

Aim of the Scout Movement

The aim of the Boy Scouts is to build on other existing places where boys receive education, and to promote the ability in boys to do things for themselves and others. It is not the aim to set up a new organization that will do things that boys can already do in other places, though hopefully the Boy Scouts will inspire other organizations to add things to their programs that appeal to boys everywhere.

The Boy Scouts teach Scoutcraft, which is a combination of observation, deduction, and handiness, or the ability to do things. Scoutcraft includes learning First Aid, Life Saving, Tracking, Signaling, Cycling, Nature Study, Seamanship, Campcraft, Woodcraft, Courage, Honor and Love of Country. Boys learn these skills through games and team play, which is pleasure, not work, for the boy. All that is needed is the out-of-doors, a group of boys, and a competent leader.

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DIRECTIONS: Circle the correct answer (True or False)

- T F 1. *Aim* is a synonym for goal.
- T F 2. *Promote* means to hold back.
- T F 3. When you *inspire* someone you make them want to do something.
- T F 4. If something *appeals* to you, you like it.
- T F 5. *Combination* means one thing.
- T F 6. *Pleasure* is a synonym for work.

