

WHY DOES A BOY SCOUT CARRY A STAFF?

"Why does a Boy Scout carry a staff?" is a question that is often asked by people who do not know the many uses to which this useful article can be put. The illustrations given below show several different ways in which the staff will prove a handy and valuable article, essential to the Scout's outfit.

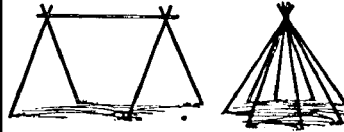
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The Staff is very useful for beating out bush fires and out-breaks which occur on open heaths



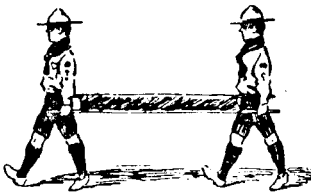
Wading a stream. Two or three Scouts grasp the Staff like this



Both patrol tents and teepees can be made with the aid of the Staff



To stop a mad dog, hold the Staff crosswise in front of you, and point it at the animal, as shown above



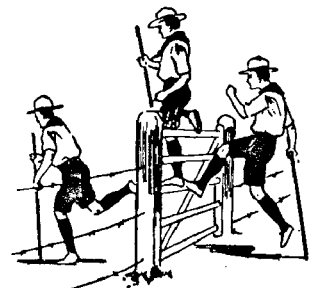
An improvised stretcher of coats and staves



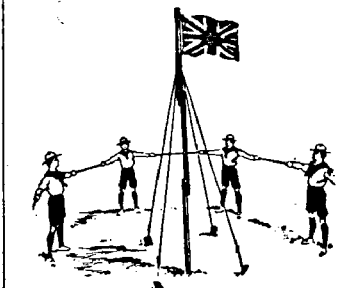
A line of Scouts linked together on a night march.



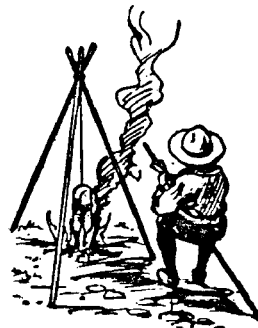
When anyone falls through some ice, throw him your Staff so that he can grasp it like this until you can get a rope and pull him out



When climbing gates you can give yourself a push up with your staff



For erecting a flagstaff and forming a fence, the Staff is very useful



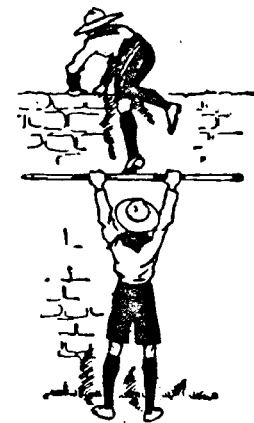
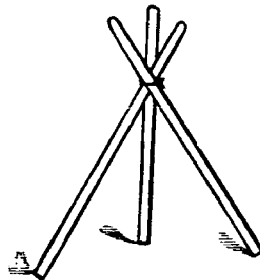
As a tripod for cooking, and also as a seat, the Staff is handy in camp

FURTHER USES OF THE STAFF.

- Measuring Distances
- Self-Defence
- Bridge-Building
- Jumping Ditches
- Making Rafts
- Making Splints
- Climbing a Mountain—
- Carry the Staff crosswise, and if you slip, lean inwards upon it against the side of the mountain. The weight of your body will then drive the end of the Staff into the earth, and so anchor you.
- Levering up Logs and Stones
- Rope Ladders
- Feeling the way over Marshy Ground
- Recovering Objects Floating in the Water.



A clear view can be had by looking through a small hole drilled in the Staff



This picture shows a simple way of scaling a wall with the help of a Staff

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Scouts are strongly urged to obtain their own individual Staffs from the natural wood. These will be found much more serviceable than the ordinary factory made article.

FACTORY MADE STAFFS (ONLY).

For the convenience of Scouts who are unable to obtain natural staffs, The Stores Dept. can supply staffs of finished wood at a cost of 35c each.

Note:—These are forwarded Express charges collect.

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