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Webster's Dictionary by Ben

Noah Webster was born October 16, 1758, in West Hartford, Connecticut, and educated at Yale University. He served in the American Revolution, studied law, and taught school. In 1783 he published a spelling book, known later as *Webster's Elementary Spelling Book* or the first part of his *A Grammatical Institute of the English Language*. The second part of the *Institute*, a grammar, was published in 1784, and the third part, a reader, in 1785. One purpose served by the *Institute* was to differentiate American English from British in terms of spelling, grammar, and pronunciation. A century later it was estimated that more than 60

million copies of the speller had been sold; in revised form it is still in print.

A dedicated member of the Federalist Party, Webster issued a pamphlet, *Sketches of American Policy*, in which he recommended adoption of the proposed U.S. Constitution. Settling briefly in New York City in 1793, he founded a daily newspaper, *The Minerva* and a semiweekly, *The Herald*, both in support of the Federalist Party. By 1803 he had settled in New Haven, Connecticut, and left journalism. During this period he wrote *A Brief History of Epidemic and*

Pestilential Disease, several works on politics, economics, and physical science; and his first small lexicographical work, *A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*.

From 1812 to 1822 Webster lived in Amherst, Massachusetts, where he helped to found Amherst College. In 1825, having devoted more than 20 years to the study of the English language and having traveled in both England and France, Webster returned to New Haven to complete his monumental *American Dictionary of the English Language* (1828). It contained 12,000 more words and about 40,000 more definitions

Hobbies by Joshua

Hobbies are like things you do in your spare time like collecting cards or playing with your dog. At our Hobby Show, we learned about many different kinds of hobbies. Some people play musical instruments like drums and the horn. Other play sports like soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. While other like to collect things or make

models. One boy even brought his dog. A lot of boys have more than one hobby, too. It was a lot of fun to learn about what other boys like to do. There are also many different things out there. So, go out and EXPLORE!





Time to get Trained by Tom Gebelin

Boys:

Cedar Badge
 Buckskin
 Foxfire
 Den Chief Training
 CPR Certified
 First Aid Certified
 Junior Leader Training

Adults:

Fast Start
 New Leader Essentials
 Boy Scout Specific Training
 Outdoor Skills
 Merit Badge Counselor
 Wood Badge
 High Adventure Training
 CPR Certified
 First Aid Certified

Youth Protection



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www.ntier.org."*

A Trip of a Lifetime by Tom Gebelin

Summer Cap, 2006 July 27th thru August 5th plus travel days at Northern Tier Canoe High Adventure Base Ely, Minnesota, there is only room for 16, cost is approximately 800 dollars each. This would include airfare, travel to the base and the base fees. Get your 50 dollar deposit in now. Our Troop will enter the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base through the

portal of the fur trading post stockade. This historic canoe base is located 22 miles east of Ely on beautiful Moose Lake, the premier entry point into the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area Programs are ideally suited for novice canoeists, but offer challenging routes for experience travelers as well. You may choose to visit beautiful waterfalls,

travel into remote country, find the best fishing location, visit ancient pictographs or experience a combination of all these. The base provides full outfitting and a trained staff member called an interpreter, to act as a resource to the crew. For more information on the base visit the website at www.ntier.org



Ode to Fish by Matt

Fishing is Fun
 Fishing is Cool
 Fishies are pretty
 They Have My Pity
 They Bite the Hook
 Then they're took
 They swim in pools
 They also swim in schools



Am I My Brother's Keeper by Tom Gebelin

Everyone close your eyes for a minute and clear your minds. I am going to give you a question to ask yourselves, but I do not want you to answer it yet: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Scouting is, of course, a time in your lives to have fun. But it has a very serious side as well. It is a time when you learn many things to help you grow physically as well as mentally. It is hoped that you will learn to be responsible young men to your families, to other people, and to your fellow scouts. Caring about and helping others are a

large part of being responsible, which forms the basis of all aspects of scouting. For instance you might know a skill and perform it very well while another scout might be having a problem with it. Don't mock or belittle it him. Take the time to show him the correct way to perform the skill. You might be wondering how that will help. Well it will help in so many ways. Naturally, it will benefit the boy you have stopped to help by building his confidence and enabling him to teach others. But, also,

can't you see that you will be receiving the most benefit? You will be looked up to as a leader. You will no longer be regarded as the student; you will now take your place as a role model and teacher, someone who is respected and admired. So the next time I ask you to ask yourselves, "Am I my brother's keeper?", you can look at me and proudly say, "Yes, I am!" Just remember that the answer to this question is not just a commitment, it is a way of life.

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My Shooting Experiences by Adam

Shooting is a very fun sport. I went on the shooting campout and shot rifle and shotgun for fun. It wasn't really fun because we ran

out of ammo. I also threw up on the campout. I would highly recommend this campout.



Shooting Campout by Derrick

A few weeks ago we went to a shooting range and had a blast! Most everyone had a good time. Some people slept

outside the first night, and even more were sleeping outside the second night. This campout had its fair share of bad stuff.

But besides that it was a good campout. I rate this campout a 9 out of 10.

Shotgun/Rifle Shooting Campout

I went on the shooting campout which recently took place in our troop. I shot better than I did last year. Adam got sick. I got a little bit sick

too. I really enjoyed this campout.



Quotes, Dates.....

"Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never. Never -- in anything great or small, large or petty -- never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense."

Who Said This? Tell me and receive a prize.

"The Guide says that there is an art to flying, or rather a knack. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss."

Who said this and what book is it from? Tell me and receive a prize.

Upcoming Event/Campouts

Saturday May 7th 8:00 A.M. Street Clean-Up

Tuesday May 10th 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting

Friday-Sunday May 13th -15th Mt Palomar Campout, Includes a Tour of the Observatory

Monday May 16th Starts At 6:30 P.M. Troop Court of Honor & Potluck Dinner

Friday-Saturday June 3rd-5th Big Bear Lake Fishing Campout

Monday July 4th Selling Food to Community at Church

Monday July 11th Troop Elections

Saturday July 16th 8:00 A.M. Street Clean-Up

Saturday July 23rd Family Day at the Beach

August 7th-13th Troop Summer Camp at Camp Chewanakee

This Day in History... by Ben

In General History

1773 Parliament passes the Tea Act

1521 Magellan killed in the Philippines

In the Civil War

1865 Sultana Disaster

In the Old West

1813 Explorer Zebulon Pike dies

In Entertainment

1954 *White Christmas* debuts

In World War II

1941 German forces enter Athens

The Randy Gazette

My Greatest Accomplishment

Snowboarding

It was my first time going snowboarding, I was on the top of the mountain and I was so scared. I looked over to my brother and he was already started down the hill. I said, "Here goes nothing." I turned the board toward the bottom of the mountain. There is no way I can explain how scared I was at the moment I started down. At first I was going kind of slow. I thought to myself "this isn't bad." Then I started to pick up a little bit of speed. I panicked! At first I didn't move but as I went faster and faster

Favorite Foods

1. Pizza
2. Cotton candy
3. Ice Cream
4. Coconuts
5. Bacon

Self Portrait



I started to drift a little and I ended up sideways. When I was sideways, I accidentally dug the front of the snowboard into the snow. I flipped forward and started to roll. This kept on going on all the way until I got to the bottom.

Favorite Music

1. System of a down
2. Toxicity
3. Chop Suey
4. Eminem
5. Without Me

After I got to the bottom of the hill I grabbed my snowboard, got on the lift and did it again!

My Strengths

1. Helpful
2. Friendly
3. Happy
4. Nice
5. Artistic
6. Trustworthy
7. Kind

My Horoscope

Gemini: Always go with your instincts they are always right.

My friend Jesse

Jesse is my best friend. We like to go camping a lot. Like for instance, one time we went to Mountain Lakes to go camping. When we got there it was a little cloudy we didn't think anything of it. So we set up our tent, it was a 10-man tent it was huge! It had 2 rooms, so we put our toys in 1 room, and put us in the other. It was about 10:00, we were getting pretty tired. We decided to go to sleep, but right

As we were about to go to sleep it started raining. So we decided to go inside, but my parents wouldn't let us in so I decided to get the heater and bring it into the tent with us. We left it on all night. When we woke up it was really hot so I turned off the heater, got out of bed and enjoyed the day. With my friend Jesse.

The Funniest Thing

It was my first day of JR high; I was walking to my 1st class. I was about to be there then someone walked up and pantsed me. It was soooooo embarrassing, that I pulled up my pants and ran home. When I got home I told my mom and she started laughing. Then I started to laugh, it was OK. When I went back to school the next day, I walked up to the guy and talked him, he started crying and ran away.