



Council President Key Three Article September 2017

You may be asking yourself, “Is the Council President really eating a worm?” The answer is no. **Things are not always what they appear to be.**

As our Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts are busy making plans for the 2017-2018 Scouting program year, recruiting new Scouts and selling Scout Popcorn, we can easily feel overwhelmed. So often I hear the statements:

“No one wants to volunteer”

“All the parents in my unit are too busy with other things.”

“We will never sell all that popcorn!”

“It’s too hard to recruit Boy Scouts.”

If this sounds like you or your unit, it is time to STOP. Stop and listen to your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts or Explorers. What you will hear is young people learning to work as a team, developing leadership skills, learning to trust one another and just plain old having fun. When we focus on the Scouts and why we do Scouting, whatever position you may be filling will become easier. And as you stop and pay attention to the why of Scouting, what seemed like a lack of volunteers, dismal recruiting or failure to sell popcorn, is really the fact that no one has asked.

I often hear no one ASKED me to volunteer, no one ASKED me to join Scouting and no one ASKED me to buy popcorn. You see, things are not always what they appear to be. Let’s start ASKING. You see I was ASKED if I wanted to try a “worm” at Cub Scout Day Camp. And the answer was YES. As a result, I had a fantastic time at camp.

This photo was taken at the Klahaya Day Camp. Not only did I get to eat a rolled up leaf (the “worm” in the picture) but I also got a chance to try a chocolate cricket. Cub Scout Day camp is the BEST!