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SCOUT OUTINGS

GET OUT AND CAMP

No doubt you learn all kinds of useful stuff at your Scout meetings: How to tie knots, how to set up a tent, how to Be Prepared to walk 50 miles through the woods.

The only real place to put all those skills into action: the great outdoors – probably during your monthly campout.

Troop 54 from Worcester, Massachusetts, has successfully executed at least one overnight camping trip every month for more than 100 months in a row. During that time, the Scouts have visited 22 Scout camps and multiple state parks. They've camped in various parts of six states and hiked numerous trails across the region.

They've participated in weekend overnights, council camporees and council summer camps. Because they know that's the best time to put all those skills to use and have a blast at the same time.

Troops that plan and carry out outings once a month attract and keep members at a much higher level than those that have fewer outings during the year. If you'd like to go camping more often, talk to your adult leaders about how you can help organize more outdoor activities.

— Aaron Derr



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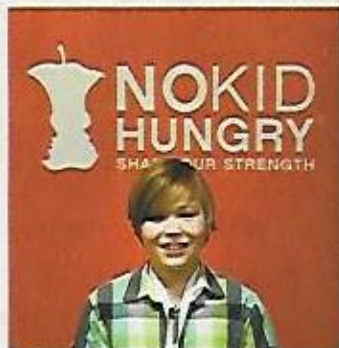
SERVICE PROJECTS

FIGHTING HUNGER ONE FOOD DRIVE AT A TIME

William Winslow was a 7-year-old Tiger Scout when he realized his classmates who relied on a food assistance program for lunches might not have enough to eat when school was out. He decided to spend his weekends collecting food so he could help.

That year, he collected 1,400 pounds of food – and an additional \$305 – so those kids wouldn't go hungry. Now William, an 11-year-old Boy Scout with Troop 398 in Raleigh, North Carolina, has just finished his fifth food drive. His operation has grown: For his last drive, he had help from 160 volunteers and 11 local grocery stores. In total, he has collected more than \$40,000 and 35,000 pounds of food. He has also led the construction of two gardens at schools where students will be growing food to send home with students with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

— A.D.



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