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What's It All About?

Sometimes as the egg is broken, it slowly runs down the side of the bowl and settles in a puddle. Sometimes those little pizzas get a charcoal-burned appearance around the edges, but they disappear real fast after they're out of the oven—edges and all! Sometimes (rather most of the time) the kitchen gets a bit disorderly, but that's what it's all about!!

It's all about "mini groups"—small groups of seven- and eight-year old kids meeting weekly to learn about cooking, the basic four, cooperation, and getting along. Their leaders are teenagers.

Since it began in 1974, the Ozaukee County Mini Youth Program has grown rapidly. Sixty-six teen leaders and 5 adults worked with 207 youth in 1975-76. Their efforts resulted in the formation of 49 mini groups.

Although mini groups are short term (5-10 sessions), each member receives a year's subscription to a monthly newsletter designed especially for the enthusiastic seven and eight year old. It's called "Mini Things," and it's an attempt to reinforce



the ideas and skills taught through the mini group meetings.

The Mini Youth Program is an extension of the 4-H/Youth Development Program in Ozaukee County, and an outgrowth of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.

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