

BOY SCOUT TROOP 132 1967 Annual Report

During 1967, the Boy Scout program based at Mt. Carmel continued to be a potent instrument for reinforcing Christian behavior and developing citizenship skills.

A notable event was the formation of an Explorer Post under the leadership of Ted Trout. Most of the fourteen high school youth who joined the new organization are former members of Troop 132. They have begun a program that includes field trips, career investigations, social events, and of course, camping.

Troop 132 continues to be the basic Scout organization. It meets every Monday night at the church at 6: 45PM, from September through June. At the beginning of 1967 26 boys were registered members of the troop. The formation of the Explorers Post reduced the size of the troop in September. But members entering since then have raised it to 28.

The Scouting program has boys working at all levels of advancement from Tenderfoot to Eagle and striving to earn merit badges in more than twenty areas of achievement. A Swimming program on Monday nights enables them to become first Class swimmers under the skilled instruction of Graham Kairies.

Events of the year included a double overnight winter camp in February, a two day Camporee in Wisconsin, and a fall campout at Rum River. This was combined with an outdoors court of honor.

Highlighting the year for the Scouts was the two-week summer camp at Many Point. Here 26 boys spent time working on swimming, canoeing, fishing, cooking, conservation, and other outdoor skills. The ten new tents purchased by the troop in the spring proved to be satisfactory for extended camping as well as for overnights.

Claire Timmons and Chuck Kirk each spent a full week at summer camp, while Joe Warhol, Ernie Miller, Bob Kallestad, Bob Knutson and Nick Voytovich each spent two or three days at the camp.

This fall eight boys are working for Pro Deo Et Patria awards by ushering, acolyting, serving pew duty, serving at church dinners, and other useful tasks. Obtaining this award requires a minimum of 150 hours of service to God. This normally means three years of persistent effort.

Two members of Troop 132, Don Erickson and John Feigal earned their Eagle award in 1967, one of the highest honors in Scouting. The Scoutmaster of the Troop since September has been Jeff Norman.

The request for adult assistance made late in the year was answered by four men, including John Kwiecien, a new church member who agreed to become Cubmaster.

With the program operating at three levels - Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, we look forward to a stimulating year in 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

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