

# Joey Cramer

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Born:    Canada / US ?; 1974



Bewildered time traveller in **"FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR"**

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The hero of "**FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR**" (86) was a conventionally good-looking Canadian / American boy who had a modest role the year before – unrecognisable beneath heavy Neanderthal make-up – as the malicious Broud, nemesis of the heroine, in "**THE CLAN OF THE CAVE BEAR**". Later he also starred in a TV movie with Buddy Ebsen, "**STONE FOX**", where he had to win a solo dog-sled race in order to save his grandfather's farm from bankruptcy, while "**RUNAWAY**" (84) was a silly Tom Selleck vehicle about a cop who tracks down miniature killer robots. Cramer was Selleck's son, and naturally at the climax finds himself cornered on a deserted building site by hordes of the pesky varmints.

But Joey's moment came and went with "**FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR**", an intriguing plot about a 12-year old who falls into a ditch near his home one evening and staggers back to find it is ten years later, and his family have grown up and moved away. His disappearance proves to be connected with a dormant space vehicle discovered nearby. Pitched at a family audience, the film veers off-course midway and tries hard to be cute rather than interesting, but it remains one of the better SF kid-centred titles to appear in the wake of "**E.T.**", and Joey Cramer was agreeably modest in the best tradition of straight-arrow boy heroes.

## FILMOGRAPHY

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Age</i> | <i>Title</i>                                         | <i>Role</i>              |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 84          | 10         | RUNAWAY                                              |                          |
| 85          | 11         | THE CLAN OF THE CAVE BEAR<br>with <i>Emma Floria</i> | as the young Broud       |
| 86          | 12         | FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR                              | in title role, David, 12 |
| 87          | 13         | STONE FOX                                            | TV, in central role      |