**Compare Scouting vs Sports?**

**SCOUTING:**

PRO: +get to work with like minded folks. Hang out with “the gang”.

 + possibly learn fair play, abiding by rules, ideals of good citizenship.

 +learn new skills and abilities (make a big list of MBs and rank requirements and such)

 + Practice leadership, making choices. Cooperation to meet a goal.

 + get to camp and hike in the outdoors, fresh air (coff, coff, campfire smoke) “physically fit”.

 + wear neato uniform (alright, opinion here)

 + attitude of public toward Scouting is generally positive?

CON: - Cost of uniform and equipment can be prohibitive.

 - Adult leaders may not be the best all the time.

 - Other kids/adults may not view your choice of activity as worthy (or they may be jealous ! ).

 "peer pressure".

 - Time constraints.

 - Might be mom and dad, not the boy/girl that wants to (why not the boy??).

 - possibly fall off cliffs, poison ivy, chillblanes, blisters, sunstroke, possible child abuse (rare), various scrapes and bruises, get lost and be billed for rescue by helicopter (maybe that’s a plus ??) ...

**SPORTS:**

PRO: + physical exercise and skill gained.

 + chance of big money with the pros. (ha ha ha)

 + comraderee (?) with your buds, joy of victory.

 + neato uniform. Approbation of friends (jealousy?)

 + learn fairplay, abiding by rules.

 + learn to accept disappointment.

 + leadership, cooperation, obedience practiced.

 + working toward a group goal.

+ Might get a scholarship, play pro ?

CON:

 - Cost of uniform and equipment can be prohibitive.

 - injury is very possible.

 - not abiding by rules is sometimes promoted over the other thing. “Why then do they keep score”?

 - disappointment is very possible. Not everyone wins. The agony of defeat.(maybe this is a ‘pro’ ?)

 - Time constraints.

 - the possibility that mom/dad are the ones that want Jr. to play when he'd rather not (see Scouting, too). Stress resulting.

 - Scholarship, play pro ain’t really realistic, huh ?

Just off the top of my uncombed head... Can you add?