SCOUTING...FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

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According to Robert Baden-Powell, “In scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.” This line really shows that scouting is not a mere activity but instead it endows the child with education.

Scouting is serving as a tool for the child’s holistic development. Significantly, scouting trains the child’s intellectual prowess, emotional intelligence, character development, spiritual growth, physical strength and agility, nationalism, love for others, concern for the environment and life survival.

Through scouting, the child learns a lot of knowledge and information. Scouting teaches so many things about life, people and environment. It also teaches the right attitudes that one must possess in order to be a better person. All of these enrich the intellectual abilities of the scouts.

Scouting also develops the emotional intelligence of the child. This makes the child prudent and strong in facing challenges not only in the school but also in real life. The scout is also being trained to formulate better decisions in times of needs. An emotionally intelligent scout is someone who survives tests and difficulties.

Since scouting teaches oaths and laws, these traits are inclined in building one’s character. The character of each scout is being molded to become good and to manifest good deeds or actions. The traits being inculcated to the scout to achieve a good character.

The love for God is also emphasized in scouting. It is very important to regard God as our Creator and as our Provider who are with us and to guide us along the way.
Scouting implants in the heart of every scout the spiritual goodness that everyone must possess.

Scouting is filled with challenges and excitement. Through the physical activities the physical strength and agility of a scout is developed and even enhanced. Scouting provides worthwhile physical challenges that are testing the power and energy of the learners.

The love for country is very important and this is being taught in scouting. The child is being motivated to be patriotic and to develop sense of nationalism. This is helpful in establishing deep love for the country.

Loving others is also instructed in Scouting. It is a better practice if a scout has a compassion for others. Moreover, loving others create good relationship with them as fellows.

Environmental awareness is also being pushed in the scouting program. This entails the teaching of environmental protection and preservation to the scouts. This is very important for through this that the scouts may show love for Mother Earth.

Life survival is taught in scouting. The scouts are being taught to do their chores, to cook, to run for errands, to make their own shelter and other essential tasks that they may employ in the midst of a remote place.

These are things that the scouts learn in scouting and these all contribute to their holistic development.
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