

When I was a kid many years ago, I was a member of the Boy Scouts and there was nothing more exciting than camping out in the woods. Once there, we could practice many of the things we learned about at our regular scout meetings. We learned how to rough-it by sleeping in makeshift shelters, cooking over a campfire, and washing our pots, pans, and dishes with sand in cold water. This story is for all you germ conscious folks who worry about using cold water to clean your dishes, and appropriately titled . . .

Washing Dishes with Cold Water

John went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a very secluded, rural area of Saskatchewan.

After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning John's grandfather prepared them a breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast.

However, John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, "Are these plates clean?" His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as

cold water can get 'em. Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny!”

For lunch, the old man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, “Are you sure these plates are clean?”

Without looking up the old man said, “I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!”

Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town to pick up some groceries and as he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl, and wouldn't let him pass.

John yelled and said, “Grandpa, your dog won't let me get to my car.” Without diverting his attention from the football game, he was watching on TV, the old man shouted!

“Coldwater, go lay down now, yah hear me!”