MESSENGERS OF PEACE

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The scout movement, or simply scouting, is a voluntary and non-political educational movement intended for young people open for everyone regardless of gender, origin, race, in accordance with the purpose, principles and methods created by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell.

Primarily, the purpose of this movement is to contribute on the holistic youth development (physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials), that are important as to individuals, on becoming responsible citizens and as for being a part of their local and international groups.

Scouting employs informal education that emphasizes on the practical outdoor activities, such as camping, woodcraft, aquatics, hiking, backpacking, and sports; which is said to be the scout method.

Particular ways of implementing scout method includes having scouts spending time together in small groups. Within each group, scouts will share experiences, rituals, and activities emphasizing citizenship and decision-making.

Camping, most often, arranged at the unit level; and occurs few times a year that involves some groups from the local area, camping together for a weekend. Jamborees and camporees are periodic camps of it. Every camping events usually has a theme such as pioneering.

On a study conducted by Polson et al. (2013), they found out that there is significant relation between the level of involvement in the Boy Scouts and to the measures of adult social capital and community engagement. Moreover, another study
from the National Child Development Study in United Kingdom, found out that when young individuals participate in scouting and guiding, significantly gain better mental health.

Today, scouting continuously provides young people the wide opportunities to participate in programs, events, activities and projects that assures their growth as active citizens. By these initiatives, young people will soon become agents of positive change who inspire others to take action to create a better world by carrying out the name “Messengers of Peace.”

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