

Boy Scouts like milk too!

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NEWMANSTOWN — Farmers and dairy princesses aren't the only ones promoting milk this summer. Counselors at the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation near Newmanstown are also furthering the dairymen's cause by encouraging their campers to drink lots of milk and eat plenty of cheese and ice cream.

The Lancaster-Lebanon Council Boy Scouts are participating in the 1984 special milk program conducted by the state. Under the

program "the state makes milk cheaper for us so we can put more out," said George L. Anderson, director of development for the local council.

At home, Anderson said, the amount of milk a kid is allowed may be regulated, "but at camp we don't care." And it is the state's milk program that allows them to take that attitude, he continued.

Morris Lapi, camp director at J. Edward Mack, said participation in the program helps them keep their camper fees down to \$65 a



Chris LeSauvaga adds a generous amount of chocolate syrup to his milk. The camp provides the boys with unlimited supplies of milk and chocolate syrup to encourage them to drink more.

week, giving more boys the opportunity to experience a week at camp. The Boy Scouts, he said, also participate in the government food surplus program, under which they receive free butter and cheese.

Anderson says camp leaders talk about milk's benefits with the campers and encourage them to drink at least five glasses a day. "We push the word milk and how good it is for you," he says.

The camp has taken a number of steps to make milk an attractive food, Lapi said. Campers are served cereal and milk for breakfast, are provided with

plenty of Hershey's chocolate syrup for chocolate milk, and are encouraged to make and eat lots of ice cream.

Each campsite is provided with a ice chest to store the milk, assuring a frosty glass every time. And the campers have unlimited access to milk at all times.

If a boy requests milk, "There are no questions asked," Lapi said. "They may ask for four more hamburgers and not get them, but if they ask for four more quarts of milk, we'll give it to him."

The camp encourages the boys to eat other dairy products as well

and offers an unlimited supply of cheese, which the campers consume at meals and snacks. If a particular camp has invited another group to a campfire, they can order a block of cheese to serve as a snack, Lapi said.

Each group is responsible for planning its own evening meal. While the campers can choose from a number of meats, vegetables and desserts, milk is the only beverage offered. Each camper is allotted 1/2 a quart unless otherwise requested.

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John Leaman pours himself a cup of cold milk during lunch at J. Edward Mack Boy Scout Camp, while fellow scouts Charley Braught and Frank Waltz dig into their egg salad sandwiches.



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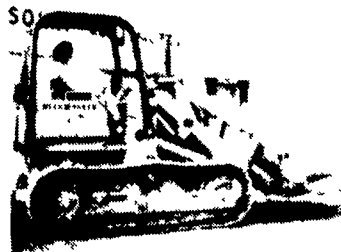
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