

“NINE YEAR’S OLD, GOING ON EIGHTEEN”

Read prior to recruiting new adult leadership

As I look around the room tonight, I would guess that the average age of the boy’s would be about nine year’s old.

We know that as we all get older the time tends to slip away and go by faster each year.

Think for a moment how fast those nine years has gone by. We are always commenting on “how fast they grow up” and “where does the time go?”

Your son is nine year’s old today. Just think how quickly the next nine years will go by. Before you know it he will be eighteen and going off to college, moving away from home or joining the military.

With that said you have just nine quickly passing year’s to positively impact what type of young man your son will turn out to be.

By coming this evening, your son is simply asking that you spend an average of three hours week helping him have a fun experience in Scouting. Is that too much for a nine year old to ask?

“A BOY’S EYES”

“I’d like to be a Cub Scout”...
(His eyes were clear and true)
“I’d like to learn, and play, and build,
Like Jim and Freddy do.”

“I know how to use a hammer;
I can drive a nail if I try...
I’m eight years old, I’m big and
strong
And hardly ever cry.”

I gave him the application
And parent-participation sheet.
(His eyes were filled with sunshine
As he left on dancing feet)

Next day my friend was back again,
A dejected little lad.
“I guess I’ll skip the Cub Scouts.”
(His eyes were dark and sad.)

“My mom is awfully busy,
She has lots of friends, you see,
She’d never have time for a Den,
She hardly has time for me.”

“And dad is always working...
He’s hardly ever there,
To give them any more to do
Just wouldn’t be quite fair.”

He handed me back the papers
With the dignity of eight years,
And smiling bravely left me.
(His eyes were filled with tears.)

Do you see your own boy’s eyes
As other people may?
How he looks when you’re “too busy”
Or “just haven’t time today”?

A boy is such a special gift...
Why won’t you realize
It only takes a little time
To put sunshine in his eyes.

You say, “I’ll start tomorrow”
But tomorrow is far away.
He’s a boy for such a short time
So won’t you start today?