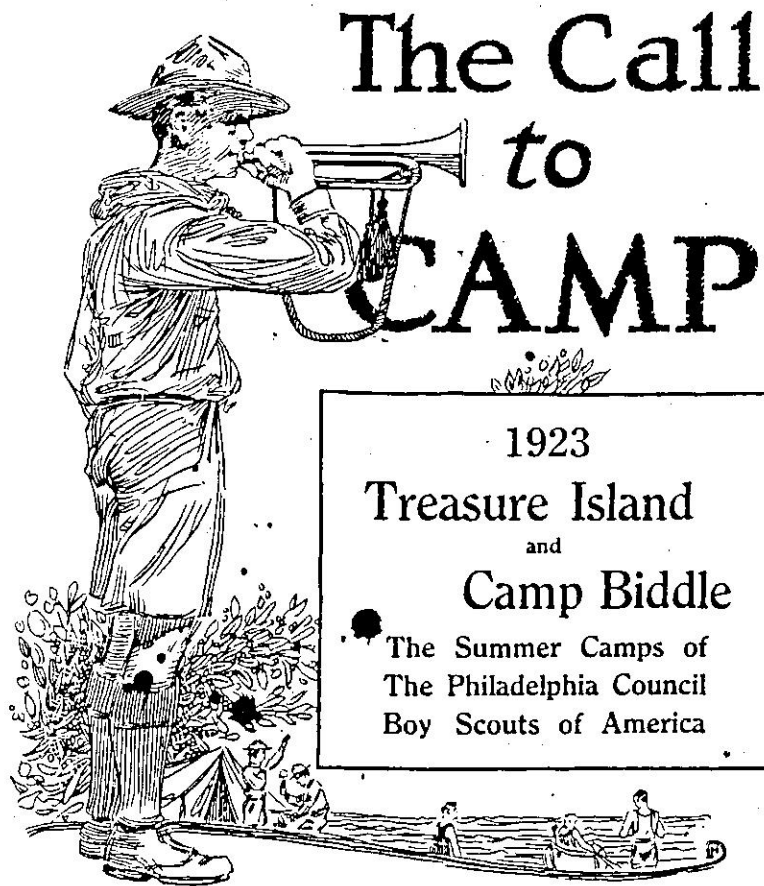




The Call to CAMP

1923

Treasure Island

and

Camp Biddle

The Summer Camps of
The Philadelphia Council
Boy Scouts of America

The Camp Commission

Announces the following Camps for the season of 1923,
Saturday, July 7th, to Saturday, September 1st

TREASURE ISLAND

In the Delaware River, twenty-five miles above Trenton; open to
Scout Troops for periods of one or two weeks.

Post Office Address: Pipersville, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.
Keystone Telephone.
Telegraphic Address: Frenchtown, N. J.

CAMP BIDDLE

Along Darby Creek, near Broomall, Pennsylvania; open to individual
Scouts and Scout Troops for periods of from one to eight weeks.

Post Office Address: Broomall, Pa.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AT

PHILADELPHIA SCOUT HEADQUARTERS,

916 Walnut Street.

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The Camp Commission

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THE SWIMMING BEACH AT TREASURE ISLAND

The Summer's Opportunity

A PAGE FOR PARENTS

Your boy, if he be a normal youth, will probably want to go to camp. That is not to be wondered at, for Camp—that magic word—seems to embody the very thrill of adventure for which the average boy longs.

On your part, we know that you want assurance that your son will not only find the high adventure that he craves, but that he will also return to you "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

We of the Scout body are equally solicitous for the safety, the health and the moral welfare of your boy. We want his camping experience this summer to be one which will fit him in every way for a stronger manhood. Perhaps then these general observations will serve to reassure you.

LEADERSHIP: Both Camps will be under the direction of men of experience in boys' work and men of high integrity. An ample staff of adult leaders and Scoutmasters will assist.

HEALTH: Graduate physicians will be on the staffs of both Camps in constant attendance; sanitary regulations are most carefully adhered to; drinking water is carefully tested.

SAFETY: Every possible precaution is taken to safeguard the lives and well-being of Scouts; competent supervision of water sports and aquatic activities is provided, and sensible rules for the protection of life and health are enforced.

PROGRAM: Both Camps are run on well-balanced programs, with ample time for sleep and rest, as well as for fun and exercise. Parents are invited to visit camp on *Visitors' Days*, and thus assure themselves of the welfare of their sons while in camp.

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High Points in the Life at the Philadelphia Scout Camps

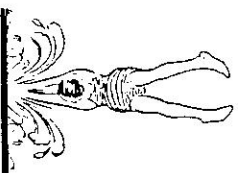
The Camp Program of Activities provides that there be "something doing" from reveille to taps. While there is plenty of chance for the boy who wishes to find his own fun, there is also a constant round of treasure hunts and hikes, Indian hunts and aquatic stunts to keep things interesting.



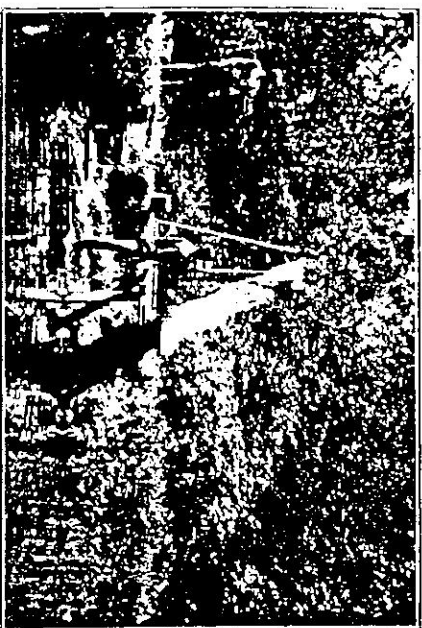
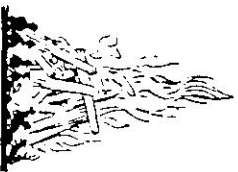
SCOUTCRAFT is, of course, the order of the day at Scout Camps. The camp season is the time of opportunity for real Scouts who want to climb the ladder. Many a Tenderfoot will find himself Second Class by the time he returns to his home, and many a First Class Scout will garner in a store of the out-of-door Merit Badges during the summer. The "men who know" are at Camp ready to help the ambitious Scout.

CONTESTS have a big place at all Camps. Usually the program provides for both an aquatic meet and an athletic meet during the course of a week in Camp.

SWIMMING is taught with diligence at both Camps. There is no good reason why any boy who is physically fit should not learn to swim while in attendance at Treasure Island or Camp Biddle. In addition, the more expert swimmers may qualify for the Scout and the American Red Cross swimming and Life Saving Badges. Meanwhile, every precaution is taken to make this sport a safe as well as an enjoyable one.



CAMPFIRES and other evening programs are always big features of the life at Camp. The songs and yarns heard around the burning embers, the thrill of the night games, the side-splitting episodes of the camp shows, all find their place in this part of the program.



INTO THE OLD DARBY CREEK

THE CAMP COMMISSARY at both Camps last year won highest praise from boys and leaders. Great care is exercised to see that the Scouts in attendance get plenty to eat and get quality at the same time. Experienced chefs, under capable direction, prepare the food.

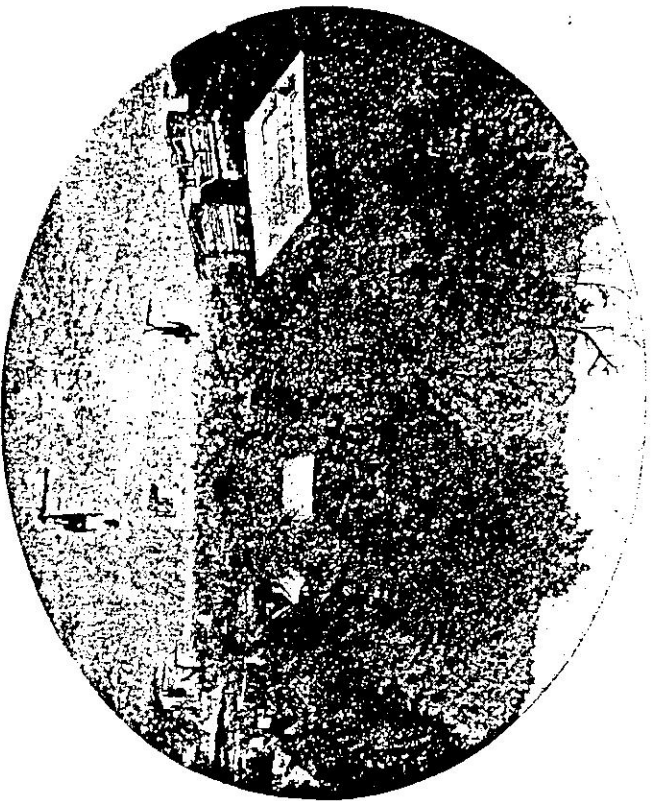
THE BIG ADVENTURES of Camp include such long-remembered specialties as the overnight Treasure Hunts, the annual Camp Circus, the long-heralded Indian Hunts, the Canoe Trips, and the Endurance Hikes to Bear Mountain, Valley Forge, and other points of interest adjacent to the two Camps. The real Scout wouldn't miss these stunts for the world.



CAMP HONORS are open to those who make good. Election to membership in the Wiemachtendienk, the Camp Honor Fraternity, a lodge of which exists at each Camp, is the highest tribute that a Troop at camp can pay to its best camper. Camp letters, honor bars, pennants and other Troop awards, together with the host of Scout badges that may be secured, complete the list of honors. With appropriate ceremonies the honors are conferred at the Friday night council fires.

A PLAN OF CITY GOVERNMENT is in operation at both Camps, a Mayor, Town Clerk and Judge being elected weekly, and the whole camp population being divided among the various city departments.

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES are not forgotten. There is opportunity for every boy and leader to prove faithful to his religious duties while in either camp, whether he be Protestant or Catholic, Jew or Gentile.



SCOUTCRAFT HEADQUARTERS, TREASURE ISLAND

Things That Make Treasure Island Famous

There is so much that might be said about this chosen Mecca of all Philadelphia Scouting that we prefer to list for the guidance of those who are not familiar with the camp some of its individual attractions.

Treasure Island is a composite camp; your Troop may go there as a unit, selecting its site, arranging its own camp and in every way preserving its own identity. Scouts may only remain at Treasure Island for two weeks, Camp Biddle being available to those who want to camp for a longer period during the summer.

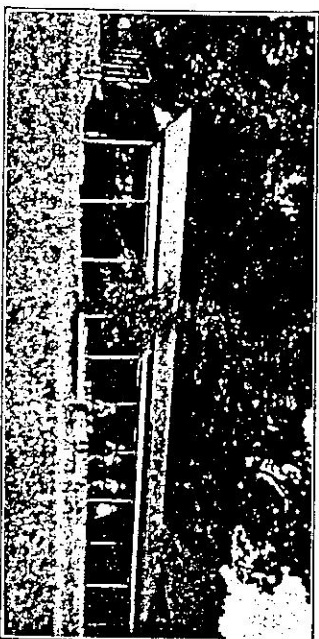
A camp program of activities is operated along such attractive lines that practically all Scouts in camp want to participate. On the other hand, it is always possible for your Troop to take a hike off the Island, run its own campfire, or engage in any other proper activity at the proper time on the program.

The log cabin will be developed this year into the center of all Scoutcraft activities, including Nature Den, while a camp museum will spring forth in the cabin.

The Island itself and its many buildings will see many improvements this season. We won't divulge the secrets now, but keep your eyes open for big changes in the "City Hall," the Camp Hospital, the Commissary Building, and even the old Log Cabin. A quantity of brand new tents with comfortable cots for everybody insure good quarters for all who come to camp.

Water—water to drink from the finest of artesian wells, water to swim in that is a delight—water is a talking point of Treasure Island. A whole fleet of boats and canoes is available to boys who know how to use them and under careful supervision.

The Island itself is a real treasure. Fifty acres of meadow and woodland, high and dry above the Delaware, connected with New Jersey shore by a sturdy cable ferry, and with the Pennsylvania Mainland by a fleet of transports, it is just the place for a Scout Camp. And as fortune would have it, its ownership traces back to Indian days. Lucky Scouts still dig up arrow heads and other trophies of the soil.



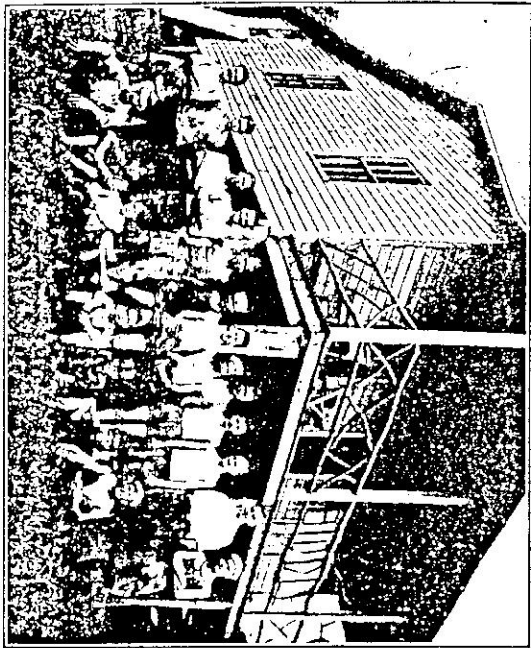
THE MESS HALL AT TREASURE ISLAND

MANAGEMENT

Mr. E. A. Pritchard comes to Treasure Island this year as Director. He has had a long and honorable career in the field of recreational leadership both in this country and abroad. One of his most recent experiences was in the Near East, and he has had a most notable record in Scout Camps in Chicago and nearby Councils. We feel sure that through his winning personality he will make his way to the friendship of every Scout and Leader who comes to Treasure Island.

Mr. J. V. Stewart, Assistant Field Director at Philadelphia Scout Headquarters, will be Assistant Director in charge of the physical upkeep of the camp, including the commissary. That ought to be a guarantee of a happy mess hall, for Mr. Stewart certainly made good last season.

Dr. Thorpe, the Camp Physician, and other senior members of the staff will, we feel, be in position to make a real contribution to the success of the season.



CAMP HEADQUARTERS

Camp Biddle Attractions

While Treasure Island is for whole Troops, under the supervision of Scoutmasters, Camp Biddle provides an opportunity for every individual boy who wants to go to camp for a week or for all season to do so. A Troop may also go to Camp Biddle, but the Camp is operated as a mass camp, with a central program of operation.

Over one hundred and fifty acres of fine, rolling country, through which old Darby Creek winds and turns, thickly-wooded valleys, open meadows, small brooks—all these go to make up the Camp.

Five Troop stables, equipped with spring cots, constitute the sleeping quarters, while this year some tents will be available to provide opportunity to certain groups to sleep under canvas.

A well-equipped kitchen and comfortable mess hall, with a fireplace, will be an attraction this year.

The "swimming" hole, with its marvellous sliding board, already has a reputation and will be quite a feature.

The famous Council Circle in the woods is a most interesting spot, with its Indian decorations and remarkable setting.

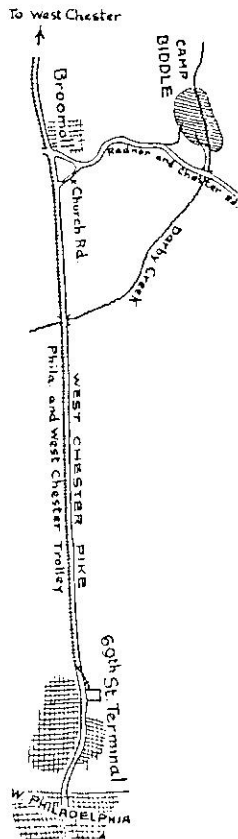
An athletic field and parade ground are additional features, while the Administration Building contains the camp offices and canteen.

MANAGEMENT

Dr. H. P. Schenck, who directs the Camp this year, was the popular camp physician last season. He knows boys as well as medicine, and

as an old-time Scout himself is well prepared to lead the Camp. He will be assisted by Mr. J. Williamson Miller, Campmaster of the Philadelphia Council, and well known leader among West Philadelphia Troops. Mr. Miller will be in charge of the physical upkeep of the Camp. Other reliable men and boys will complete the staff, and will help to establish new records of success during the 1923 season.

The Road to Camp Biddle



ROUTE I—TROLLEY

Take Market Street Elevated to 69th Street, change to Philadelphia and West Chester Trolley. Get off at Church Road, near Brookmill, bike right on Church Road and Radnor Road to Darby Creek.

Turn to left on Creek Road into Camp. Fare: 12 cents each way from 69th St.

ROUTE II—AUTO.

Follow West Chester Pike from 74th and Market Streets to Church Road. Turn right on Church Road to Darby Creek. Take Creek Road left into Camp.

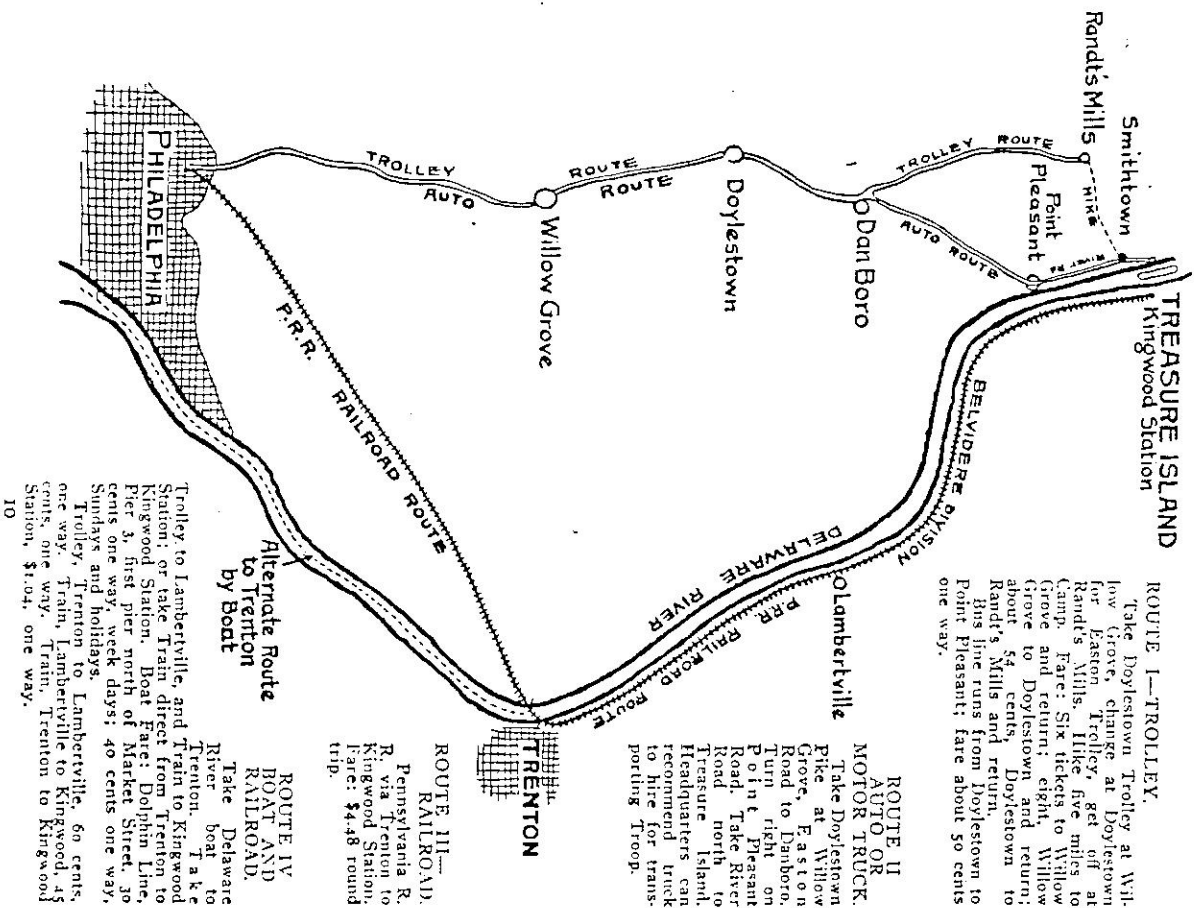
TREASURE ISLAND

First four weeks of the season (July 7th to August 3rd), \$5.75 per person per week. Second four weeks of the season (August 4th to September 1st), \$6.25 per person per week. Week-end visits (Saturday and Sunday), \$2.50 per person. For the accommodation of Sunday visitors, a lunch counter service will be in operation.

CAMP BIDDLE

Rate throughout the season (July 7th to September 1st), \$7.00 per person per week. Week-end visitors (Saturday and Sunday), \$2.50 per person. For the accommodation of Sunday visitors, a lunch counter will be in operation.

The Road to Treasure Island



A Scout's Equipment for Camp

Clothing—Scout uniform, shorts, extra shirt, underwear, stockings, shoes, old trousers or extra shorts, handkerchiefs, pajamas, bathing suit, sweater, rain coat or poncho.

Toilet Articles—Tooth brush and paste, soap (floating), towels, comb, brush, small mirror.

Bedding—At least two heavy blankets (three pounds wool or equivalent).

Miscellaneous—Note-book, pencil, needle, thread, pins, safety pins, buttons, shoe strings, blanket pins, pocket knife, duffle bag or suit case, Scout Handbook or Diary, Bible or Prayer Book.

Good Things to Have Along—Camera and supplies, flashlight, athletic equipment, watch, compass, fountain pen, signal flags, musical instruments.

Special Notes

VISITORS—Saturday and Sunday are the only visitors' days at the Camps. Parents and friends are asked to confine their visits to those days. Visitors are also requested to bring their own meals whenever possible, as the uncertainty as to the number of visitors makes it difficult to provide meals from the Camp Commissary.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS—Parents and Leaders are asked to see that all Scouts attending Camp undergo a physical examination before coming to Camp, and that all physical weaknesses are reported to the Camp Physician immediately upon arrival in Camp.

EARLY REGISTRATION is highly desirable, as enrollment in each Camp is limited.

DOGS, CATS AND FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP.

Reservation—Important

All Scouts and Leaders who attend either Camp for a week or week-end must register in advance at Philadelphia Scout Headquarters, 916 Walnut Street, not later than three days before going to Camp, paying a reservation fee of one dollar per week or week-end, which fee is deducted from the board.

To make arrangements for a Troop to go to

TREASURE ISLAND

the Scoutmaster or other adult Leader must

Make reservation at Philadelphia Headquarters, 916 Walnut Street, for each Scout or Leader who expects to camp there.

The reservation fee is one dollar per person per week. The fee is deducted from the total board bill, which is paid at Camp.

No one will be allowed on the Island for whom no reservation has been made—at least three days prior to his Troop's going to Camp.

A Troop may select a given site at the Island at the time reservation is made, subject to change by the Camp Director in case of emergency.

The Camp week at both Camps begins with the noon meal on Saturday, and ends with breakfast the following Saturday. Meals beyond will be charged extra.

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CAMP BIDDLE

the application blank below must be filled out and submitted in person at Philadelphia Headquarters, together with the reservation fee of one dollar per Scout per week. (See special note above.)

Date.....

I hereby apply for admission to Camp Biddle for.....

weeks. Enclosed is reservation fee to be applied to Board.

Name..... Troop No.....

Address..... Phone.....

Time of Arrival.....Leave.....

This application has my approval

Signed.....

Parent

Scoutmaster

Camp week—From Saturday (noon meal) to Saturday (breakfast).

Camp Period—July 7th to September 1st.