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GENERAL HERKIMER COUNCIL

March 11, 1977 is the 50th Anniversary of General Herkimer Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America. The Council was founded at a meeting of the Executive Board at the Odd Fellows Temple in Herkimer, New York. Today there are 2000 boys and leaders involved in Scouting in all of Herkimer County and the northern part of Otsego County except the Town of Webb.

The Council maintains a Service Center at 427 N. Main St. in Herkimer and Camp Russell, a 300-acre year-round camp at Woodgate, New York. The camp opened in 1918 and features Troop camping plus a winter and summer base of operations for canoe trips, winter survival, and back packing trips in the Adirondacks.

The Council has received the Annual Award for best use of forest products by the Eastern Loggers Association, the Gold Seal Award for best Council Conservation Program from the Department of Agriculture, and in 1977, the George Washington Honor Medal Award by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for a reconstruction of Fort Dayton at Exit 30 of the New York State Thruway.

The emblem of the Council depicts General Nicholas Herkimer, though critically wounded, directing the successful battle of Oriskany which was a turning point in the Revolution.