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Most other scouts, when asked about the first time they went to a meeting would say they were forced to and that they would have rather been at home, watching cartoons, playing video games, sleeping, whatever they normally do Saturday mornings. For me, it was a different story. I remember my dad and my brother went out to the park every Saturday and I wasn't allowed to because I wasn't old enough yet. I couldn't wait until the day I was old enough to go out with them. That day came, things went by, and now here I am, 10 years later, a young man blessed with all the opportunities scouting has given me.



When I look back, it is hard to imagine where I would be without Boy Scouts. It has been such a big part of my life and I can confidently say that it has made me who I am today. If you ask anyone, they will all say something along those lines. We all have had countless memories whether it be on weekend camping trips, normal meetings, or just hanging out with each other. One of the things I constantly look forward to most is playing volleyball with the crew or any other sport. Sometimes, there's nowhere else I'd rather be than with the crew. We've grown up together, known each other for maybe half of our lives. Even though I have seen them every week, for the past ten or so years, I can never get enough of spending time with them. Lately, with such a busy schedule, just relaxing and hanging out with them are one of the few things that keeps me from going insane.

I can't even begin to imagine how my life would be like if I weren't involved in scouting. It's not just about learning how to tie knots, lash sticks, or Morse code, it's about the important life lessons, the memories, making lasting friendships, becoming someone who can make a difference. Sure, I may have missed out on Saturday morning cartoons or a couple hours of video games, but this is just a small price for such a big reward scouting has given me.



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