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THE KODIANS

Among the many camps in the world, there is always a certain number of campers whose abilities are outstanding and who merit attention they so richly deserve. In many cases these better campers must work along with those who have no regard for cooperation in camp. When camp closes, they go home with the rest and probably are forgotten. Once the spirit of outdoor life is lighted, there is every reason to believe that it should be developed. So few people know good camping that it is almost impossible for some good campers to advance their hobby after they have gone home.

It is fortunate for Camp Ho Mita Koda to have its Kodiaks. She has taken the step to broaden the knowledge of outdoor living. Born spontaneously by only a few campers, the members of the Kodiak organization found their inspiration through the help of their leaders. Wise are those councilors who can discover the camping and nature interest in the members of their groups. The Kodiaks are in existence two years this month and this year they have added several new members to their illustrious roll of honor.

The Kodiaks are selected not only for the qualities they possess but for the abilities they reveal. There is probably no one who can live a month in camp and who cannot exhibit his or herself as he or she really is. The Kodiaks have found that they love better camping and a better appreciation of wildlife. Only active participation can reveal your true character.

It is the fundamental idea of an organization that determines its course. Better camping and outdoor life are the ideals of a Kodiak. This is a goal worthwhile to reach. To understand the ways of the field and the forest is a splendid education. The Kodiaks are performing a service through a direct contact with nature and through the inspiration they offer for others to follow.

A Kodiak's interest in good camping does not stop when he leaves camp. It is continuous. For this simple reason, the Kodiaks meet at regular intervals throughout the year to exchange ideas and to develop others. Good campers are few. The Kodiaks wish to keep them together.

