

TO: THE EXPLORERS OF "PROJECT AMIGOS" - 1956

Dear Explorer:

June 1, 1956

The time is short before you embark on a magnificent experience. Your Scout Executive has undoubtedly advised you of the plans for your two weeks in Puerto Rico, starting on Saturday, June 30th, with a breakfast at the most beautiful Condado Beach Hotel, and continuing through until Friday, July 13th, when you return to New York.

Explorers from 19 other councils will join with you in this unusual experience and of course you know that on the return some 60 Explorers from Puerto Rico will come back with you and will be entertained in your councils and probably in your homes, and in addition 10 more councils are going to entertain two Explorers each from Puerto Rico.

We are glad to introduce you to your Advisor. He is Mr. George A. Sehring, of 65 Columbia Street, Mohawk, N.Y. George is a long time Scouter, who was active in Philadelphia during World War I, was Scoutmaster of Troop 17 in Herkimer, N.Y. from 1935 to 1945, received the Silver Beaver in 1944, has been an Executive Board member, Council O. & E. Committee Chairman, and Council President for four years of the General Herkimer Council - and has given active leadership in many youth activities. George is a natural leader for this project, and has been interested in it from the beginning, so the Explorers and Puerto Rico are fortunate that past President Sehring is available for this assignment.

You have received from your Scout Executive (if not ask him for them) the physical examination blanks which are to be completed in the period between Thursday, June 14th and your arrival in New York on Friday, June 29th.

Secure from your Scout Executive the Permission for Flight Blanks and be sure they are properly signed and carry them with you also.

Attached is an instruction sheet which you may already have received from your Executive. If not, here it is repeated, and we will have some additional information for you before you leave for New York City on June 29th.

Note that we meet at 3:00 P. M. on June 29th, at Sloane House, 356 West 34th Street, New York City.

Now here is some later information. We are sending a copy of this letter to your Scout Executive so he will have these changes.

On June 29th we meet at 3:00 P. M. as stated above. We will have an orientation session under the leadership of Advisor Sehring, we will do a little sightseeing, have dinner, and then take a Carey Bus out to New York International Airport. We leave on Flight 839 of

Eastern Airlines, at 12:15 A. M. Daylight Saving time. Actually, you are leaving on Saturday, June 30th, but since it is so shortly after midnight it is still called Friday, June 29th. At any rate, we all meet at 3:00 in the afternoon in New York City.

The return flight will be a daylight flight leaving San Juan on Eastern Airlines at 10:00 A. M. on Friday, July 13th. This plane will arrive at New York International Airport at 4:00 P. M. Daylight Saving time. It does not have a flight number as yet because it is a special chartered plane of Eastern Airlines.

Just for your information, the sixty some Explorers from Puerto Rico who come home with you in this special plane will return to Puerto Rico on Friday, July 27th, on Eastern Airlines Flight 839 which is the same one that you leave on on the 29th, but this time they leave on Friday, July 27th - almost a month later to the day.

Pack your swim trunks so that they are either in an overnight bag or readily available in your luggage, because you will go directly from the airport in San Juan to the beautiful swimming pool of the Condado Beach Hotel - so be prepared.

We hope you are in good health and good condition because your camping program includes jungle survival, hiking experiences, camping in federal forests in Puerto Rico, and then of course you are going to spend one week in the homes of Puerto Rican Explorers, which will be a great experience for you.

Better start your vaccinations and shots promptly so that you won't have them the day you get on the plane.

This is not the last release we will send you. You are also going to hear directly from the Council in Puerto Rico, plus your host Explorer in Puerto Rico, but this is the beginning. You have been accepted, your place is secure, now all you have to do is plan.

If you have any further questions or you do not understand the information so far given, write again and we will try to tell you more about it.

HOWARD R. PATTON
DEPUTY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLORER SCOUTS GOING
TO PUERTO RICO

1. - Physical blank should be completed two weeks prior to leaving, and carried by the Explorer.
2. - It is suggested that Explorers carry their equipment in a suitcase rather than a pack. It is much easier to handle on the plane.
Limit 40 pounds.
3. - Flight Permission Blank should be filled out, signed, and carried by the Explorer.
4. - EQUIPMENT LIST:
 1. 1-Explorer Green Uniform - longs to be worn.
 2. 2-Explorer Summer Uniforms - V-neck and Shorts
(Be sure Badges and Insignia are properly worn).
 3. 2-Single sheets and 1 pillow case. Blankets will be furnished by Puerto Rico.
 4. Toilet Articles.
 5. Bathing Suit. One or two bath towels and wash cloths.
 6. Flashlight. Raincoat.
 7. Spending money \$25. - \$50. in Travelers Checks.

OPTIONAL:

Camera, Swap Items, Bible, Light Weight Jacket or Sweater.

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PROGRAM FOR PROJECT AMIGOS EXPLORERS

Saturday 7:10 am Thirty-five Explorers and one Leader arrive at Isla Verde Airport. Transfer to Condado Beach Hotel for early morning swim and "Welcome" breakfast. Visit El Morro, famed 400 year old fortress at the entrance to San Juan, Puerto Rico (The rich port).

2:00 pm Enroute to Camp Guajataka.

Sunday To Ramey Air Force Base for Jungle survival training and a visit to a strategic Air Command overseas Base. Return to Camp Guajataka late afternoon.

July 1

Monday Start Jungle orientation hike through the Guajataka River gorge accompanied by experienced Explorers from Post - San Sebastian.

July 2

Tuesday Return to Camp Guajataka.

July 3

Wednesday Camp Activities, swimming, visit to San Sebastian and Inspection of a Sugar Central (method of grinding sugar cane) The Project Amigos Campfire.

July 4

Thursday Enroute to Maricao Forest Area for overnight outpost Camp in the upper altitude of Puerto Rico's famed cordillera region accompanied by Puerto Rican Explorers and Leader.

July 5

Friday Return to Camp - "Participate in "The Gold Rush" and special Puerto Rico campfire program.

July 6

Saturday Divide into groups and meet hosts for the one week visit to Project Amigos Homes in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The following division of Explorers will be followed:

July 7

In homes in San Juan area	---	---	12
" " " Ponce	"	-----	9
" " " Mayaguez	"	-----	8
" " " Arecibo	"	-----	3
" " " St. Thomas	"	-----	3

While guest in Project Amigos Homes, Explorers will see much of the interesting and historical places nearby and will experience the customs of their hosts in living and eating.

Friday Return to New York on Special Eastern Air Lines

July 13 Flight leaving Isla Verde Airport at 10:00 am.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF "PROJECT AMIGOS" EXPLORERSCOUNCILNAME AND ADDRESS

• GENERAL HERKIMER:

ADVISOR -- Mr. George A. Sehring - 65 Columbia St., Mohawk, N. Y.

EXPLORERS:

OCEAN COUNTY (Toms River, N.J.)	- Charles Gartlan	- Ocean Bend, Island Heights, N. J.
UNION (Elizabeth, N.J.)	- Frank Petrik	- 11 Burchfield Ave., Cranford, N. J.
WATCHUNG AREA (Plainfield, N.J.)	- John Hamilton	- 1135 Martine Ave., Plainfield, N. J.
	- Brian E. Smith	- 1456 Hazelwood Terrace, Plainfield, N.J.
ORANGE MOUNTAIN (E. Orange, N.J.)	- David Kunca	- 42 Burnet St., Maplewood, N. J.
	- Cosmo Palomba	- 196 Taylor St., Orange, N. J.
NASSAU COUNTY (Mineola, N.Y.)	- William B. Waff	- 69 Victor St., Plainview, N. Y.
	- Robert E. Heenan	- 3 Claydon Rd., Garden City, N. Y.
ROCKLAND COUNTY (Stony Point, N.Y.)	- James Gerace	- 44 Benson St., W. Haverstraw, N. Y.
SUFFOLK COUNTY (Patchogue, N.Y.)	- John Cannon	- 85 Knollwood Ave., Huntington, N.Y.
	- George Mattfeld	- 40 Clinton Ave., Patchogue, N.Y.
ADIRONDACK (Saranac Lake, N.Y.)	- Ronald Wilson	- 6 South Hope Street, Saranac Lake, N.Y.
	- David L. Reynolds	- 30 Petrova Ave., Saranac Lake, N. Y.
SCHENECTADY (Schenectady, NY)	- Dennis Marshall	- 2736 Wellington Ave., Rotterdam, N.Y.
GENERAL HERKIMER (Herkimer, N.Y.)	- George T. Sehring	- 65 Columbia St., Mohawk, N. Y.
	- S. Todd Fisher	- Overlook, Little Falls, N. Y.
JEFFERSON-LEWIS (Watertown, NY)	- Frederick F. Rhines	- 164 Park Ave., Watertown, N. Y.
	- Raymond M. Percy, Jr.	- 430 East Avenue, Watertown, N. Y.
ST. LAWRENCE (Canton, N.Y.)	- James Randall	- 264 E. Main St., Gouverneur, N. Y.
	- David Bartlett	- 22 Goodrich St., Canton, N. Y.
FINGER LAKES (Geneva, N.Y.)	- John L. Salisbury, III	- R. D. #1, Phelps, N. Y.
	- Robert L. Lerkins	- Box 283, Rural Route #3, Geneva, N.Y.
STEBEN AREA (Bath, N.Y.)	- James Van Derwerken	- 15 Bank St., Dansville, N. Y.
	- Robert E. Cole	- 150 Cayuta St., Corning, N.Y.
BUFFALO AREA (Buffalo, N. Y.)	- Bruce Mann	- 86 Stonecroft Lane, Eggertsville, N.Y.
	- Gerald A. Osborn	- 2125 Parker Blvd., Tonawanda, N.Y.
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY (Mayville, N.Y.)	- Bruce Bradford	- 226 West Summitt St., Lakewood, N.Y.
	- Daniel Bell	- 159 Front St., Lakewood, N. Y.
NIAGARA FRONTIER (Niagara Falls, NY)	- Richard K. McKee	- 50 Aberdeen Road, Lewiston, N. Y.
	- Edward W. Hubbard	- 503 Center St., Lewiston, N. Y.