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Wet Wait at Wauwepex

Red Cross, Civil Defense and grounded Civil Air Patrol search parties yesterday "rescued" four groups of 10 Explorer Scouts who had been "abandoned" in eastern Suffolk. The Scouts had camped overnight in the rain during a rigorous final test to complete an "Operation Survival" course given by Air Force instructors at Mitchel Field. When the Scouts were located near Montauk and Wading River, they were in good spirits, having lived by foraging for food. The exercise, which began Saturday at Camp Wauwepex, was aimed at teaching them how to subsist in emergencies without food supplies. The CAP

had intended to drop food to the boys from planes, above left, shown being loaded at Zahi's Airport, Amityville. But the plane never took off because of the rough weather. Above, right, huddled in a tent made from a parachute are Bob Oldmixon of Carle Place, Nick Quattrone of Hicksville, Ted Basile of Westbury and Wayne Muller of East Meadow. At top right, frogmen, who didn't mind the weather, show Scouts at Camp Wauwepex how to retrieve food, parachutes and supplies dropped into water. At right, below, the "rescued" Scouts run through the rain into an ambulance for drive home.