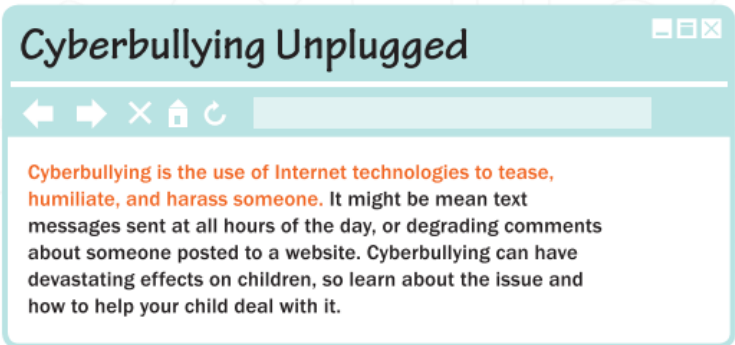




Cyber Savvy Scouts is a new periodic insert to help all of those involved in scouting recognize the need for cyber related information and materials. This month's material comes from NetSmartz.org



Spot It *A child who is being cyberbullied may*



- ▶ Avoid using computers, cell phones, and other technological devices
- ▶ Appear stressed when receiving an e-mail, instant message, or text
- ▶ Withdraw from family and friends
- ▶ Act reluctant to attend school and social events
- ▶ Avoid conversations about computer use
- ▶ Exhibit signs of low self-esteem including depression and/or fear
- ▶ Have declining grades
- ▶ Stop eating or sleeping
- ▶ In serious cases, consider suicide

Deal With It *If your child is being cyberbullied, teach them to*



- ▶ Not respond
- ▶ Save the evidence
- ▶ Report it to the website, and/or your Internet service provider

Also, you should

- ▶ Meet with school administrators to discuss a plan of action and their bullying/cyberbullying policy
- ▶ Talk about the situation with the bully's parent or guardian

Words of the Day

Flaming and Trolling –

Sending or posting hostile messages intended to “inflare” the emotions of others or make them act like a “mean troll”

What is the Cyber Chip? Sort of like the Totin’ Chip but... not really. Boy Scouts has teamed up with NetSmartz, part of the Center for Missing and Exploited Children and training experts for national law enforcement officials, to create a safety pledge to help youth and adults stay safe online. Information and materials can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/CyberChip.aspx>



Melanie Hurta’s Wood Badge vision is to help adults and youth be aware of what their presence on the internet means and how to keep themselves and their identity safe online. She is available to speak at your scout meeting about cyber safety, cyber bullying, or the Cyber Chip. For more information, please leave a message for her at the scout office 814-723-6700.