

## ***You might be taking your scouting too serious if:***

- You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that *fleur de lis* hood ornament.
- Your favorite color is "olive drab".
- You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.
- You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.
- You walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.
- You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.
- You were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your official BSA pocketknife until the cop said "thank you".
- You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.
- Your son hides his copy of Boy's life from you.
- Your plans for remodeling the bathroom include digging the hole deeper.
- You trade your 25-foot center console fishing boat in on that great little `15 foot canoe.
- Your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" starring Fred MacMurry, and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video.
- You managed to find that 8th day in the week.
- Your patron saint is Ward Cleaver.
- You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method."
- You sneak a cup of "bug juice" after the troop turns in for the night.
- You can start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.
- Latrines at camp start becoming comfortable.
- You felt you won a moral victory when BSA brought back knee socks
- You think campaign hats are cool.
- You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 deg F for Christmas.
- You name one of your kids Baden.
- Your favorite tune is "Camp Granada" (hello mudda.....hello fadda) by Allen Sherman.
- You can recite the 12 points of the Scout Law backwards, in order, in 3 seconds flat.
- You bought 10,000 shares of Coleman stock on an inside tip they were about to release a microwave accessory for their camp stove line.
- You can't eat eggs anymore unless they are cooked in a zip-locked bag.
- You plan to get rich by writing a best selling Dutch Oven cook book.
- You took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.
- You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.
- The height of your social season is the district recognition dinner.

- A trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.
- You are convinced the center of the universe is Irving, Texas.
- The sales operators at the BSA distribution Center's 800 number recognize your voice.
- Singing "Scout Vespers" makes you cry uncontrollably.
- You were disappointed when Scouting magazine didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year.
- The Scouts in your troop chipped in to have you abducted by a professional cult de-programmer.