

# Boy Scout Caddie Camps

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**T**HIS article outlines a plan whereby a golf club may provide a Caddie Camp on its own grounds for selected Boy Scout Caddies. Facts and figures are given. The plan should especially interest "Summer Resort" clubs and clubs in locations where it is almost impossible to get enough caddies. Clubs will realize the necessity of furnishing their players with high-grade caddies and the increasing difficulty of securing them. By making some provision for the care and comfort of the boys the problems becomes easier to solve.

The Scout Caddie Camp is the answer. It has already proven successful. Clubs have, with the sanction of the Boy Scouts of America, been running Scout Caddie Camps for several seasons and a glance at the group of Scouts acting as caddies gives one an idea of the type of boy who goes to these camps. They are attracted by the opportunity of camping, which provides additional Scout training, and also the chance to earn something during the summer.

This combination makes a fine type of high-grade caddie—alert, cheerful, contented, happy and physically fit.

The Scout Caddie Camp should be located within a reasonable distance of the club, on a lake or pond, if possible. The necessary requirements in general for establishing and maintaining such a camp for approximately fifty boys are as follows:

#### PERSONNEL

The Local Councils of the Boy Scouts of America in district in which the clubs are located, will furnish the best recruiting prospects. A competent adult leader of boys who is well versed in Scout programs and methods is required to act as camp director and manager of the camp, with one assistant for every unit of twenty-five boys in camp, in order to carry on adequate recreational and instructional program when the boys are not on duty at the clubs. One good chef. One kitchen helper.

#### SLEEPING QUARTERS

Sleeping quarters arranged allowing grouping by fours or eights in one room or tent, in order to facilitate proper discipline and convenience of operation. Not less than forty (40) feet of space per person. Dining room and headquarters in building with five hundred (500) square feet of floor space in dining room, with removable tables, to be used for dining room and recreational hall. Kitchen and store-room attached. Toilet and wash house with adequate water supply. Six seats and urinal trough. Wash basin bowl or bench. Four shower baths. Infirmary or first aid tent and supplies. (150 Sq. Ft. of floor space.)

#### ADMINISTRATION

Scouts would be recruited by a plan agreeable to the Boy Scouts

National Council officers. Applications for camp must be approved by parents and Scout Master. No boy accepted for less than four weeks unless by special arrangement. Scout Camp Director in charge and fully responsible for the conduct of all Scouts while not on duty at the clubs. Caddie Master fully responsible for Scouts while on the golf course. Camp Director must be approved by the manager of the club, the National Camp Director of the Boy Scouts of America and the Local Council from whose territory the boys are recruited for the camp.

Camp Director should report for duty at the Club not later than May 1st to put camp in condition and help in recruiting boys.

#### SITE

In selecting a camp site it would be well to consult fully with the National Camp Director of the Boy Scouts of America, as there are several very essential points to take into consideration; such as desirability from the standpoint of sanitation, which includes such factors as drainage, shelter from the

weather, supply of water for drinking and bathing, accident and disease hazards, nearness to help in case of emergency, as well as its adaptability.

Buildings should be designed to meet the needs of the local situation and can be built with economy. The "Sleeping Cabin" as used by the Catholic Training Camp on Lake Champlain can be built for approximately \$400. The "Standard 16 ft. x 16 ft. Sleeping Cabin," accommodating 8 boys, is a simple type and can be built for \$350.00 to \$400.00. Either Tents or Tent Houses may be used. The "Mess Hall,"

similar to the one used at Palisades Interstate Park, built to accommodate from 80 to 100 boys, costs to build, depending on location, labor, etc., from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00. The "Standard Wash House" would cost about \$350.00. The National Camping Department of the Boy Scouts of America have plans on complete temporary camps which may be obtained upon request.

There were some 300,000 boys in Boy Scout Gimps last summer, many of whom would have welcomed the opportunity to earn something while at the same time enjoying the benefits and the environment which camps afford. Many others did not go to camp at all because they could not afford to pay even the small fee re-

quired for board and transportation. There are 40,000 Scout Masters and Assistant Scout Masters to draw from for Camp Directors and Assistants. Each boy pays a fee of \$7.00 per week while in camp.

#### SUMMARY

Following is a summary of the estimated cost for establishing and maintaining an average camp for fifty boys from June 15th to September 15th. The property investment is the heavy item, but it must be considered that this is a permanent item—and (Continued on page 60)



**THE BOY SCOUT CAMP AT EAGLES MERE GOLF CLUB, PA.**  
On top of Eagles Mere Mountain. A lake, a mile long, is adjacent to the camp, making an added attraction for the boys



**THE TYPE OF BOYS AT EAGLES MERE**  
All fine caddies—alert, cheerful, contented, happy and, as a result of their outdoor life, physically fit

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likely to enhance in value as an asset

INVESTMENT	
1 Camp Director, 4 months @ \$150 per month . . . . .	\$600
2 Asst. Camp. Dir., 3 months, @ \$50 per month . . . . .	300
1 Cook, 3 months, @ \$120 per month . . . . .	360
Carfare from Boys' homes . . . . .	300
Food, Supplies, @ \$5.00 per week . . . . .	3,000
Buildings and equipment, water supply, etc . . . . .	6,000
Guarantee to prevent deficit on operations . . . . .	500
Athletic goods, supplies and recreational equipment, cost of recruiting, misc . . . . .	750
	<u>\$11,810</u>
INCOME	
Carfare from boys — Returnable . . . . .	\$300
Property Investment—Camp Buildings, etc . . . . .	6,000
Fees from boys @ \$7 per week per boy . . . . .	4,200
Salvage, Misc. and Rec. Equipment . . . . .	110
Investment . . . . .	<u>\$11,810</u>
Income . . . . .	<u>10,610</u>
Cost . . . . .	\$1,200

This makes the cost for availability of an adequate supply of caddies less than three cents (.03c) per boy per day. Outside, of course, the property investment, a permanent factor.