



Inland Northwest Woodturners participation in Inland Northwest Council Boy Scouts of America Centennial Camporee May 22, 2010

On May 22nd, Chad Gladhart, Norman MacPhee, Ron Gooley, and Frank Hutchison represented the Inland Northwest Woodturners at the Inland Northwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Camporee held at the Fairgrounds to commemorate 100 years of Scouting in America.



The Camporee opened to the public at 9:00 am and we immediately had our first victim, er, customer – Jason Bennetch. He started with just looking at the display items but soon had a tool in hand and, with a little instruction from Norm, he was turning a bowl.



This scene was repeated

time and time again through out the day. Attendance at the Camporee was estimated at over 5,000 with over a 1,000 stopping by the INT booth. Many lingered to watch the action and about 200 actually got to hold tool in hand and create shavings! In fact, there was more demand to turn that there was time, lathes, wood or helpers.





Most scouts got just a few minutes of turning before the tool was passed on to the next eager person standing in line but a few scouts got to complete bowls. Good safety practices were always emphasized, but even a dust mask can't hide the look of satisfaction that Ken Weaver has from completing his first bowl!

And yes! He signed his bowl making it ART!



The opportunity to turn was not just for boy scouts – many a sister or mother waited for their turn and enjoyed the activity as much or more than their brothers and sons!

There were a lot of questions of:

- How much does it cost to get started?
- What can you make?
- Is it hard?
- When and where do you meet?

All were answered with many invitations to attend our monthly meetings.



One activity that allowed many scouts to have their own memento of turning was top turning – future contributors to INT's Christmas Top Drive possibly?



It was a great day for camaraderie with fellow woodturners and demonstrating skills!



This was a typical scene repeated throughout the day – several onlookers watching while Chad demonstrates a technique.

Another popular technique was wire burning – there's just something about scouts, wood and making fires!



And we even have evidence that Norm knows how to operate a broom!

