a time limit of 4 minutes for each end. There was an air of anticipation as the arrows took their respective paths towards the target boards. After each end, scores were taken, under the watchful eyes of the officials, to prevent any disputes, after which arrows were retrieved by the archers. While some target boards refused to release their infiltrators, others seemed all too willing to let the arrows a free passage through.

Results

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Individual Standard class (male)	CHS	CHS	Whampoa	NTU	CHS
Individual Standard class (female)	NUS	CHS	NUS	-	-
Individual 'C' class	Whampoa	Whampoa	Whampoa	NTU	NTU
Standard class individual knock-out (male)	CHS	NTU	CHS	-	-
Standard class individual knock-out (female)	CHS			-	-
'C' class individual knock-out	NTU	NTU	NTU	-	-
Standard class team knock-out	NTU	CHS	CHS	-	-
'C' class team knock-out	Whampoa	Whampoa	NTU	-	-









After the first 36 arrows were let fly, the boards were moved to the second stated distance and another round of intense competition started. Much was at stake as not only will the top few archers receive a medal, they will also progress on to the knock-out stages.

Leaving their glittering bows on proud display, the competitors gathered around the scorer's table for the submission of their scoresheets. As the scores were added and tabulated, the archers took a well deserved lunch break and got about preparing themselves for the next event... the individual knock-out. The format for this competition was as follows: the top sixteen standard class male archers were paired off and would shoot 2 ends of 3 arrows at each stage. This went on until only two were left standing, and another 3 arrows decided on the winner. Similarly, the top 8 female standard class archers and the top 16 'C' class archers wient through the same stages. Pairing off was such that the archer with the best score took on the one with the lowest score, and the second placed took on the second-last placed, and so on...

The reins of the meet were pulled when the skies opened and down came the pouring rain. But nothing was going to dampen the spirit of the participants. After making sure there were no safety hazards, the participants trekked their way through a flooded field and resumed their contest. With the metal of their bows chilled by the wind and the grips wet by the continuing rain, the archers stretched their limits to remain focused on the yellow centres. As the elimination process began, the anxiety built, among both competitors and spectators alike. Knowing one small mistake would mean an early exit, each arrow was let off with all the care one could muster.

The final event of the day was the Team Knock-Out competition. Each team consisted of 3 archers, all representing their respective clubs. Each archer shot a total of 4 arrows divided into two ends, with the total score of the team used as the judging platform.

The archers have proved themselves to be equally capable of holding their own in two very different and demanding conditions...congratulations to all the winners and a round of applause for all those who participated, whether as archers or support staff. And most importantly, the meet will be fondly remembered for the smiles that even the cold harsh weather could not wipe away.

Reported by Venture Scout Dennis Quek

创困难,守困更难

当你把一件一向来都做不好的事做好时,人们会称赞你。当你把一件已做得"好"的事维持在那个人们都认为是好的标准时,大家会认为那是理所当然的。而当你把一件做得"好"的事做坏时,人们便会怪罪于你。如果你不想成为罪人,而且还想得到大家的赞赏,你就必须超越这个"好"的领域,交出更好的成绩单。这一大堆废话就是所谓的"创业难,守业更加难。"

做一位团长其实不是一项简单的任务。相信大家都知道,除了学校的教师或童军总部委派来的团长之外,大多数的团长都是不受薪的自愿人士。他们大多数都是该校的校友。有些是学生,有些甚至是工作人士。大家都有自己的学业,事业,家庭或其他方面的责任须要兼顾。那他们为什么还要做团长呢?做团长不但要为整个童军团订下并实行每个星期的活动与课程,还得时时检讨这些活动与课程是否有照顾到每个童军们的身心发展。当个童军有困难或受伤时,团长甚至还得向校方,家长,院方或警方交待清楚。在新加破这个城市森林做一个童军已不容易,而做这些童军的团长更是难。要怎么做才能让这些童军们离开他们的电脑游戏,进而欣赏与保护大自然给予我们的一切,参加适当的户外活动,谆谆善诱让个个童军都能学习独立的性格。这一切的一切都只是身为一个团长常常会遇到的一些棘手问题罢了!

而做一个好团长更是难上加难。除了上述的问题以外,他还得为如何搞好自己的团而烦恼。例如如何把年轻童军们旺盛的精力转向考取总统童军奖 (President Scout Award),参加童军总部设的课程或竞技比赛等等。如何让自己的童军团充满朝气,活力与和谐。让每个身为该团的童军对自己的团有归属感,并以成为该团的一份子而引以为豪。间中的挫折感与无力感只有在当过团长的人才能了解的。相信多数的团长都是秉承着"一日为(wéi)童军,终生为(wèi)童军"的意念,才能不问回报地对自己的团付出了这么多。

写这篇文章并非要阻吓那些想要或正在当团长的意思。世事都有黑白两面的。有失败就有成功,有挫折就有成就。当团长还是有回报地。因为团长是一个神圣的职业,他也在为培育社会下一代的英才而尽份力量啊!此文只想道出"创团难,守团更难"。望读过这篇文章后的童军们能了解与感激你们的团长所为你们付出的一切。



金森



CAMPSITES IN SINGAPORE

Camping is a hobby of many Scouts who always enjoy outdoor life and adventures. It is therefore very important for a Scout to find a good campsite. Here are a few places you can try out.

Sarimbun Campsite

The Sarimbun Scout Campsite is situated at the north-western part of Singapore. It is an excellent camping ground because of its proximity to the sea and one can enjoy the sea-breeze while camping. The easy access to water-supply and convenient toilet facilities make it a comfortable and ideal place for beginner campers. Durian trees found near the area make the campsite an attraction for 'durian-hunters'. The Sarimbun campsite was gazzetted by the Singapore Scout Association in the 1960s allowing Scouts to camp there at a cheaper rate.

Pulau Huntu Besar

This island lies to the south of Singapore. You can either rent a boat, take a ferry or even canoe to the island. There is a lagoon in the middle of the island, making it an ideal bathing place. People interested in using that campsite has to seek permission from the Sentosa Islands Development Board.



Sisters Island

This southern island can be considered the paradise of Singapore. Its clear waters and lovely beaches provide a relaxing mood for camping. Basic facilities such as shelters, toilets and benches can be found there. Like Pulau Huntu, anyone wishing to camp overnight on the island will have to seek permission from the SIDB.

Camp Christine

Camp Christine is just opposite to Sarimbun Camp. Camp Christine is owned by the Singapore Girl Guides Association but the campsite can be used by other organisations. Camp Christine, although smaller in area than its neighbour, has large open fields with soft well-kept grass and chalets for the campers.

MOE Campsite

MOE Campsite is just beside Camp Christine. Like Camp Christine, it has soft open fields and a very cosy canteen and carpark! MOE Campsite overlooks the northwestern shore of Singapore.

Nordin Groove at Pulau Ubin

This campsite is located at the northern shore of Pulau Ubin. This is a popular campsite for Scouts and we have been going there annually. The main campsite has a slight gradient which allows for natural drainage during wet weather. There is a well near the campsite where you can get your water supply. The campsite is very accessible as it has tracks leading to almost all corners of the island.





A DAY AT SEA

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Canoeing Orientation

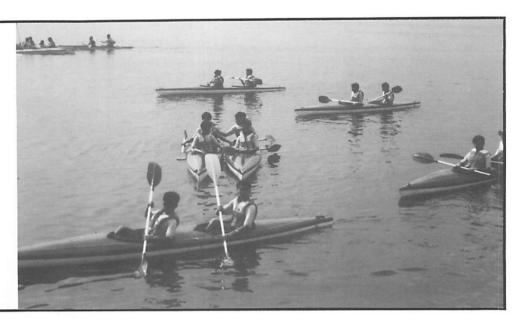
Venue:

Sembawang Canoe Club (now called Sembawang Sea Sports Club)

Duration:

0800- 1100, break for lunch, 1300-1600

Written by Venture Scout Leon Tan



t was that time of the year again after the common tests that everyone felt the need to relax! To supplement this desire, we decided to join our junior scouts on a Basic Canoeing Course at the Sembawang Sea Sports Club. It was an opportunity to get back into a canoe, one of my favourite sports. Our presence there was to keep an eye on the Scouts as our leaders needed some seniors to guide the younger ones on this excursion.

Terence and I arrived promptly at the appointed time. Just as well, they were getting ready to set off. We immediately switched to our canoeing gear, grabbed our life-jackets and oars and rushed down to the beach. Our leaders instructed us to canoe on the boundaries of the group, left and right to keep any juniors from wandering off.

Our leaders had adopted a "diamond formation" with the JC1 ventures and rovers leading the column, Terrence and myself bringing up the sides in our single canoes and our leaders in the rear, rounding up any stragglers. Although sea traffic in the region was relatively light, we were not about to let any accidents occur. With the basic knowledge learnt earlier during the day, we first formed a raft. At that point, we made last minute checks of our equipment, then we eagerly paddled off towards Seletar Island, our destination for the day.

It was most amusing to observe several scouts in double canoes having communication breakdown, especially during rolling turns and coordinated paddling. Still, we only encountered occasional waves that rocked our canoes but nothing particularly troubling.



Our canoes were ashore, our accompanying instructors demonstrated some higher level skills such as the "Eskimo Roll" to us. After which our leaders organised some games for us to indulge in. We were playing on the beach when it drizzled. Immediately our leaders called for us to get back to our canoes and set off. Our journey back was tougher than before, still we kept in formation and made it back. We followed up by washing and replacing the canoes back in their racks. We had a quick bath in the showers, took a few snapshots, then proceeded back to school.

We were, needless to say, exhausted but were disappointed that the day was over so soon. Luckily no one suffered from sea-sickness.



UBIN TRAINING CAMP 1996

The annual P.Ubin camp began at seven in the morning on the 1st June 1996. The scouts, ventures and rovers set off excitedly to the beautiful island.

It was a long long journey into the campsite at Nordin. Luckily, our determined recruits were able to "tahan" the long walk.

We had our camp development and had delicious nasi lemak for lunch. It was Scavenger Hunt at 2 p.m.. The ventures told us to collect coconuts, bamboo, limes, durians, catch mudskippers, dragonfly and even to lure a dog into the campsite. We had the opportunity to wander and explore around the campsite.

The highlight of day one was the survival killing conducted by our venture scout leader. We learnt the steps to kill and skin the snake. Our rovers later prepared a nutritious snake soup for the camp. The new recuits were taught how to prepare camp pizza and the seniors went to look for firewood and started a hugh trench fire for cooking.

"Thieving" was installed for us, we had to leave the camp and to find ways and means to avoid the ventures in order to "steal " the water bottles in camp. It was fun when the "nasty" ventures disguised as scouts in the dark, tricked us!

"One sir, two sir,", early in the morning, we had a st...r..et....ch...i...n...g exercise and lots of pumps! Inspection was not a great time. Well, we always are prepared for these "things " in camp.

We spent the rest of the morning hunting for natural materials to build a natural shelter, set up traps and water collection devices. We had a short orienteering game in the afternoon and went rafting with the natural materials that we had found. Rafting was enjoyable. We challenged the other patrol to build the best raft and had a fun time in the sea.

In the dark lonely, eerie, ghostly night, the Sec. 3s were sent out into the rubber plantation far away from the campsite for their Solo Night.

In day three, the Venture Obstacle Journey was planned by the ventures. We had the spider web, drowning lady, adventure with the tiger, piranha river, nuclear explosion and scared egg. We used our initiative, scouting skills and of course our intelligent minds to overcome the challenging journey.

With the help of cheers and songs in the campfire, we sang and danced. The patrols put up fantastic items such as the David's Prudentials, Eagle's Guiness Stout and the best was the Rhino's Mr Bombastic. The 1996 Miss Ubin, Tan Hao Kai was crowned by Scout Leader.

The last night marked the most significant moment of the camp. All the hardships, pumps and sweat, fun and laughters that were shared would linger in our hearts in our scouting days to come.

Reported by The Rhino (Best Patrol in Ubin Camp)



Participants of the camp

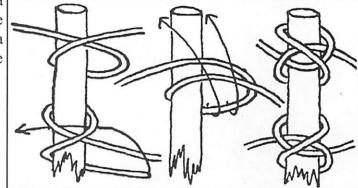


The morning assembly

Knots

The Constrictor Knot is the firmest of the crossing knots and may be tied either in the end or bight but it is one of the most difficult knots to untie and is not suitable for rope unless the purpose is a permanent one (such as on a rope ladder). For this purpose the two ropes are led down opposite sides and ends of the rungs. When the

Constrictor Knot is tied around a stanchion or a tall pole, where there is not access to the top, a round turn must be made and the end rove as pictured here.



Recipe

Banana Boats

You will need:

1 banana

12 Small marshmallows

Chocalate Chips (small handful)

Method:

- 1. Peel back along strip of banana peel on the inside of the curve, leaving one end attached to the banana.
- 2. Scoop out some of the banana and fill with marshmallow, chocalate (and raisins if you like)

Replace the strip of peeling and wrap in foil tightly.

3. Bake in the embers (about 15 to 20 minutes) until banana, chocalate and marshmallows are melted and blended.

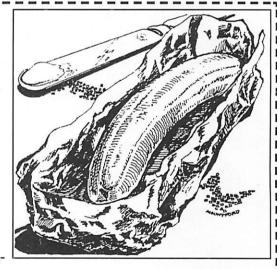


a universal language

In his book, "Scouting for Boys," Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting's Founder, recommends the use of Esperanto as a "secret language" among Scouts. Esperanto is the easy-to-learn language devised by Dr. L.L. Zamenhof, of Warsaw, Poland, at the end of the 19th Century. It is neutral in the sense that it has no political, cultural or national/ethnic "baggage" that it carries with it. Esperanto serve as a bridge-language between all peoples. To learn about this language, get the book "Jamborea Lingvo," by J.L. Hammer.

What does Esperanto look like? Here it goes:

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