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In My Corner

We recently held the annual Cub Scout Stampede for new Scouting families at Fire Mountain Scout Camp. What a great day it was! By noon on Saturday there were about 500 people in camp. You could feel the energy; Cub Scouts were excited, mothers were making new friends, the fish were biting, rockets and arrows were flying and the guys parking cars were all a bit overwhelmed. As one of them told me "It's a good problem to have." We also had a number of girls in camp who came with their brothers and that made me think of what it will be like next year when girls become eligible to join participating Cub Scout Packs. It's a good thing that we have been making improvements at camp to accommodate an influx of new members! I suspect many of our first female Cubs will be younger sisters of our Scouts. They have probably heard what a fun place the camp is, and will decide to come too.

A vibrant and growing Cub Scout program is the best indicator of the future health and effectiveness of the entire Scouting program. Our Cub Stampedes, Day Camps and other events give me a very good feeling about where we are headed. A special thanks to all those who recruited the new boys this year, those who agreed to lead them, those who organized the Stampede and who helped staff the program stations all day. Well done!