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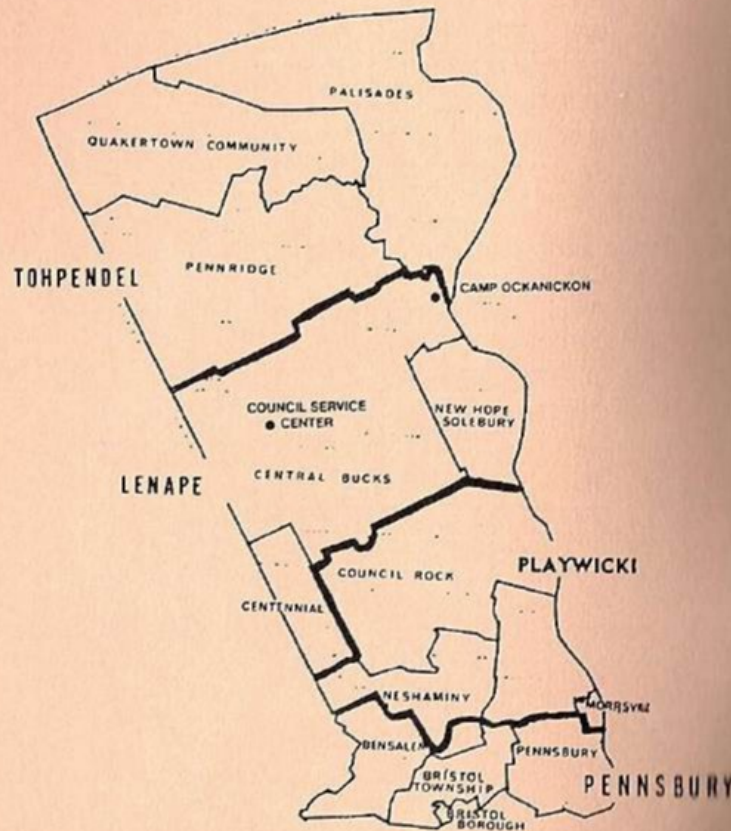
COUNCIL

65 YEARS OLD

AND STILL GOING STRONG!

1927 - 1992

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL



EXISTING DISTRICTS

PREFACE

This booklet has been produced in 1992 to provide the membership of Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America, a memento of the observance of the Council's 65th Anniversary.

The product is in no way represented as a definitive history of the council but rather it is a collection of chronicles of several scouts who reminisce about the origin and early development of scouting in Bucks County. No effort has been made to include history or activities of our districts, nor of scouting before the organization of the council.

Perhaps the next person can dig a little deeper into our rich heritage and add to this first endeavor of compiling a history of the council. It would be interesting to find out which troops were the first on the scene, etc. We know scouting flourished long before the council was organized.

My thanks to those who have contributed articles and to those brains I've picked to bring this booklet to fruition.

We look forward to 1993 when special plans to properly celebrate our 65th anniversary will be held.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG! To all our volunteers — past, present and future - our sincere thanks for helping to make Bucks County Council an influence for good in the lives of our youth.

Sincerely,

T. Wallace Hill

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Lenape District Committee

Merit Badge Counselor

Explorer Post 797, Advisor

**CASTLE
ENERGY
CORPORATION**

March, 1992

Dear Reader:

This history of the Bucks County Council, BSA is intended to commemorate the efforts of untold men and women who have given of themselves unselfishly for so many years. What we are today and what we are to become has been built on a foundation of hard work, self-sacrifice, unfailing devotion to purpose and love of scouting and all it stands for.

We of the scouting community are blessed to have received so bountiful an inheritance from such a distinguished group of fine Americans whose names might never have been remembered except for this project. I felt it was important to acknowledge those in the scouting past who have given more than money. A much more important gift is to have given of themselves.

There have been troubled times in the Council and glorious times. Through it all, the "long brown line" marches on to an even better future for Bucks County Scouting and our Council. To those who have gone before-our reverence. To those who serve now-our thanks. To those we are training to serve in the future-our hope.

Shortly, my turn as Council President will end and as is proper, I will fade into the anonymity of scouting history. If nothing else is to be remembered from my effort, let this document speak for all we mean and have meant to scouting.

My heartfelt thanks to the those who have compiled this history. Read what they have written and when you are done you will know why they have given so much of their lives to scouting in Bucks County.

With God's Speed,

Sanford C. Nemitz
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February 2, 1992

Dear Friends of Scouting,

Scouting has grown dramatically in programs and membership since it was first introduced in Bucks County, eight decades ago. Tens of thousands of young people and their families have had their lives enriched, due to their participation in Scouting.

Countless thousands of adults have volunteered their time and resources to make this family-focused program survive and thrive in a society that has undergone dramatic changes. Their leadership and commitment have made it possible for Scouting in our different communities to meet the needs of each generation. They have been able to utilize a national program and make it attractive to young people on a weekly and monthly basis.

One way to judge the quality of the program and the leadership on the local level is by the participation of our young people. They vote with their feet. If they like the program, they come back the next week. They certainly have enough other opportunities in Bucks County. For the last five years, participation has grown in every age group. This trend should continue well into the future, based on the current volunteer commitment.

Scouting is challenging five of Society's "unacceptables": child abuse, drug and substance abuse, hunger, illiteracy, and unemployment. For example, Scouts and volunteers, through the "Scouting for Food" campaign, have collected and delivered hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to local food banks and shelters. In the future, new challenges will be identified and met by tomorrow's youth and adult leaders.

Thanks to those who have made it possible for so many to benefit from Scouting, and to those who will help in the years ahead.

Yours in Scouting,

David E. Hasel
David E. Hasel
Council Executive

10,000 Young People
Benefit Annually



A Participating Agency in
The United Way of Bucks County

OUR HISTORY

The year was 1926 and Calvin Coolidge was President of the United States. A movement was inaugurated to organize a boy scout council in Bucks County on June 24th.

In January President Coolidge ordered more troops into Nicaragua on the 5th and on the 21st of January Danboro had severe snowstorms. Traffic was at a standstill and for a time traffic over the Danboro-Pt. Pleasant Pike was directed through the open fields. Bucks County communities were left helpless by the storm, without heat, light or power.

William F. Livermore, special Deputy Regional Scout Executive for Region 3, Boy Scouts of America, was instrumental in bringing together a group of citizens of the county on June 24, 1926. The purpose was to discuss the formation of a scout council. Meeting was held at the Elks Home in Bristol on Flag Day. There were fifty scouts present from Troop 2 and Troop 5 with a boy scout orchestra playing a few selections.

But it was not until April 10, 1927 that more than 150 representatives from every community in Bucks County were present at an organizational meeting at the Court House in Doylestown. Bucks County Council was born. It was noted that the unanimous consensus of opinion that when campaign for funds for boys' work in the community the money will be proportioned out between the boy scouts and the boys' brigade in Doylestown.

Thomas B. Stockham was elected our first president and William F. Livermore became our first scout executive.

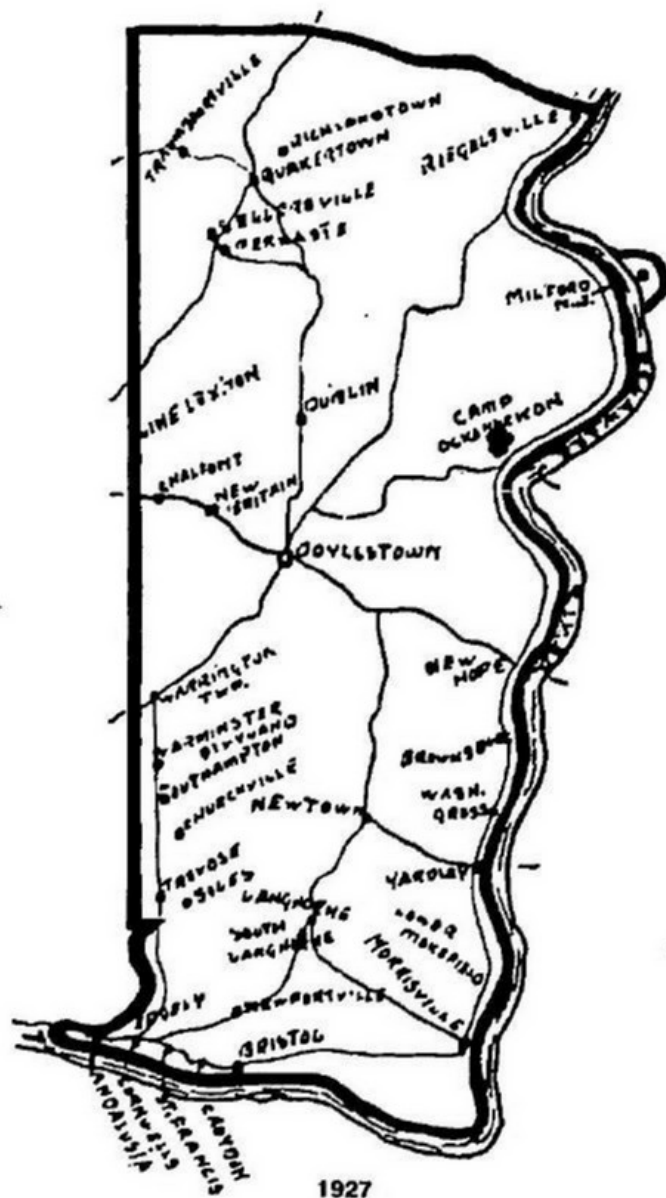
Our first scout headquarters opened May 17, 1927 at 68 South Main St., Doylestown. It was announced on June 23 that a site had been secured for a summer camp along the south branch of the Raritan River, half-mile north of the Sunnyside Milk Depot of the Lehigh Valley RR and only 6 miles from Flemington, N.J. This site became Camp Buccou.

Application was made on July 26, 1928 in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County for a charter for Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Attached to the application was the certificate of consent upon half of the National Council, signed by James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the United States.

It wasn't until August 13, 1928 that our council was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the courts of Bucks County. Bucks County Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America became the official name of the council.

How proud we were to be able to announce that in February 1929 that Bucks County Council had its first scout to qualify for the Eagle Scout Rank. Joseph Gruver from Trevoze was number one and number 2 was Mahlon Detweiler of Perkasio.

Camp Buccoo attendance in August 1929 was 49 scouts and 19 cub scouts attending for one week.



COUNCIL TERRITORY
Bucks County; Milford, N. J.

Finances (or lack thereof) has plagued this council from the beginning. We have had times when the council budget has been balanced but more times when money had to be borrowed to make ends meet. The United Way, as it is known today, did not keep up with our needs. For example: because we failed to reach our campaign goal in 1931-32 of \$50,000 (only \$20,000 was raised) the council executive board reduced the executive staff and discontinued services of two staff members. This will happen several times in our history. Today, 1992, because of tremendous efforts on the part of many volunteers we have reached financial stability. Council was \$30,000 in debt in the late 1980's. Former council president Henry Clime recruited ten scouts who pledged \$1,000 a year for three years and wiped out our debt. Today we are debt free.

Program has always been a strong point of our council. Back on June 1-3, 1932 we held a council camporee at Bowman's Hill and memorial trees were planted commemorating George Washington Bi-Centennial.

Palmer Memorial at Camp Buccou was provided by children of the late Henry Palmer. The gift included a permanent stage and seats at Robin Hood Glen, the stunt night area.

Believing that a campsite nearer to Bucks County would be more desirable it was recommended on May 25, 1939 that the camp be put up for sale.

The 1939 New York's World Fair was in progress and thirty-five scouts from our council attended the Fair's Scout Camp.

Tohickon Creek being too polluted was rejected on November 15, 1938 as a possible campsite. January 15, 1930 Camp Buccou was sold.

Between January 23 and March 27, 1940 the council signed to purchase 80 acres of the Charles E. Larsen property in Plumstead Township. Pouring over more than 60 names suggested for the new camp Ockanickon was selected. Edward R. Barnsley of Newtown made the suggestion on July 3, 1940 because Ockanickon was a famous Leni-Lenape Chief and an original resident of Bucks County.

The war years were important in the lives of our youth members. They participated in wastepaper drives for defense; Eisenhower and MacArthur victory gardens sprang up throughout the county; war bonds and stamp drives were also held.

January 6, 1941, 68 cots and 1 tent from Ockanickon was loaned to the Defense Council for emergency purposes. Ockanickon would be used for housing should the need arise.

Eric Knight, well known author who lived near Springtown and lost his life in a plane crash during WW2 in January, 1943, gave to the council a Bucks County Civilian Defense Field Ambulance.

The new swimming pool at Ockanickon was ready for the 1941 summer season. The pool was to be known as the Clara L. Matthews Memorial Pool and was the gift of Charles J. Matthews of Langhorne, in memory of his wife.

Otto Grupp of Croydon presented the council with 6 acres of land for use by scouts of Lower Bucks and Delaware Valley District for weekend camping and other activities.

May 1, 1946 was the beginning of construction on the Adirondack cabins in the new Explorer camp at Ockanickon. July 19 a memorial chapel rostrum was presented by Dr. A.J. Strathie in memory of his wife, Sara M. and their son Lieut. Arthur R. Strathie who was killed in action March 12, 1944. Benches were also dedicated — a gift from several troops and citizens. Shrubbery and plantings were donated by Quakertown Rotary Club. The rostrum was designed by Michael Rapvano of New York City and built by Marvin V. Keller, Newtown.

July 31, 1950 a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed an adirondack shelter, two sleeping tents and the scouts personal gear at Ockanickon.

When Explorer James Benson and Kenneth Vineis of Post 20 received their Explorer Silver Award on February 6, 1953 it was noted that since our first Court of Honor in 1929, 202 eagle scout awards and explorer silver awards have been earned.

Our council has been represented at all National Scout Jamborees from 1935 through 1989. Representatives have attended World Jamborees in Canada and in England.

One hundred scouts and cubs went on a search party for a missing 10 year old cub scout. Johnny Sommers disappeared after a cub scout meeting and two days later was found in the Reading Railroad Station in North Wales unharmed.

Hurricane Connie came roaring in in August, 1955. Tragedy hit our county when floods caused distress and damage to hundreds of our people along the rivers and streams of the county. Homes were destroyed and businesses wiped out in many areas. Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorers performed many services to our citizens during this time.

Nationwide Good Turn was participated in the month of November 1946 (and other years, too) when "Get Out The Vote Campaign" took place. Doorknob hangers were placed on every home in the county encouraging our citizens to vote.

During the years 1965-68 a new service center was built at 225 Green St., Doylestown. It is our current service center today.

1977: Second Wood Badge Course was held at Ockanickon; participation in the National Scout Jamboree and contingents went to Philmont and Matagmon. In fact our council has had many contingents to our High Adventure Bases in Wisconsin, Maine, Philmont and Florida.

1978-79 Council programs included Cub Scout Day Camps, summer camp at Ockanickon, Wood Badge, Brownsea 22, district camporees, all very successful endeavors. Councilwide Booth Show was held at the Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville and a new \$45,000 Leadership Development Center was completed at Ockanickon.

The Tiger Cub Program began on September 1, 1982 and has experienced success in all of our districts. Our Memorial Wall at Ockanickon was dedicated on July 19, 1982. In December of that year Betty Williams organized the Council Volunteer Service Corps. Recognitions of 5-10-25-50 and 100 hours in the form of bars to be attached to the Service Corps pin. This recognition should continue but hasn't been used in several years.

Since its inception a representative executive board of volunteers have helped scouting by giving support to the thousands of volunteers who have given leadership on the council and district level, in cub packs, scout troops, explorer co-ed program in traditional posts and our career awareness exploring and in our new varsity teams. There are four districts in our council today — Tohpendel, Lenape, Playwicki and Pennsbury plus Exploring Division. (See map of district alignment found elsewhere in this report).

I trust this report has brought back some memories and has brought to light our rich heritage. Scouting is alive and well in Bucks County, thanks to each and every one of you.

65 YEARS OLD - AND STILL GOING STRONG!



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUILDING
Opened in 1979 at Ockanickon.

REMINISCES **by** **BILL CARLIN, JR.**

1927

Council was formed. Wm. P. Livermore, Jr. first scout executive; Alice Wood, first secretary. Headquarters was a small store on S. Main St. in Doylestown. Purchased a farm in New Jersey about 5 miles north of Flemington, located on the Raritan River. Named: Camp Buccou, original campsite consisted of tent camping, Indian village, stockade. Army mess tent with army tables and benches for dining. Cub camp with wooden building for about 20 boys, perhaps 80 boys each week.

1929-30

115,000 seedlings were planted (it is a forest today).

1930-31

Good Times Hall was built, Dining and recreation hall. Two assistant scout executives were hired - Fred Hauser and Robert X. Perry. Another secretary was hired, Marjorie Shellenberger.

Went to Troop cooking 1933; flood 1935 washed out the dam on the Raritan River, swimming and boating came to a halt.

1935

National Jamboree was cancelled and the boys and men that were to participate took a fifteen day Whiteway bus trip into New England. Slept under the stars every night except the night in New York City.

Livermore left in 1938 to become Scout Executive in Butler, PA. Robert Goeller became our Scout Executive.

Camping Committee visited many farms looking for a new campsite. Thought they could raise more money if in the county. Camp Ockanickon purchased in 1939.

During the depression, the Chalfont Rover Crew spent hundreds of hours working in the scout office. The Scout Offices were in the Lehman Building on Court St. which was demolished when they built the new court house. The offices were moved to the Keller Building, owned by Judge Hiram Keller, rent free. There was also a small office in Bristol for a short time around 1933-34, open one day a week. Scout Office was also in the Sheetz Building on Court St.

During the thirties at the Doylestown Fair, the council was allowed to use the area under the ground stand for scout exhibits. Troops from all over the county put in troop displays and scouts could display items made by themselves. Cash prizes were awarded by the Fair. Also they had stage shows each night of the fair, Cub Packs and Scout Troops put on skits and exhibits. One year they did the same thing at the Quakertown Fair.

While the office was in the Lehman Building, Carl Leidy of Troop 18 and Bill Carlin of Troop 36 were office boys at different times.



WOOD BADGE

by
Robert E. Snyder
Council Commissioner

The mountain-top adult training experience for both Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting is Wood Badge. Lord Baden-Powell firmly believed that training was essential for adult leaders who wanted to teach young people. He introduced the badge of wooden beads on a leather thong which still symbolizes completion of the commitments men and women are asked to make as a part of taking the course.

Cub Scout Wood Badge is relatively new to the Scouting program in the United States but is being actively pursued by Scouters in Bucks County. The first course in which the Council participated was in 1978, identified as NECS-3-78 and was attended by two Bucks County Scouters, Claire Mueller and Wally Hill. That course was held at Schiff Scout Reservation and was the last course held there prior to its sale. All courses that Bucks County Scouters have attended since then are regional courses and are held at The Heritage Scout Reservation in the Pittsburgh Council. The course is set in a Cub Scout environment. The purpose is to develop leaders who will return to the Council and both lead an active, positive role as a Scouter as well as act in a teaching capacity wherever possible. To date, local courses have not been authorized.

Boy Scout Wood Badge started in the United States in 1948. It was a week-long event aimed at the learning and improvement of camp-craft skills among its candidates. The aim here was to develop trainers for a Council. Bucks County participated by sending candidates to individual courses. The number attending was restricted by the host Council to 1 or 2 members from each participating Council. As a result, very few people were able to take advantage of the opportunity and the resultant effect on a Council was minimal. We have no knowledge of who was the first Bucks County attendee at a Traditional Course but there were at least 25 that took it throughout its history.

In 1973, the new Leadership Development Wood Badge was officially introduced giving Host responsibility to any qualified Council. The aim changed to developing men to be leaders, based on 11 basic leadership skills. The course was set in the out of doors with the candidates and staff organized as a normal troop would be organized. Attendance was no longer restricted to a few attendees but rather was available to any male Scouter who took the prerequisite training and was approved by the Council Training Department. The first attendee to the Leadership Development Wood Badge was Bob Snyder in Course NE-V-1 held at Camp Trexler, Minsi Trails Council in 1973.

Within 2 years the Council had enough qualified Wood Badgers to host its first Course. In 1975 Course NE-V-23 was conducted for 52

candidates in 8 patrols. There was a staff of 16. Candidates and staff represented 8 different Councils. Sky Lake was chosen as the site and Dr. J. Raymond (Ray) Christy was selected as Course Director and Scoutmaster.

The staff had very little experience but they did have enthusiasm. That's exactly what was needed to convert beautiful Sky Lake from a wooded, muddy, isolated, wilderness camp to a facility that would encourage learning while not totally taxing one's ability to survive. Weekends from March until the opening in August were spent in the conversion. A Gilwell field was carved from the trees. Sites were established which, while distant from each other were still feasible. A meeting tent, capable of supporting the entire Troop was set up. Flag poles were brought in and erected. A staging area for supplies was established and means for daily transporting of those supplies to the main camp area were developed. A portable shower was borrowed from the military. In addition, the staff was developed to act as a coordinated unit. The result was a successful course. That event marked the last official event at Sky Lake. The facility was subsequently sold.

Each course has its memorable moments but NE-V-23 provided the Council with one tangible gift that has been used in each subsequent course and is displayed at the Council office. George Webster, a staff member on that course, fashioned a set of beads as a replica of the set used by Baden Powell and from which the first Wood Badge beads were taken. The necklace is approximately 6 feet long and is dedicated to Wood Badge Training.

In 1975 the Council again asked to Host a Wood Badge Course. This time, Ockanickon was chosen as the site and Bob Snyder was asked to be Course Director and Scoutmaster. Possibly due to the recent (1975) course it became difficult to attract enough people to continue with the course. A minimum of 24 attendees is required. It seems at the same time Camden County Council was experiencing the same recruiting problem. Region determined that the two Councils should merge their courses and Bucks County should act as Host. The course was identified as NE-V-35. While not facing the same logistic problems of NE-V-23, the lake side of Ockanickon was not yet established as a training ground. A Gilwell Field was established, a rustic flag pole was brought from the Sky Lake area and a bridge across the swail was established. The old farm house was utilized as a staff focal point and a tent erected for troop meetings. Probably the most significant change to Wood Badge that year was the recognition that women Scouters were an important part of Scouting and certainly should be eligible to take Wood Badge. We were fortunate to have 3 women take the course.

In 1981 Bucks County again hosted a course (NE-V-62) under the direction of Earl Steigerwalt. The site was again Ockanickon. This year we were part of a cluster of Councils that had merged with the intent of promoting Wood Badge by scheduling Courses at selected areas and then promoting attendance and providing necessary staff. Weekend courses were now available but we were determined to go with the week long course. That always proves to be difficult to promote as compared with weekend courses. However, the cluster concept paid off and the course again was successful.

In 1988 it was Bucks County's time to Host another course. Bob Snyder was again asked to be Course Director and Scoutmaster. Ockanickon was the site and the Leadership Development Building acted as the Troop meeting room. Promotion was good and 42 people attended as candidates. As in all courses the staff came from various Councils of Area IV. The course # was NE-V-108.

While various attempts have been made to keep good records, it is not possible to say exactly how many Bucks County Scouters have participated in Wood Badge Courses. It is estimated that about 30 people have completed the Cub Scout program and probably 250 have completed the Boy Scout program. Neither is it possible to measure the effect Wood Badge has had on our Council but if you will look around and identify where progress is being made in Scouting — whether it be a Troop that is growing, a Pack that is participating in Council events, a building effort underway, or someone organizing a new unit — you probably will find a Wood Badger.



Woodbadge



INDIAN VILLAGE — CAMP OCKANICKON

REFLECTIONS

by

Hillborn Darlington

Currently Merit Badge Counselor

I joined Troop 18 when I was 12 years old. This was in 1927 and I am now in my 77th year. Bucks County Council was organized the year I joined. Troop 18 was sponsored by Salem United Church of Christ.

To me, scouting had educational advantages you couldn't get anywhere else — camping, hiking — put into the program by Dan Beard. There were scoutcraft meets at the Armory as well as first aid meets.

Dan Beard was my friend and I attended his outdoor school in the Poconos. His camp was great and I attended in 1928 and 1929. The camp provided school make-up sessions for those needing them and one of my special joys was when I learned to ride a horse.

Camp Buccou was primitive camping in army tents, we slept on a slope with our heads uphill and feet downhill. This was in 1927 and it rained the whole week I attended. We took our own mess kits, camp chef cooked but I remember dumping water out of the mess kit to find the food. I served first as Assistant Scoutmaster and then Scoutmaster. During the depression Livermore suggested that mothers should teach their boys to cook. Our mothers said no, so they hired a cook to prepare our meals. We had spaghetti four meals straight until our mothers caught up with him and out went the spaghetti and a balanced menu was selected.

I served on the selections committee for a new camp and on the council camping committee.

The Ockanickon site was selected. I received the Scoutmaster's Key (a five-year program) neighborhood commissioner's key; attended the 1937 National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C.; and member of the Regional Staff for the 1961 National Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs.

James E. West, Chief Scout Executive attended the 80th birthday party for Dan Beard in Suffern, N.Y. where I had the pleasure of meeting West.

Around 1940, the troop had a drum and bugle corps and the band performed in the American Legion Parade in Scranton. Band leader was from Central Bucks School. From the sales of chances the drum and bugle corps was financed, as were troop trips to coal mine and cement mill.

Merrill Brown, the auctioneer, started a tradition. When fathers were not offering to help out in the Cub Pack or Scout Troop — no boy could join unless the father agreed to help out.

Served as President and secretary of Doylestown Rotary Club for eight years.

I learned about protocol from the "experts". I mentioned Dan Beard was a personal friend. I invited him to a troop event. National Headquarters got wind of it and was not pleased that they had not been consulted. Dan Beard was all in favor of the visit and agreed to attend the troop event but as a compromise it was agreed that Beard would attend the council's tenth anniversary camporee at Bowman's Hill.

Scouting is and always has been the finest youth organization ever devised!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

by
Clair Mueller

*(Member Playwicki District Committee & former
Council Executive Board Member)*

In early spring of 1975 it was decided to give our Cub Scouts new experiences for the summer by establishing Cub Scout Day Camp at Washington Crossing State Park. Since that time other sites have been used including, Core Creek, Del-Val College, Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church and Camp Ockanickon.

A basic program was developed, supplies list drawn up so the program would be ready for July. The weekend before we began it rained hard but on Monday it was sunny and we had a good start. All our equipment had to be transported back and forth each day Monday through Friday. That first season of two weeks was great and the cub scouts expressed a desire to return next year.

As camp director for the first several years my thanks to all those volunteers who served on our Cub Scout Day Camp Staffs. Staff advisers included: Nelson Clements, Fred France, Wally Hill and John Maier. Day camp eventually gave way to our successful Three-Day Adventure Camp for all Cub Scouts. This year 1992 will see the beginning of Cub Scout Day Camp again in addition to three-day camp.

An innovative program was announced in January 1982 for a nine month Cub Scout Day Camp to be held one Saturday per month at Ockanickon. Vern Keats organized a Cub Campmaster Corps to administer this program selecting a theme for each session. This program is still in use today.

HISTORY OF CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

by **Bea Davison**
Former Co-Director 3-Day Camp

Day camps were fun and met the needs of our Cub Scouts in Bucks County Council, however we were ready for a new challenge. So in 1980, the concept of Resident Camping for Cub Scouts was introduced as a pilot project. And what a challenge it was. The Executive Board approved the idea and then the real work began.

In 1980 we had 169 Cub Scouts at Camp Ockanickon for three full days and it was great. Cub Scouts with parents and leaders enjoyed the wonderful experience of watching raccoons in their campsites at three o'clock in the morning and the sun rising at 5 o'clock. But we learned some important things about boys that year and one was that even with no sleep, Cub Scouts had energy. So each day we provided them with camp activities such as swimming, boating, archery, and camp crafts. Each Cub Scout loved eating in the dining hall and every adult dreaded that noisy time. But at the end of the three days with the culmination of campfires and special activities both the adults and Cub Scouts wanted more. So keeping the foundation of the program in place which included keeping all activities at an appropriate level for Cub Scouts, and including parents and pack leaders, plans for Cub Scouts Resident Camping for 1981 were begun, and themes were introduced with the overall concept.

In 1981, 196 Cub Scouts enjoyed "World of Circus" at Camp Ockanickon and they wanted even more. Growth in attendance was slow but steady in the early years and in 1982, 247 Cubs enjoyed the "World of Knights at the Roundtables" at summer camp. The parents and leaders of Bucks County supported the program through their work and attendance and by this time one adult for every three Cub Scouts were actually enjoying the program.

In 1989, the concept of Resident Camping for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts was approved at a national level by the Boy Scouts of America. By that time Bucks County Council served 1,076 Cub Scouts that summer which placed us in the first position in the Northeast Region and third nationally for both the number and percentage of Cub Scouts served. Resident Camp for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts continued to grow in Bucks County Council. Every year we have more Cub Scouts camping and enjoying the outdoors than the year before.



OPERATION BROWNSEA DOUBLE-TWO

by

Charles E. White

Former Brownsea 22 Scoutmaster



**BROWNSEA
"EYE-TOOTH"
COMMITMENT
SYMBOL**

Brownsea Double-Two takes its name from Baden-Powell's first Boy Scout camp in 1907 — with additional play on the numerals 2-2. It makes use of some of the traditions and a number of the activities of the original Brownsea camp.

Brownsea Double-Two is a camping experience, covering a week of strenuous program activities. It is completely program- and action-oriented. The participants are senior patrol leaders, elected to serve as such for the following year by the members of their troops. At Brownsea Double-Two they are trained to give effective senior patrol leadership in their own troops, immediately afterward in troop camp, then for the rest of the year.

The spirit of Brownsea Double-Two and the success of the training is assured from the beginning by the Staff's adherence to the "Principles of Brownsea Training". Involving: high expectation, performance, precision, uniforming, etc. Strong motivation: desire to learn, desire to give leadership. True education: learning by doing, "drawing out" instead of "pouring in". Total development: leadership and fellowship. The method used in training boy leaders is taken right out of Baden-Powell's experience on Brownsea Island in 1907. "Scout Training" he said, is done through games, practices, and competitions such as interest them (the boys). A subject is introduced, whereupon the patrol is immediately swings into action in activities involving the skills required.

The program of Brownsea follows the formula for a good troop program, as stated, in the scoutmaster handbook, which specifies for its criterion that: there is a program written down and understood by those who are responsible for it. The program is paced properly; that is, there are no dead spots and nothing to do. The program involves everyone. It is not a spectator sport, but a series of activities in which everyone takes part.

The author of the Brownsea Double-Two training program, William Hillcourt, affectionately known as "Green Bar Bill", incorporated the "Boy Scout Scheme" of Baden-Powell, along with his own experiences, as a trainer, author and teacher weaving into the fabric of Brownsea 22, elements of nature, pioneering, orienteering, and a host of other salient categories, close to the thrust of scouting.

The seven day program also includes numerous challenging games, stunts and the melodic songs of Brownsea, all are of Hillcourt's origination, save the "Eengonyama Chant" of the African Zulus.

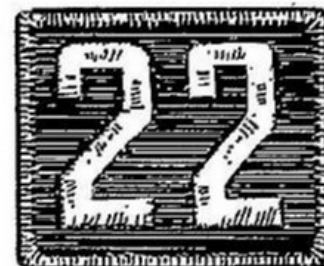
Bucks County Council, BSA has presented this course to troops since 1976, the finest and best of these troops have annually sent their scouts to this adventure.

A cadre of men, many scoutmasters of long experience comprise our teaching staff, nearly all are Eagle Scouts, Vigil members of the Order of the Arrow, and many are wearers of the Silver Beaver. Since its inception 560 scouts proudly wear the commitment symbol, proclaiming "I am a Brownsea Scout".

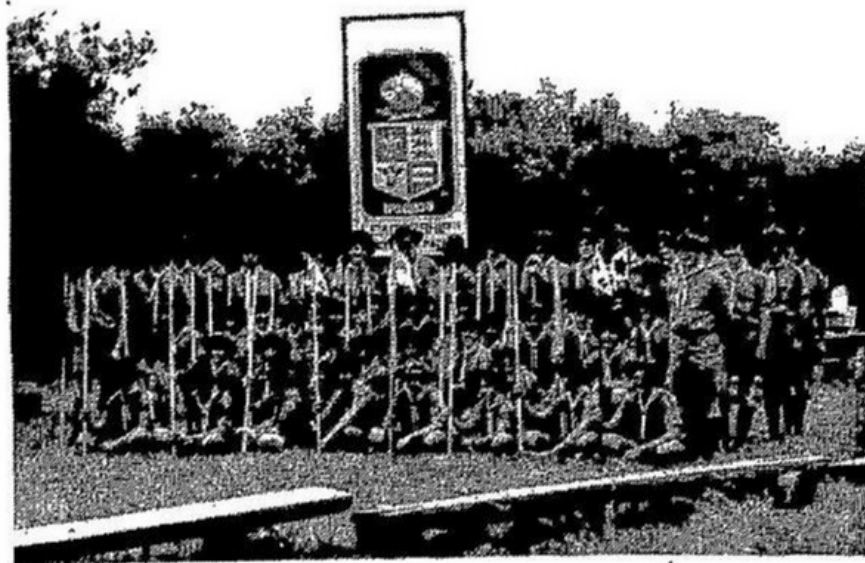
Nearly all the chiefs of Ajapeu Lodge are Brownsea Scouts, 40% become Eagle Scouts and their scouting tenure is lengthened. How proud we are!

The Brownsea experience concludes with the reading of our founder's last letter to scouts. Baden-Powell's letter is an emotional one, followed by the singing for the last time The Brownsea Song.

BROWNSEA TROOP STRIP



BROWNSEA NUMERAL



**BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL B.S.A
BROWNSEA DOUBLE TWO JULY 2-8 1978**

KNIGHTS OF DUNAMIS

National Eagle Scout Honor Society, the Knights of Dunamis was founded in 1925 and was the forerunner of the National Eagle Scout Association. The Knights of Dunamis was founded by Raymond O. Hansen, then Scout Executive of San Francisco Area Council and ten Eagle Scouts.

Your National Eagle Scout-Association

During 1971 Knights of Dunamis moved to merge their resources with the National Council, BSA and in 1972 the National Eagle Scout Association was born.

Bucks County Council Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association was organized during 1979. Ward A. Jennings, Sr. was appointed Chairman. Jennings was transferred out of our area and Joseph Zimmerman became Chairman in 1990. Eagle Scout David Peplow was our first chapter president. Much needs to be done to make this chapter an important part of our council. The need and help rests with our Eagle Scouts.



DID YOU KNOW? The only gold Eagle Scout Badge in existence is the property of Daniel Carter Beard estate. It was specially made for him and presented by Chief Scout Executive James E. West at a great campfire held in his honor during the biennial conference of Scout Executives at Blue Ridge, North Carolina.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION DINNERS were held each year since 1960 until the last one in 1985. Eagle Scouts had a sponsor from the career interest of the scout. Dinners were held at The Warrington Country Club, Cock-N-Bull, Lavender Hall and the Williamson Restaurant.

The first Eagle Scout Reunion was held July 12, 1990 at Ockanickon Scout Reservation with 50 Eagle Scouts in attendance. Winslow Hill was chairman.

On December 20, 1990 an Eagle Scout Luncheon was held with Steve Bell guest speaker from Channel 3 KYW. Bell is an Eagle Scout. Luncheon was held at the Warrington Motor Inn.

On December 19, 1991 the Eagle Scout recognition was held at a breakfast with Dennis Holland, Chairman. Eagle Scout Winslow Hill was honored.

The Union League has for many years honored several top Bucks County Eagle Scouts at their youth recognition banquet. In May 1981 Bucks County Council honored the Union League of Philadelphia with a special scout statuette for many years of service to young men of the Delaware Valley. Several scouts received scholarships.

Scoutmaster of the Year Award was first awarded to W. Roger Whitworth, Scoutmaster, Troop 10, Lower Makefield in 1980. At that time only one such award was permitted to be given in the state of PA. Eagle Scout David Peplow, President of our NESA Chapter made the presentation.

OUR FIRST TEN EAGLE SCOUTS FEBRUARY 1929

1. Joseph B. Gruver - Troop 14, Trevoise
2. Mahlong B. Detweiler - Troop 11, Perkasio

FEBRUARY 1930

3. Vance B. Forepaugh, Troop 14, Trevoise
4. Carl Leidy - Troop 15, Doylestown
5. Robert Sidle - Troop 19, Langhorne
6. William Stark - Troop 19, Langhorne
7. James Townsend - Troop 19, Langhorne
8. Edward Baumeister - Troop 21, So. Langhorne
9. Joseph Britton - Troop 21, So. Langhorne
10. Robert Wright - Troop 25, Bristol



DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Commander Robert H. Clime - Feb. 5, 1983
Judge Isaac Garb - Feb. 18, 1984

DISTINGUISHED SCOUTER AWARD

James E. Coyne, U.S. House of Rep. - Feb. 8, 1982
Commander Robert H. Clime - Feb. 5, 1983
Judge Isaac Garb - Feb. 18, 1984
R. Roy Hager - Feb. 9, 1985
Astronaut John-David Bartoe - Feb. 8, 1986
Charles W. Hargens, Jr. - April 2, 1987
Henry Clime - March 10, 1988
Stanley Worthington - Nov. 1989 (rec'd 1/25/90)
John T. Welsh, Sr. - May 17, 1990
William Thatcher - May 16, 1991

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

Herbert Barness - March 14, 1989
Marie V. Welsh - May 16, 1991

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Stanley Worthington - Jan. 25, 1990
George W. Shaffer - April 11, 1991

THE OCKANICKON STORY

When Bucks County Council was formed in 1927, one of the first considerations was the selection of a camp site. The first camp selected was located seven miles north of Flemington, New Jersey on the Raritan River, and was named BUCCOU. This camp was used until 1940 when the search for a new site was begun. A site was selected in Bucks County, next to Stover State Park, and was purchased in March of 1940. The flag pole from Buccou was erected on the parade grounds of the new camp.

Edward Barnsley of Newtown suggested the name of OCKANICKON, in honor of Indian Chief Ockanickon, who was one of the conveyors of the lands of Bucks County to William Penn in 1682. A contribution made by the family of the late Henry Palmer enabled the camp to build a kitchen on the dining lodge, which is known as Palmer Lodge. In the fall of 1940, a fireplace was built in Palmer Lodge in memory of Bruce Ford through the generosity of Mrs. Bruce Ford.

In 1941, Charles J. Matthews gave the council funds towards the building of a swimming pool in memory of his wife, Clara. The balance was donated by friends of Bucks County Council. Uncas Lodge was constructed in 1946. In 1948, the rostrum in the chapel was dedicated by Dr. A. J. Strathie in memory of his wife and son. The Health Lodge was dedicated in 1950 to the memory of Thomas B. Stockham by his family. In 1951, a more adequate supply of water for the pool was made available, in memory of William Fretz, by his son.

The purchase in 1955 of nine acres on the southwest side of the camp made it possible to establish two new campsites. In 1956, twenty-three additional acres were purchased and two more campsites established. In 1956, thirty-seven and one-half acres, with a home and a barn, were purchased and in recent years a number of adirondack cabins and washhouses have been presented by various service clubs, individuals and foundations. The Order of the Arrow took over the project of building the campfire ring and seventy-two seats were sold to pay for the cost of materials.

The Stone Conversation Lodge was presented by Mr. S. Feinstein in the name of his grandson, Joseph F. Stone, a member of Troop 20 in Newtown, and was dedicated July 21, 1956. The Edward M. Happ memorial sundial, mounted on a stone base, was erected at the camp flag pole site in September 1957. In December 1960, thirty-eight acres of land, east and to the Tohickon Creek, were presented to the camp by Edward C. Riley. Troop Lodge, near Quabosco, was made available in 1962 and in 1963 the Grundy Foundation presented a new Troop lodge. The new swimming pool was constructed in time for the 1969 summer season.

Ajapeu Lodge, Order of the Arrow, contributed funds for the construction of the Order of the Arrow Memorial Lodge in 1970 in memory of Douglas Booth and William J. Erkes, killed in Vietnam. The new maintenance building was built at the camp's entrance in

1971. The former Watts property was acquired in 1971 and during the period 1973-79 complete renovation of the kitchen, a new septic system, new water tanks, new four acre lake, three new campsites, a picnic area, parking lot, new aquatic equipment, etc., and the construction of a new leadership development area were completed.

In 1984, Bucks County Council acquired the old Boys Club, Camp Stern, across the road from camp and the Kessler property, next to Camp Ockanickon. The camp will be used for future expansion. A cabin on the Kessler property was enlarged and renovated in 1986 to serve as a new home for a Camp Ranger.

In the summer of 1985 a new filter system was installed at the swimming pool, and a new filter house was built in 1986. In 1984 and 1985, five new adirondack cabins were erected in memory of Harvey Walton.

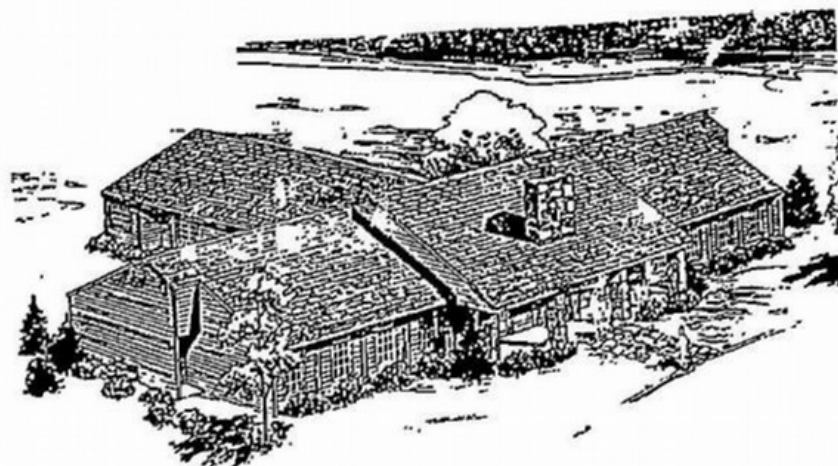
As one walks around Ockanickon Scout Reservation, they notice signs over the entrances to the campsites. They each have a meaning:

HOP1...	land of the peaceful people
SHAGBARK...	for the predominance of Shagbark Hickory trees in the area
OTTAWA...	in honor of the Indian tribe
WAKODA...	big hole
TAMANEND...	in honor of the famous Lenni-Lenape Chief who is buried along the Neshaminy Creek
BISCHEWI...	wilderness
QUABOSCO...	the adirondack cabins here were given by citizens of Quakertown, therefore QUAtertown BOY SCOuts = QUABOSCO
COMMANCHE...	in honor of one of the most aggressive tribes of the Sioux Nation
SENECA...	for the largest tribe of the Iroquois Nation
TOHICKON...	for the creek that forms a natural boundary of our camp
ALGONQUIN...	for the Canadian camp of our early Bucks County Explorer expeditions
MOHAWK...	for the Indian Tribe
LENAPE...	for the Lenni-Lenape Indians

The hemlocks, lining part of the camp road, were transplanted from the Memorial Circle at Camp Buccou by Walter Pitzonka. They remain as a living link between the old camp and the new.

Ockanickon Scout Reservation is located on State Park Road in Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania and is now more than 300 acres in size. Financing of the camp is made possible by camp fees, foundation gifts, United Way of Bucks County allocations, generous gifts of equipment, supplies and labor by the business community of the county, and our own Trust Fund, making it possible for Ockanickon Scout Reservation to operate.

NEW OCKANICKON DINING HALL



STAN WORTHINGTON, PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENT, HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE OCKANICKON DINING HALL COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVE IS TO RAISE \$600,000 DOLLARS TO BUILD A NEW FULL-SERVICE DINING HALL, REPLACING THE CONVERTED CARRIAGE SHED THAT HAS BEEN USED SINCE OCKANICKON FIRST BEGAN 50 YEARS AGO. ABOVE IS AN ARTIST'S REVISION OF THE NEW FACILITY.



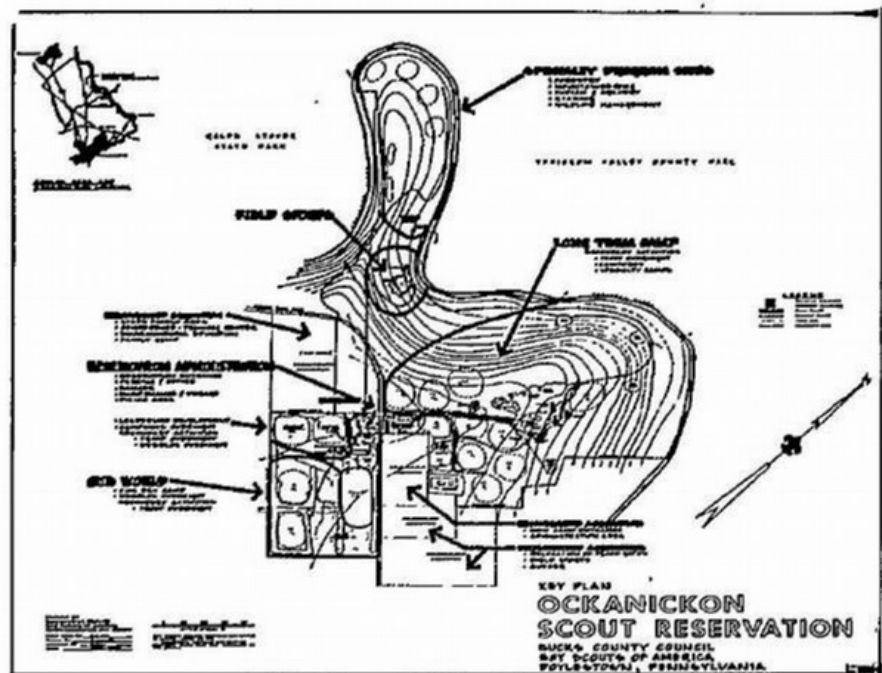
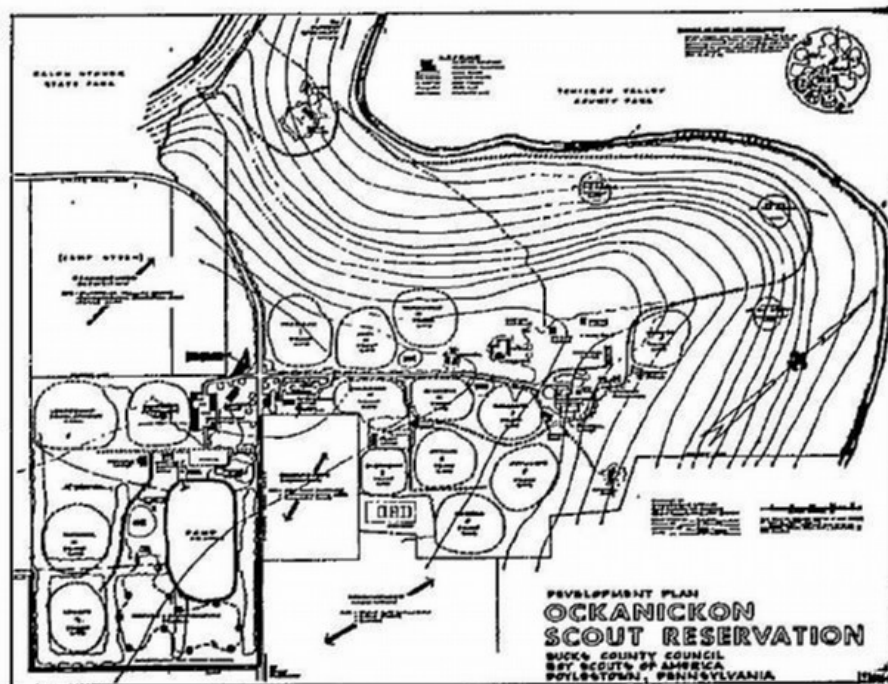
Come and Get It! Palmer Lodge,
Our Dining Hall.



The Camper's and Administration
Bldg., Summer House in foreground



Doylestown Kiwanis Lodge, The
Craft Work Building.



DEDICATORY PRAYER

by
REV. ALEXANDER E. DAVIDSON

CAMP OCKANICKON

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1941

GLORY be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. . Almighty, most glorious God, the Heaven is Thy throne and the earth is Thy footstool; what house, then, can be builded for Thee, or where is the place of Thy rest?

Yet, blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the assembly of the saints on earth.

We give thanks unto Thy Holy Name that Thou hast put it into the hearts of Thy servants to provide and equip this Camp as a 'place for recreation and the education and training of youth.

We thank Thee for Thy grace which has inclined them to contribute of their substance for the consummation of this enterprise and we pray Thee to continue Thy blessing upon this undertaking.

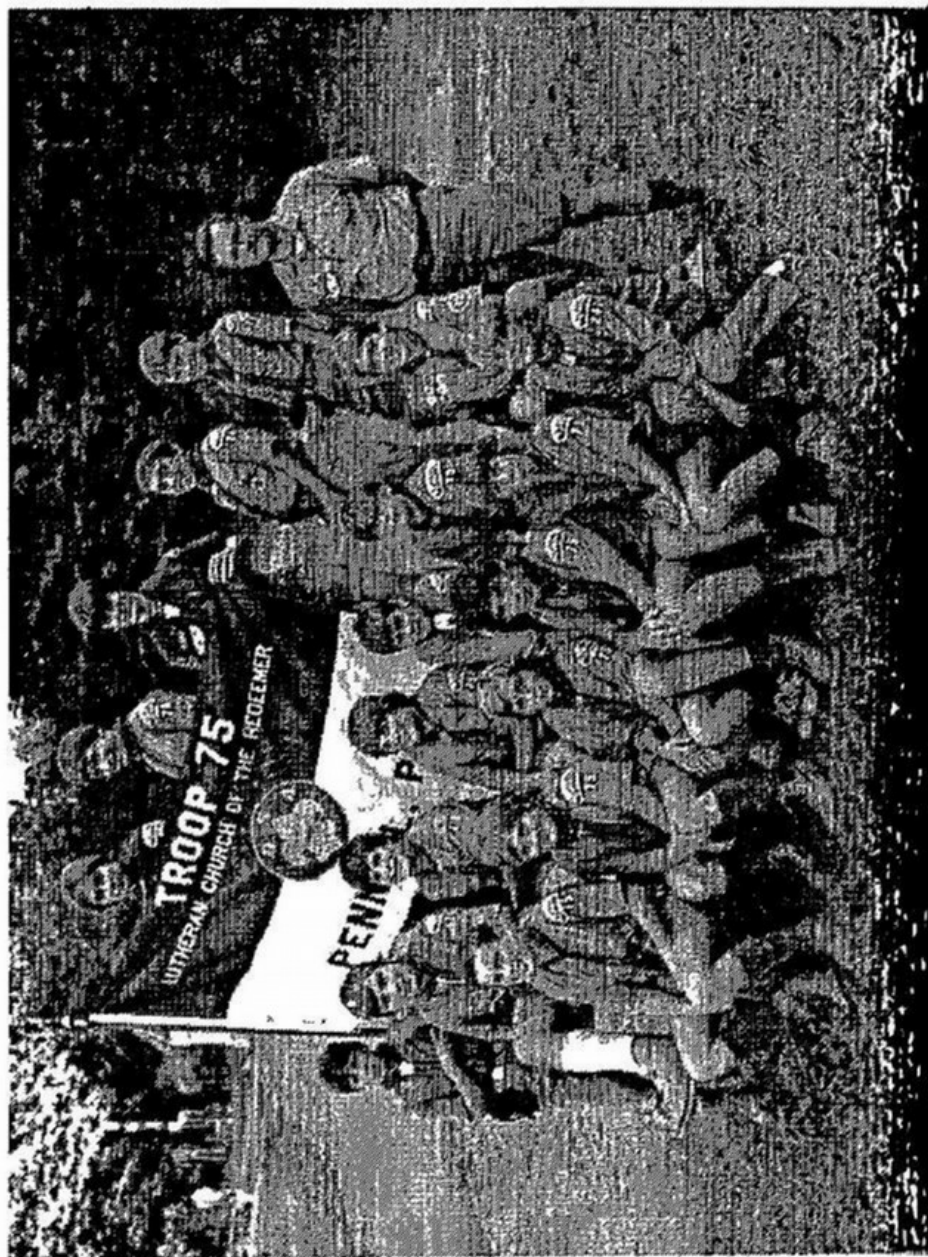
In grateful remembrance of that illustrious Red Man, Chief Ockanickon of the Leni Lenapes, who feared God, practiced tolerance and lived in brotherhood with his fellow men, we dedicate this CAMP OCKANICKON.

With deepest gratitude to Charles J. Matthews we dedicate this swimming pool to the memory of Clara L. Matthews, who having finished her course with joy is gathered to her heavenly home and her works do follow her.

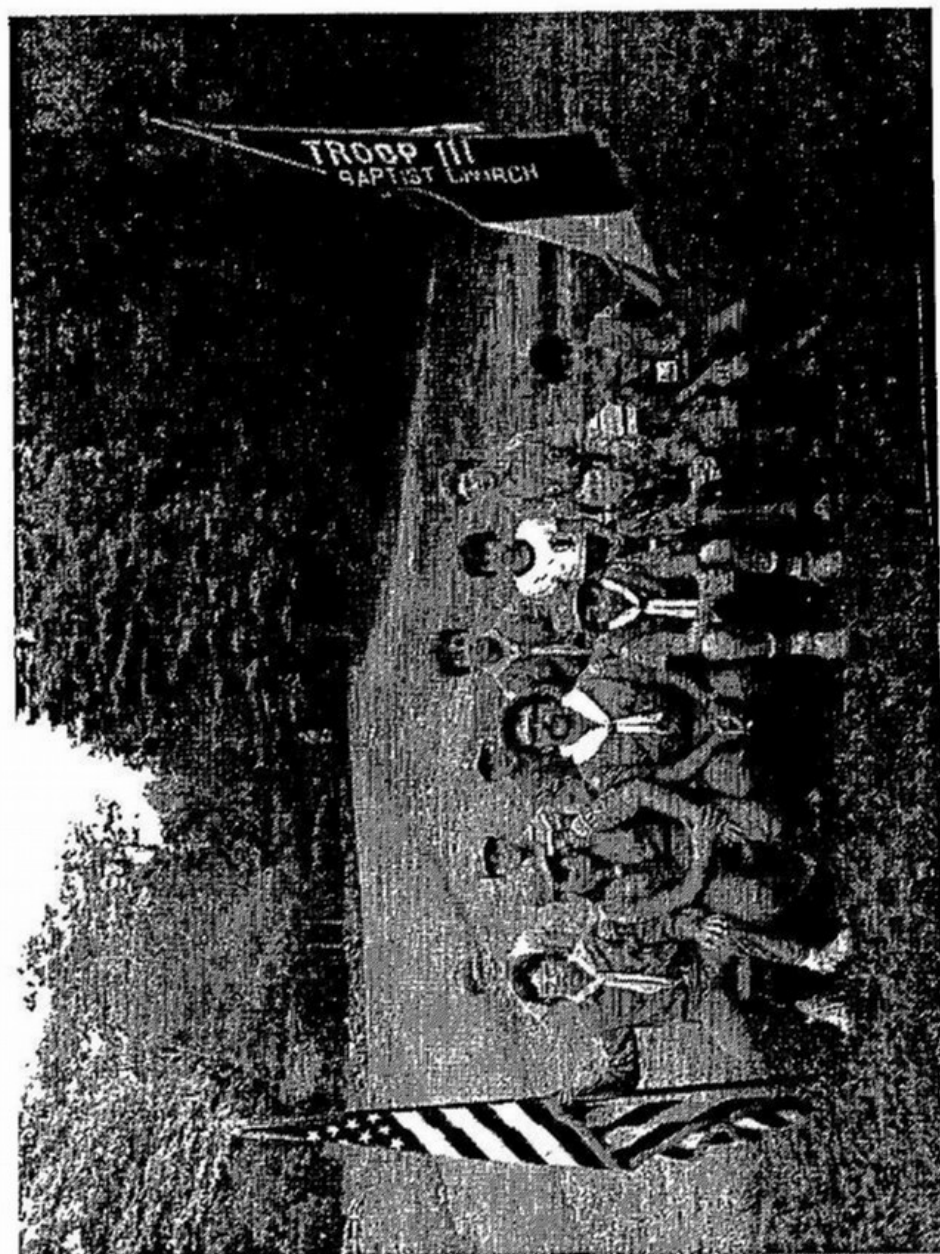
In grateful remembrance of Henry Palmer, Frederick Clymer, and others who have gone before, and with gratitude to all who with heart and hand and substance have served in the accomplishment of this task, we dedicate this Camp. For the training of youth in those principles of faith in God, of Charity, Tolerance, Brotherhood, pure Democracy and high Patriotism, we dedicate this Camp. May the leaders and instructors ever hold fast to the highest ideals and to all holy purposes.

May the youth who come here never fail to catch the vision of the better things of the life that now is and is to come.

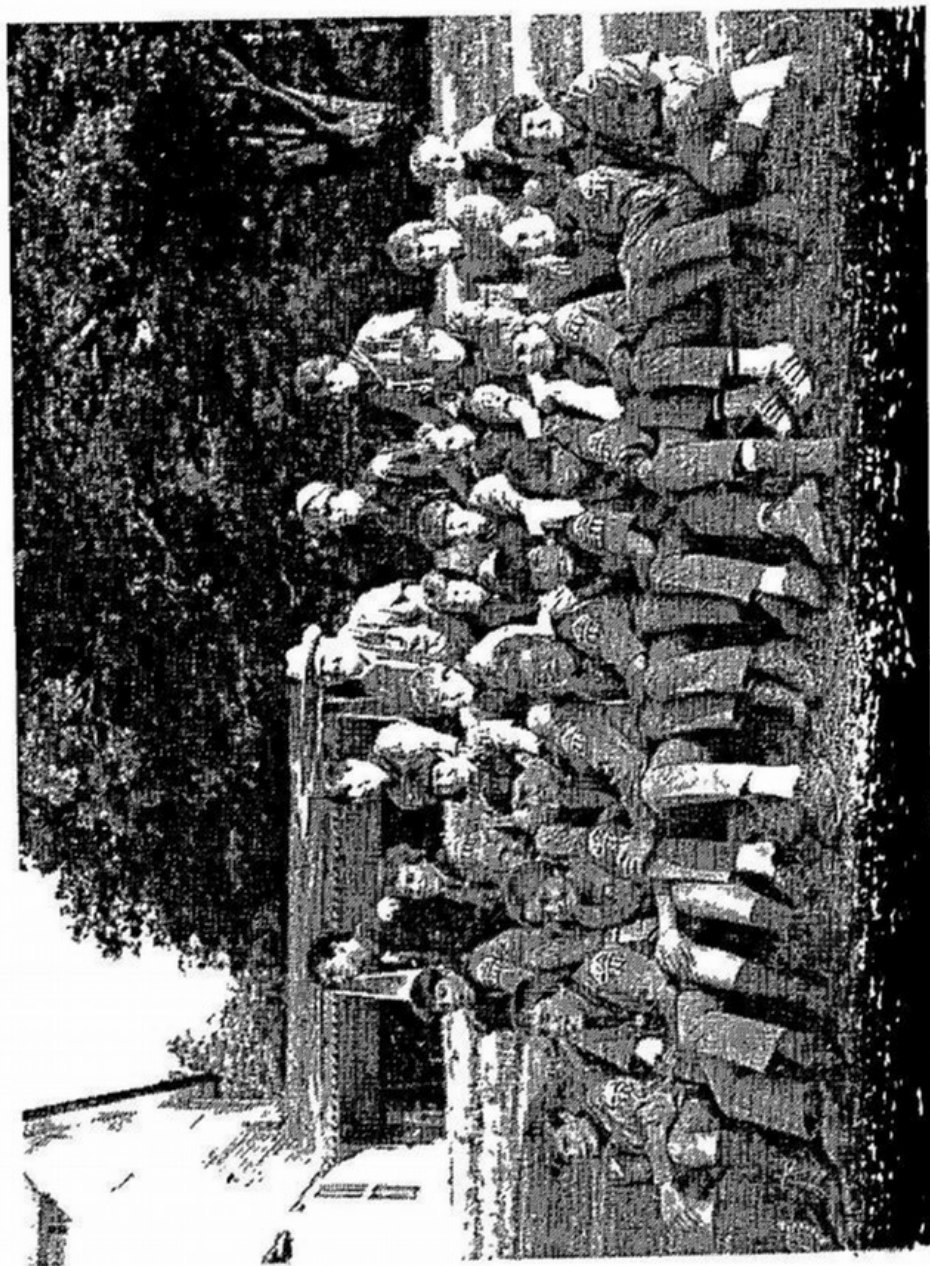
Almighty God, with thanksgiving and joy we, the Bucks County Council of the Boy Scouts of America dedicate this CAMP OCKANICKON to these high purposes in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
AMEN.



TROOP 78 AT OCKANICKON



TROOP 111 AT OCKANICKON



TROOP 240 AT OCKANICKON



TROOP 14 AT OCKANICKON



OCKANICKON CAMP STAFF - 1980



White felt with green embroidery.

CAMP OCKANICKON



Same as above colors. Also found with 1940 & 1941 Staff. Later years were green felt with white embroidery, also with staff.



White twill background. Red B.C.C., feather, ax on heads, black letters and outline, green teepee and inner circle, brown Indian. Also came in round patch.



White twill background, red teepee and letters, green trees and border.



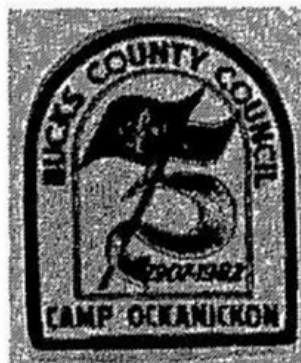
White twill background, green keystone and border, red lettering and deer. Comes in different shades of green with a cut edge and rolled edge. In 1960, the background was yellow gold for 50th Anniversary of Scouting.



Green twill background, dark green trees, brown deer, white letters, gold border. Note addition of Sky Lake.



White twill background, gold border, lettering, fdi. Solid blue inner circle, red 75, white diamond.



White twill background, purple letters, numbers, flag and border, gold fdl., 5 and inner border.



White twill background, red border and lettering, brown deer, silver horns, black fdl. Also came with black border and lettering.



Light blue twill background, dark blue letters, border, and deer. Red B.S.A. White snowflakes used for winter camping. Also came with white background with blue snowflakes and white background, red border.



White solid embroidered background, red border and lettering, black bear. Winter camp patch.



Light blue solid background. Red border, letters, fdl. Green trees, blue inner circle, brown grouse. Also comes with yellow border, black border, silver border, green border. Also came with yellow border with white snowflakes for winter camping.



White twill background, orange lettering, green border, brown deer. Used for winter camping.



Sky Lake Camp, white twill background, blue border, inner border, black letters and duck. Variations exist with changes to and B.S.A.

Photos compiled by Nelson Clements

ORDER OF THE ARROW

AJAPEU LODGE NO. 33

We're 65 years old too! Not only was Bucks County Council born during 1927 but Ajapeu Lodge, Order of the Arrow, was born at Buccou Camps, the first council camp. Buccou was located seven miles north of Flemington, N.J. on the Raritan River.

Scout Executive William P. Livermore, Jr. arranged to have a degree team from George Washington Council of Trenton area initiate our first ordeal members. Livermore was our lodge's first Vigil member. Walter Rutherford was in charge of the ordeal degree for the first three or four years. William Carlin, Jr., an active scout today, helped in the organization of District Chapters during 1936-37.

Ajapeu Lodge takes its name from the Indian name, Ajapeu, meaning Bucks. Our insignia is the Buck. The early days the insignia of the Ordeal Honor was a silver arrow, worn with civilian or scout clothes facing over the right shoulder; for brotherhood honor there was a gold arrow with a buck, arrow facing over the left shoulder; vigil honor was identical with brotherhood with a triangle on the buck. Our first pocket flap was made available during the 1939 camping season. The flap design was a brown buck and arrow in the background on buff colored felt.

Today national ordeal, brotherhood and vigil sashes are worn proudly by our members. In 1970 our lodge contributed funds for the construction of the "longhouse", Order Arrow Memorial Lodge. Dedicated to the memory of Douglas Booth and William J. Erkes, two servicemen killed in Vietnam. Ajapeu has supported financially many projects including campership funds, audio visual equipment for the council, work party weekends, spring and fall fellowship weekends, conclave support and National Order of the Arrow Conferences, presentations of the Founder Awards, Vigil Honors, Boy & Adult of the year.

Ajapeu Lodge has had a distinguished life of service and will continue to contribute in helping scouts grow physically, spiritually and mentally.

Today the Lodge consists of four chapters. Chapter activities and events have included staffing district klondike derbies, spring and fall camporees and other special events.

Adam Patrick is currently Lodge Chief, William N. Kuhn, Lodge Adviser, and Nelson Clements, Staff Adviser.

The Buck Tail is the official newsletter of Ajapeu Lodge No. 33 and is published several times a year.



The Legend of The Order of the Arrow

Years ago, in the dim ages,
In the valley of the Delaware
Lived a peaceful tribe of Indians-
Lenni Lenape their name was.
Deer and bear, wildcat and panther
Through the forest oft they hunted.
On the bosom of the river
Peacefully they fished and paddled.
Round their busy village wigwams
Still the chase they nimbly followed.

In this state of bliss so happy
Many moons they lived contented,
Springtime blossomed into summer,
Summer into autumn ripened,
Autumn died on winter's bosom;
Thus the seasons in succession
Never ending seemed to pass on.

But, behold, a cloud arising
Changed how soon this peaceful aspect.
Neighboring tribes, and distant enemies,
Suddenly disturbed their hunting.
The Chingachgook, aged chieftain
Of the tribe, made quick inquiry:
"Who will go and carry warning
Of this dire and dreadful danger
To all Delawares, our brothers?"
But none wished to make the journey.

Then spoke up the noble Uncas,
Worthy son of the old chieftain,
"O my father, I am ready;
Send me on this gracious errand.
If we would remain a nation,
We must stand by one another.
Let us both urge on our kindred
Firm devotion to our brethren
And our cause. Ourselves forgetting,
Let us catch the higher vision.
Let us find the greater beauty
In the life of cheerful service."

Off upon the trail they started,
Old Chingachgook and young Uncas;
And in every tribal village
Some were found who were quite willing
To spend themselves in others' service.
When at last the fierce marauders
Were forced back to their own country
And peace was declared between them,
They who first themselves had offered
For the service of their Brethren,
To the places most respected
By the chieftains were promoted:
For, said he, who serves his fellows
Is, of all his fellows, greatest!
As a seed dropped by the sower
On good soil bears quick fulfillment,
So this saying of their chieftain
In their hearts found glad acceptance,
And they asked that in some manner
He should make its memory lasting.

So together fast and firmly
Chief Chingachgook bound these warriors
In a great and honored Order,
Into which can be admitted
Only those who their own interests
Can forget in serving others.
And so firm must be their purpose
So to live, that their companions
Taking note of their devotion
Shall propose them to the Order.

We, therefore, to them succeeding
To the present day perpetuate
The names and token of this
Brotherhood of Cheerful Service
Called by Delawares:
Wimachtendienk, W., W.



AJAPEU LODGE NEEDS HELP!

We need your help in completing our records listing our Lodge Chiefs. Can you provide the missing names?

1928-29 Mahlon Detweiler, Perkasio	1960-61
1929-30 Carl Foell, Bristol	1961-62
1930-31 James Townsend, Langhorne	1965-63
1931-32 Robert Wright, Bristol	1963-64
1932-33 Carl Leidy, Doylestown	1964-65 Barry Nicholas
1933-34 Edward Baumiester, Langhorne	1965-66 William Whitworth
1934-35 O. Kenneth Fretz, Quakertown	1966-67
1935-36 Burtis C. Tomlinson, Morrisville	1967-68
1936-37 William Carlin, Jr., Chalfont	1968-69
1937-38 Jesse Wendkos, Andalusia	1969-70
1938-39 A. Howard Bochet, Chalfont	1970-71
1939-41 Harold D.R. Crumpine, Philadelphia	1971-72 Andy Carlin
1941-42 Walter Huber, Morrisville	1973-74 Dave Charles
1942-43	1974-75 Tim Whitney
1943-44	1975-76 Michael Wilsey
1944-45	1976-77 Earle Hager
1945-46	1977-78 Wayne Siefert
1946-47 Edward Mills, Jr., Dublin	1978-79 Robert Cahill
1947-48 Robert Meyers, Perkasio	1979-80 Robert Cahill
1948-49 William Meyers, Croydon	1980-81 Wayne Siefert
1949-50	1981- Jim Moore
1950-51	1982
1951-52	1983- William Soloway
1952-53	1984- Michael Slezak
1953-54 John Meckling, Sellersville	1985- Michael Slezak
1954-55	1985-86 Matthew Davenport
1955-56	1986-87 John Benson
1956-57	1987-89 Kenyon Waugh
1957-58	1989-90 Scott Christie
1958-59	1990-91 Jim Davies
1959-60	1991-92 Adam Patrick

ORDER OF THE ARROW
AJAPEU LODGE NO. 33





Sky Lake Camps was purchased Oct. 19, 1961 consisting of 387.5 acres plus 52.5 acres added later. Located in Damascus Township, Wayne County, PA property included two manmade lakes; Sky Lake, 25 acres and Beaver Pond, 7 acres. Facilities included program center, rough hewn old structure, trading post/commissary barn-like structure; five troop sites, aquatics facilities including portable aluminum dock and rowboats.

Camping season was for three week long-term camping season with minimum staff. Camp purchased food, cooked in sites by campers. Attendance averaged 105 scouts per week in 1974, less than 100 per week in 1972 & 1973. Sky Lake was available for unit camping on short-term basis Aug.-June, no Ranger or campmaster service.

1974-75 National Camp Inspection Teams revealed serious problems plant-wise, personnel and inadequate financing to develop the camp to its fullest potential. In 1974 hunting infractions, killing of deer, unauthorized logging of timber and other disturbing events. Sky Lake was used for Troops for weeklong experiences and successful Wood Badge Course was held.

Major capital supporters indicated continued support of Ockanickon and no support of Sky Lake due mainly to distance from Bucks County.

Following extensive study and discussion the Bucks County Council Executive Board decided to abandon the use of Sky Lake Camps for Scouting purposes, due to health and safety reasons and hold for sale with funds realized from sale earmarked for development of Ockanickon Scout Reservation.

PADDLE-RAMA

Submitted by Robert Swangler

Paddle-Rama was started in 1963 by The Buck Ridge Ski Club and the Philadelphia Council, BSA. Post 318 won the first race. In 1968 Bucks County Council was invited to join. This race was won by Bucks County Council's Troop 30, the "Delaware Rockets" that year.

In 1970, Girl Scouts were invited to join in the competition. Doc Suter's team, "Doc's Dolls", were one of the first teams, along with "Boone's Bunnies." The girls' teams added team names, canoe names, T-shirts, and a lot of cheering to the fun of the race. Names included Hot Shots, River Rats, Cool Dudes, and the infamous Polish Navy.

There were as many as forty teams entered in the race some years. Up to 1977, the training was held at Treasure Island Scout Camp, situated on the Delaware. During those early years, Camp Weyget in New Jersey was used as a starting point, near the Delaware Water Gap, with Eddyside Trailer Park in Pa. as the halfway point and campsite on Saturday night. It was here that many fond memories and long friendships were cultivated. The race finished at Treasure Island or Marshall's Island.

1978 saw the training weekend and race weekend evolve into their current form. The training weekend was switched upriver to Tinicum Park in Bucks County, Pa. The race runs from the Delaware Water Gap, N.J. to Stover's Mill, Pa. The half-way point is at Phillipsburg boat ramp. Saturday night's camp is at Tinicum Park. In 1982 Paddle-Rama started a "senior group", 18 through 20.

Program includes CANOE: flatwater training to qualify for Canoeing M.B. WHITEWATER: training to qualify for the Whitewater M.B. and the Paddle-Rama Race. KAYAKING: offered to train the whitewater canoeist.

Thousands of scouts, explorers and girl scouts have participated in this super activity.

KETTLE CUP CANOE RACE

by George H. Sanford, Jr.

In the summer of 1974, Leroy Polvorde and I were coming home from the Paddle-Rama Canoe Race and we were discussing the fact that after all of the practice that the scouts did for the Paddle-Rama Race, that is was unfortunate that there wasn't another race in the area that they could enter.

We also discussed the fact, that as much as we enjoyed the Paddle-Rama Race, that there was only limited places that you could actually see the race, and even less of a chance to see the teams run the slalom gates.

It was then that we decided to have a race on the canal, where the spectators could, if they were in good physical condition, not only see the race, but could actually follow it by riding their bicycles, and could take part, by helping their team portage their canoe. Leroy Polvorde was to make the slalom gates, and I was to do the rest of the preparations.

Two weeks before the race, Leroy Polvorde took his family on a vacation to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While on vacation, Leroy had a fatal heart attack. He was never to see the first kettle cup canoe race that he helped plan.

The first Kettle Cup Canoe Race had a total of eight teams. The first race nearly became the last race, as one of the team members from Troop 39, Edgely, PA while pedalling his bicycle decided to also carry his own personal paddle on his bicycle. A short distance south of Easton his paddle got stuck in the spokes of his bicycle, and he and his bicycle, went over a retaining wall, and plunged about twenty feet. Much to our relief he was able to bring his damaged bicycle and himself back onto the towpath.

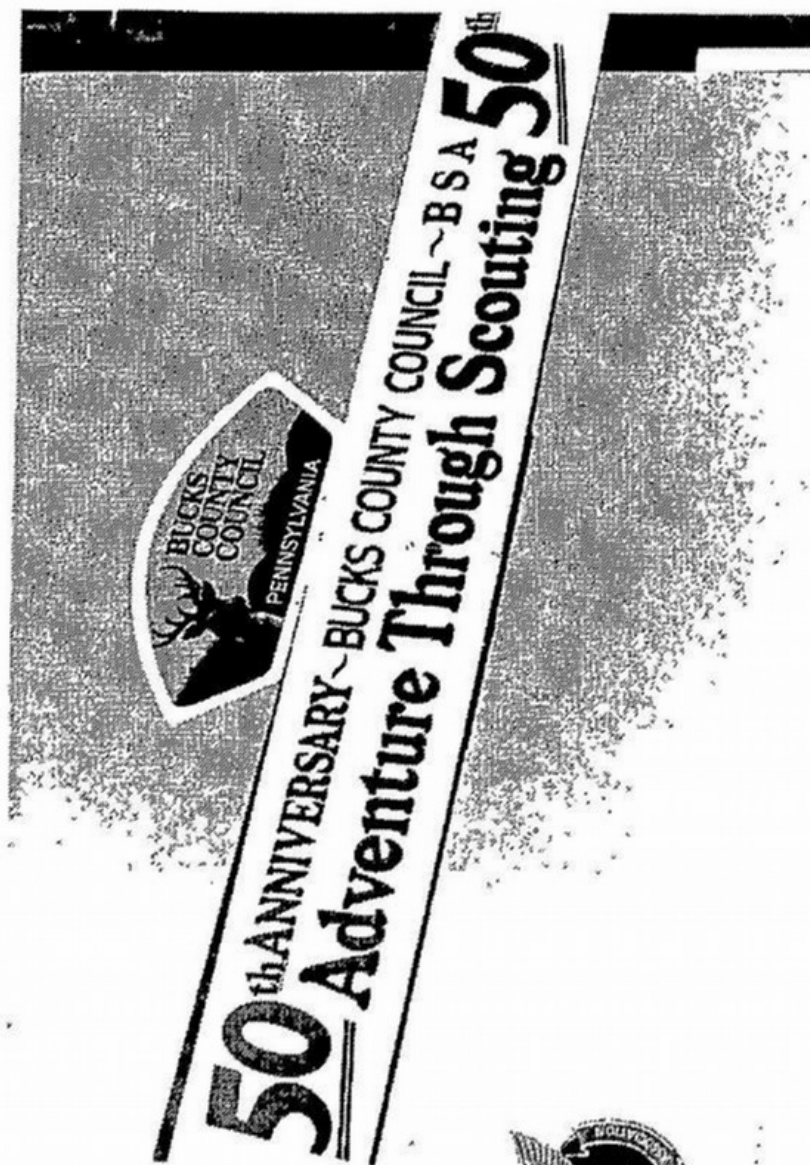
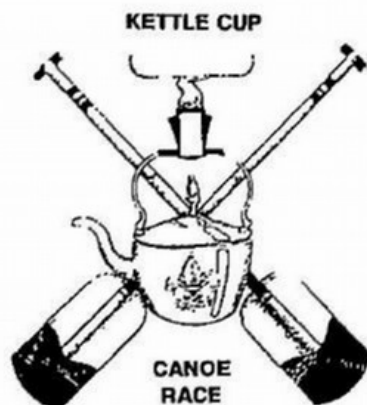
Troop 39 of Edgely, Pa. was the Class "A" winner, and overall winner of the first kettle cup canoe race. While Troop 30, of Lower Makefield Township, Pa. was the first class "B" winner.

Due to canal bank damage and lack of water in the Pennsylvania Delaware Canal in Pa. the Kettle Cup Canoe Race was moved to the Delaware and Raritan Canal across the river in New Jersey.

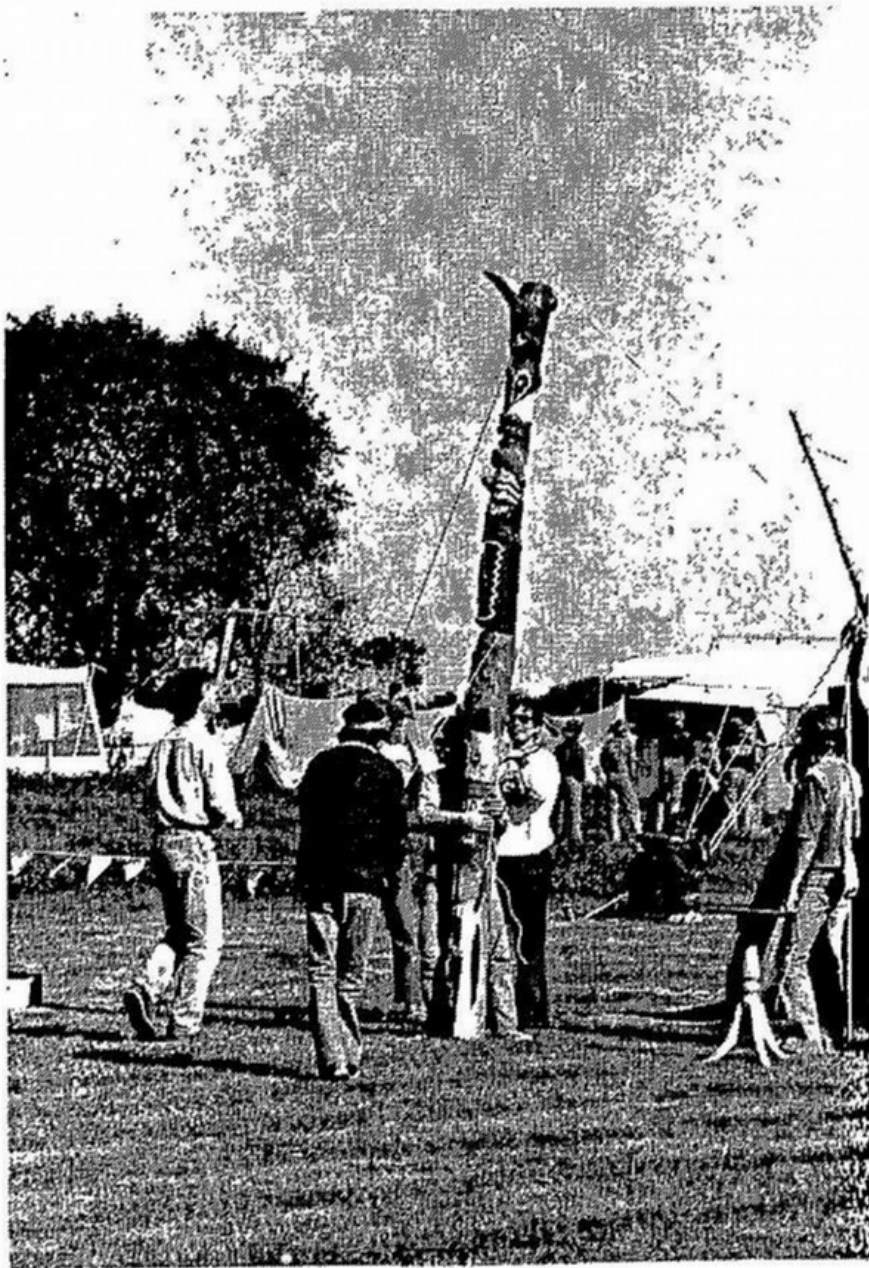
Instead of camping at Tinicum Park, Pa. we now camp in Washington Crossing State Park in New Jersey which is closer to the race site.

At the present time, the Kettle Cup Canoe Race has three chairmen: Gerald Hansen from Newtown, Pa.; Gregory Cooper from Trenton, N.J.; and, myself George Sanford from Yardley, Pa. We also have plenty of volunteers on our committees I would be afraid to try to mention for fear of missing someone.

To see the excitement and to witness the fun and good fellowship of both scouts and the scout leaders is the driving force that gives the people that operate this race the desire to work hard and to make the race better than ever.



50TH ANNIVERSARY SIGN
TYLER STATE PARK



TOTEM POLE RAISING



COUNCIL CAMPOREE - TYLER STATE PARK
50th Anniversary

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PHOTO AND PARTICIPANTS?



Photo by Theodore E. Nicolò

RECOGNITIONS

LUTHER W. LORD AWARD in memory of Luther Wellington Lord 1918-1976. Award given for distinguished service to Exploring was presented to Kenneth G. Biehn, Esq. in 1976, Lew Mohr in 1977, Ed Thilo in 1982 and Isabelle Mohr in 1985. This recognition has not been presented since 1985.

FRANCIS P. KEMMERER AWARD in memory of "Fritz" Kemmerer former Council President and long-time scout leader. Recognition given to the Scouter for "Above and Beyond" efforts for Bucks County Council. The first recipient was Earl Davison in 1988 for outstanding contribution in the field of Cub Scouting. The second recipient was Richard Porter for his contribution to scouting in the field of training in 1989. No presentation has been made since 1989.

EXPLORER LEADERSHIP AWARD - COUNCIL LEVEL has been awarded to two Explorers in 1979 to Michael Slezak, Post 28, Southampton and Ajapeu Lodge Chief and in 1984 to Mark Kwartnik President of Council Explorer President's Assn.

ACHOWALOGEN AWARD - a special recognition by Bucks County Council to those persons and organizations, businesses who have given special services to Ockanickon and/or Council Service Center was begun in 1981. Early recipients included Dave Eads, Earle Whitney, Martin Kubiak, Bill Mischke, John Deley, John Osborn and Bill Peterson just to name a few.

In 1987 Carversville Artist Charles Hargens donated the printing rights to his painting Charlie Iron Horse, a Sioux, 500 numbered and signed by the artist were made available.

The 1978 Reader's Digest-BSA Public Speaking Contest - council level was won by Wayne A. Siefert, Troop 8, Hartsville and second place to Laurence W. Curcio, Troop 114, Levittown.

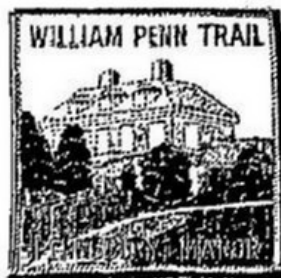
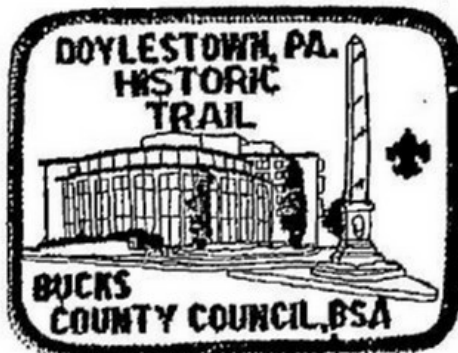
Scout Samuel H. Hann, III, Troop 10, Lower Makefield participated in the Reader's Digest-BSA Public Speaking Contest winning the council competition in 1979, winning first place at the Regional level and fourth place at the national level.

The Council nominee for the BSA Antarctic Scientific Program of the National Science Foundation and Reader's digest was Explorer William Doeltger, Post 28, Southampton. Nomination was made in 1984.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD GOOD TURN has been held each November the last several years under the leadership of Elmer Clawges and have proved to be very successful.

(RSVP) Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Bucks County recognized the Bucks County Council, BSA for more than ten years of participation in the program. (1984)

THE HISTORIC TRAILS PROGRAM



THE DOYLESTOWN HISTORIC TRAIL: This trail was developed for all citizens as an Eagle Scout project to promote the historic places of Doylestown. Embroidered emblems available for those who complete the trail. In 1724 Jeremiah Langhorne bought 5200 surveyed acres and 2000 unsurveyed acres which land contained the future of Doylestown. Trail program was designed by Scout Joseph P. Chirik of Troop 59. Trail was dedicated May 21, 1983 with the Hon. Peter H. Kostmayer, 8th Congressional District, as guest speaker.

DELAWARE CANAL TRAIL: This is a hike, bike and canoe type trail. The trail was five years in the making to get the history, lore of the canal. Trail is located in eastern Pennsylvania following the towpath of the Delaware Canal which operated from 1831 until 1931 as a major inland trade route. Not many trails can be traveled by bike, foot or canoe but this one can. The Delaware Canal Trail Award is available for those meeting the requirements. Awards are given for completion of parts of the trail and the ten-mile segment, the end-to-end strip is given to those individuals who complete all 40 miles. Segments are available for hikers, canoeists and bikers.

The Delaware Canal Trail was dedicated April 23, 1976 at Black Rock Road Picnic Area on the Delaware Canal, Yardley, Pa. Speaker was John T. Welsh, Immediate Past President, who described the development of the Delaware Canal. Dedication of the trail included: Cycling - Cub Scout Stephen Hildreth and Charles Follmer, Cub Pack 10, Edgewood Elementary School PTO of Yardley. Canoeing - Scouts of Troop 106, First Presbyterian Church of Levittown. Hiking - Explorer Carol Siglin, Explorer Post 43, Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Washington Crossing, Pa.

THE WILLIAM PENN TRAIL: This trail was another Eagle Scout Project and was designed to help scouts learn the rules, history and features of Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville, Pa. Scouts must bring their own compass as this is a compass course trail. There is an embroidered emblem for those competing the course.

The William Penn Trail was originated as part of Pennsbury's "Celebration of Friends" - Pennsylvania's 300th birthday celebration. The trail is a short historic compass hike which allows participants the opportunity to utilize a community resource to the fullest extent possible by incorporating orienteering techniques into the "traditional" tour experience. It is intended to be both educational and fun. The William Penn Trail is a cooperative adventure between the Pennsbury Society, Pa., Historical & Museum Commission and Bucks County Council, BSA. The trail was piloted the summer of 1981 and fully implemented in September. The trail hike was formulated as an Eagle Scout Project by Scout Reno Morris, Troop 114, with primary testing by Carl Jaekel.

THE WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC TRAIL: For those of you who would like an inspiring and educational experience this trail is for you. The trail develops a thorough understanding of one of the most significant events in our country's early history and in addition it promotes interest in other activities of scouting's program. This includes nature study, bird banding station, Penn's Woods, Bowman's Hill Wild Flower Preserve and the PA canal. Approximately 8

miles in length may be covered in one 8 hour day. A commemorative medal and embroidered emblem available for those who satisfactorily complete the requirements.

FREEDOM SHRINE TRAIL: Through the generosity of the Pennsbury Exchange Club a series of photographic reproductions of our nation's historical documents have been presented to Bucks County Council. As a result, The Freedom Shrine Trail has been formed and Dens, Patrols and Explorer Units as well as Girl Scout units may earn a specially designed medal upon completion of the trail requirements. The trail is located in the council service center. Trail requirements could be completed in two to three hours. I understand that this trail has been discontinued. Why is a good question, as the photographic reproductions are still located in the service center.



A painting of our founder Lord Baden-Powell was given by Dave Cooper in memory of Edward R. Drach. Painting hangs in the Council Service Center Board Room.

Our council is fortunate to have two paintings of Washington Crossing the Delaware. One painting is by Charles Hargens of Carversville and one by Jack Boyle of Holland. Both original paintings are hanging in the Council Service Center Board Room and are valued at several thousand dollars each. Both paintings were at one time a part of our troop's gateway at National Scout Jamborees.

In 1984 Cub Scout Kenneth C. Barney of Pack 207 won two honors for his entry in the National BSA-Kodak Photo contest.

Scouting's 75th anniversary was celebrated April 27-29, 1984 at our Diamond Jubilee Jamboree at Neshaminy High School grounds.

In July, 1984 19 scouts, 3 leaders and 2 other adults made a trip to France as part of an exchange program. Leaders were Ray Christy, Joe Keller and Wally Hill.

July 10, 1981 five patrols of 9 scouts and 1 leader each attended the Canadian Scout Jamboree. Leaders were James Soler, Harvey Walton, Ray Christy, Ted Nichols and Dudley Winter.

ACTS OF HEROISM



Cub Scout Martin Micklo, Pack 120, Levittown rescued his 6 yr. old brother from drowning. Received the Certificate of Merit, Aug. 6, 1976.

Peter Fatianow, Troop 75, Pendel, rescued sister from heavy undertow in the ocean, Orchard Beach, FL. Received the Certificate of Merit, Aug. 20, 1976.

Walter Sloan, Troop 180, Croydon received the Certificate of Merit on Oct. 2, 1978 for treating a severe ax wound on another scout.

Robert Hirosky and Victor Stella, Troop 132, Cornwells Heights received Life Saving Medal on October 2, 1978. The heimlich maneuver was used to prevent a girl from choking.

Medal of Merit was awarded to Scout Rick Eckman, Troop 32, Hilltown for using quick and proper first aid.

Scout Robert C. Schmidt, Troop 204, Ivyland extinguished a fire in Council Rock High School in Aug., 1981 and received the Medal of Merit.

Scout Michael J. Husk, Jr., Troop 66, Ivyland saved his brother from certain death and was awarded the Medal of Merit May 10, 1982.

Certificate of Merit was presented on June 6, 1984 to Scout William M. Garges, Troop 36, Chalfont preventing a scout from choking.

Mark Dolton, Scout from Troop 168, Levittown received the Medal of Merit in October 1984. Dolton caught a runaway horse in Fallsington.

Troop Committeeman Samuel D. Shaffer of Troop 145 received the Honor Medal related to an apartment fire July 20, 1985.

Scout Michael Lancellotti, Troop 82 using the heimlich maneuver saved his sister from choking on a piece of candy. Presentation was made on April 28, 1986.

N.E.S.A. Chairman Joseph Zimmerman was recognized in June of 1989 with a Certificate of Merit for his quick action when there was a fire in his housing complex and he alerted neighbors to leave their homes.





Memorial Wall

Located at entrance to Strathie Chapel
Ockanickon Scout Reservation
Point Pleasant, PA

The Memorial Wall at the Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Pt. Pleasant, PA, was built to honor the memory of our deceased youth and adult members and preserve the spirit of Scouting which they personified.

Near the entrance to the Interfaith Chapel, the stone wall is embedded with bronze plaques donated on behalf of former members of Bucks County Council, Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Units, families and friends.

On the Wall are names of volunteers, professional scouters and boys whose common bond was their devotion to Scouting. Among them are a former Council President, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Camp Staff, Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Executive Board Members.

A LIVING TRIBUTE

The Memorial Wall is a living tribute to our friends, colleagues and loved ones. If you have lost someone whose commitment to Scouting deserves special recognition, consider remembering him or her in this unique way.

A modest donation includes a small gift to the Memorial Trust Fund and covers the cost of a bronze plaque, which is inscribed with the person's name, date of birth and death, rank/position in Scouting and affiliation.

The Memorial Wall program is administered by the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America.



A LASTING WAY
TO REMEMBER
SOMEONE YOU
CARE ABOUT

MEMORIAL WALL HONOREES

JOSEPH BALIFF, JR.
Asst. District Commissioner
Tohpendel District Scoutmaster
Aug. 27, 1928 - May 20, 1990

CHARLES E. BLOOD, JR.
Feastville, PA
Council Executive Board
Nov. 5, 1923 - March 4, 1987

ADRIAN "CHUCK" BUCKLEY
Troop 380
Assistant Scoutmaster
July 14, 1946 - Nov. 9, 1991

CLAYTON E. CHARLES
New Hope, PA
Eagle Scout - Troop 64
Dec. 23, 1984 - July 15, 1982

EARL R. CHARLES
Jamison, PA
Scoutmaster - Troop 8

DR. J. RAYMOND CHRISTY, JR.
Council International Rep.
Eagle Scout
Silver Beaver
St. George Emblem - Episcopal
Tohpendel District
Jan. 10, 1916 - Sept. 20, 1991

HENRY S. CLIME
1912-1990
Distinguished Scouter
Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope.
Council President
Heritage Society Founder

CHRISTOPHER WARD DALLMER
West Rockhill, PA
Scout - Troop 67
March 30, 1969 - Feb. 22, 1983
Star Scout

WILLIAM S. DELANO
July 5, 1933 - May 10, 1979
Scoutmaster - Troop 53

WILLIAM DERMOTT, JR.
Churchville, PA
Scoutmaster - Troop 26
June 3, 1930 - Dec. 23, 1981

C. JOHN FISCHER, JR.
Warminster, PA
Eagle Scout - Troop 8
Oct. 17, 1963 - May 20, 1984

MILES H. GOLDBERG
Nov. 8, 1930 - Aug. 8, 1982
Pennsburg Eagle Chairman
Dist. Advancement Chairman
Troop 53

DAVID M. HERB
New Britain, PA
Troop 133 - Star Scout
Camp Staff
Apr. 26, 1970 - Jul. 22, 1986

ROBERT W. HOMAN
Cornwells Heights, PA
Council Executive Board
Neshaminy Dist. Chairman
Chairman Explorer Post 797
Doylestown, PA
July 14, 1924 - Feb. 28, 1989

JAMES F. HUSTON
Jan. 15, 1937 - Aug. 4, 1990
Pennsburg Eagle Chairman
Dist. Advancement Chairman
Troop 53

CONRAD C. IMHOF
Doylestown, PA
Troop Committee - Troop 8
June 10, 1914 - Oct. 8, 1983

KELLY S. JASPERSON
Eagle Scout, Provo, Utah
Explorer Post 797, Doylestown, PA
March 13, 1968 - Sept. 23, 1991

RUSSELL H. JONES
Cubmaster - Pack 28
Southampton, PA
July 26, 1919 - Oct. 4, 1984

FRANCIS P. KEMMERER
Council President
Camp Chief
Perkasie, PA
Nov. 1, 1898 - Apr. 24, 1988

GEORGE E. KOONS, JR.
Neighborhood Commissioner
Tohpendel District
Dec. 20, 1921 - Feb. 20, 1987

CHARLES A. MAURER
Southampton, PA
Eagle Scout - Troop 28
June 22, 1964 - Aug. 12, 1984

OTTO F. MUSSELMAN
Richlandtown, PA
Unit Commissioner
Tohpendel District
Sept. 27, 1921 - Aug. 4, 1985

JOHN J. A. NEWMAN
Pennsburg-Playwicki Cub Training
Scoutmaster
Jan. 27, 1943 - Nov. 30, 1990

EISTON A. ORNBERG, JR.
Asst. District Commissioner
Raritan Council
35 Years of Scouting Service
Sept. 8, 1914 - July 2, 1983

HERBERT A. PETITT, JR.
Eagle Scout
Asst. Scoutmaster Tr. 182, Bristol
Troop 124 - Levittown
June 29, 1914 - July 20, 1985

HERBERT A. PETITT, SR.
Silver Beaver
Troop Committee & Chairman
Troop 1 & 2, Bristol
District Commissioner
Dec. 6, 1875 - Jan. 20, 1952

WILLIAM M. REX, SR.
July 5, 1917 - March 11, 1981
Ockanickon Camp Ranger
Presented by Bucks County Council

WILLARD E. ROSS
District Scout Executive
Bucks County Council, BSA
Feb. 12, 1912 - Nov. 3, 1973

H. KENNETH SHELLEY
Silver Beaver
Lenape District Committee
Bucks County Council
Aug. 4, 1916 - Nov. 7, 1991

WILLIAM S. SMITH, JR.
Webelos Leader Pack 170
Lenape Century Dinner Chairman
Council Executive Board Member
Sept. 5, 1952 - Aug. 12, 1991

ERNA A. STEIGERWALT
Levittown, PA
Council Executive Board
Playwicki District
Bucks County Council, BSA
Oct. 15, 1929 - Dec. 5, 1982

EMIL JAN STEMBERA
Honorary Chief Scout
Czechoslovak Scouting in Exile
BSA, Shanghai Branch
Bucks County Council, B.S.A.
Nov. 6, 1900 - Dec. 16, 1987

ANDREW L. TUCKER
Troop 55 - Life Scout
Feb. 22, 1973 - May 5, 1988

HARVEY R. WALTON
Fountainville, PA
Scoutmaster - Troop 187
Mar. 25, 1923 - Aug. 12, 1983

WALTER J. WEBB, JR.
Plymsteadville, PA
A Boy's Leader
Dec. 10, 1929 - Feb. 19, 1937

GEORGE WIBLE
July 8, 1925 - March 4, 1989
Institutional Rep. Troop 53

CHARLES H. WRIGHT
Scoutmaster - Troop 28
Southampton, PA
Aug. 4, 1934 - Oct. 31, 1984



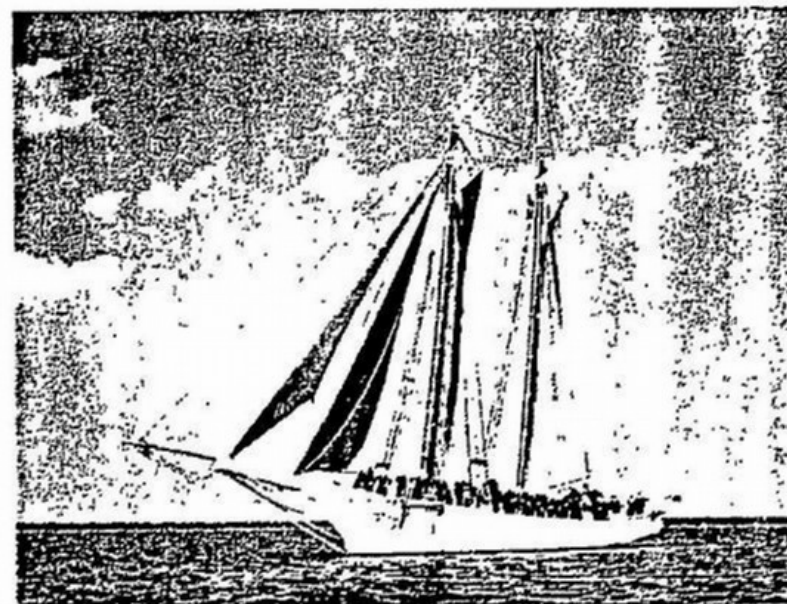
EXPLORING - CIRCA 1950's

photo by Theodore E. Nelson's



CUBS AT PLAY

OUR SEA SCOUTS ON CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE



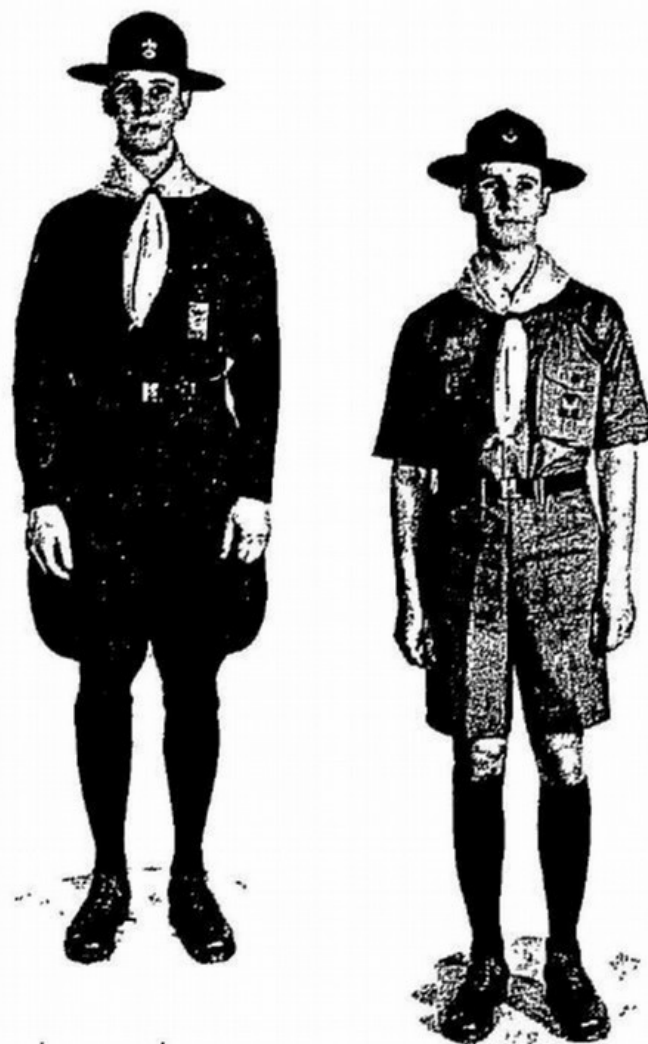
UNIFORM FOR SCOUTERS



*Scouter on the left in Breeches and short sleeved Shirt.
Scouter on the right in Shorts and Summer Shirt.*

1930 BOY SCOUT UNIFORMS

UNIFORM FOR SCOUTS



*Scout on left is wearing Breeches and the long sleeved Shirt.
Scout on right wears Shorts and the Summer Shirt.*

1930 BOY SCOUT UNIFORMS

THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM, BADGES AND INSIGNIA



Left—Correct Uniform for Scouters when engaged in the leadership of Scouts. Center—Scouter's Uniform suitable for street and formal wear. Right—For active service instead of the short sleeved Shirt.

UNIFORMS OF THE 1930'S

UNIFORM FOR CUBS



The Cub on the left wears the Official Shirt for Cubs, and the one on the right prefers the Jersey.

1930 CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

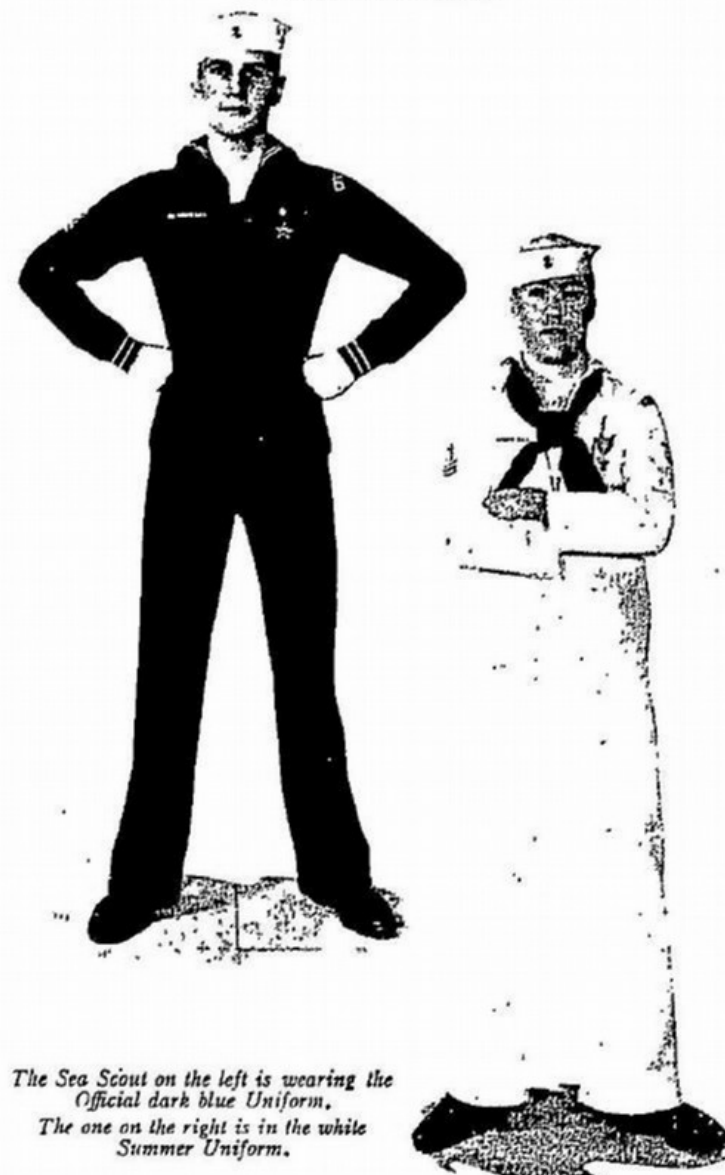
UNIFORM FOR SEA SCOUTERS



The Official Uniform for Sea Scouters, showing position of Eagle and Quatermaster Badge of Rank.

1930 SEA SCOUT UNIFORMS

UNIFORM FOR SEA SCOUTS



*The Sea Scout on the left is wearing the Official dark blue Uniform.
The one on the right is in the white Summer Uniform.*

UNIFORMS OF THE 1930'S



Optional Scout uniform



Scout leadership corps, green uniform option



Scout leader field uniform

LADY SCOUTER UNIFORM



SCOUTER DRESS UNIFORM



UNIFORMS OF THE 1970'S

EXPLORING

UNIFORMS



Explorer field uniform, casual



Explorer action jacket



Explorer blazer outfit, double-knit



Explorer field uniform



Sea Explorer leader blazer



Sea Explorer whites*



Sea Explorer blues*



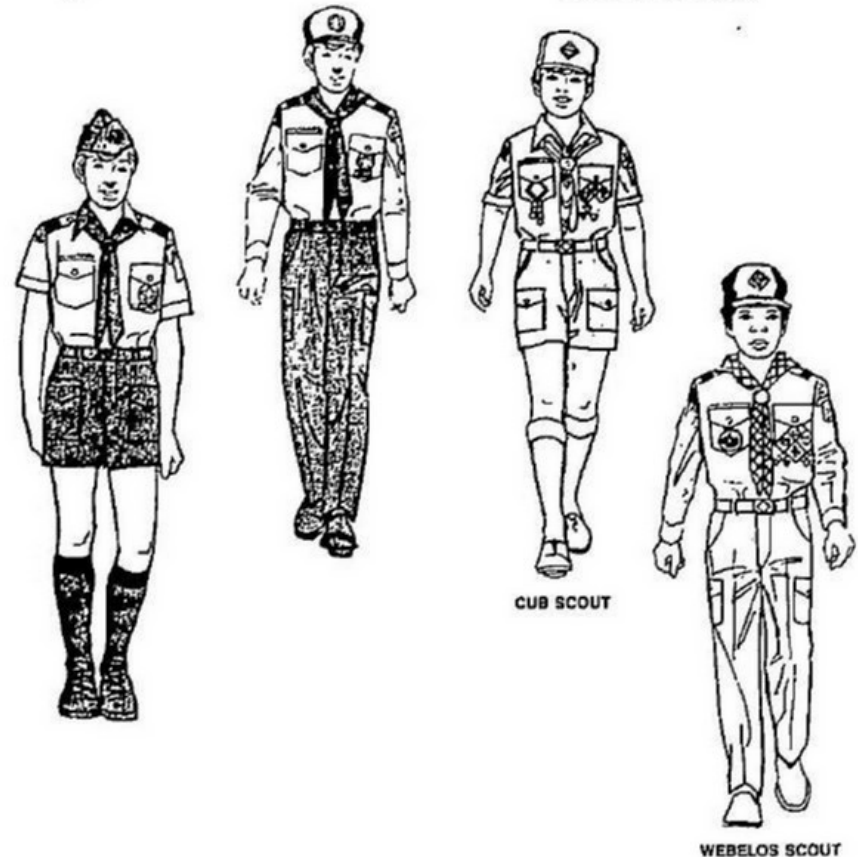
Sea Explorer leader whites

UNIFORMS OF THE 1970's

BOY SCOUT/VARSITY
SCOUT UNIFORM



CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS
SCOUT UNIFORM



CUB SCOUT

WEBELOS SCOUT

UNIFORMS OF THE 1990's



Lady Scout dress

Lady Scout shorts

Lady Scout
skirt and blouse

Cub Scout leader uniform



Webelos Scout uniform



Cub Scout shorts

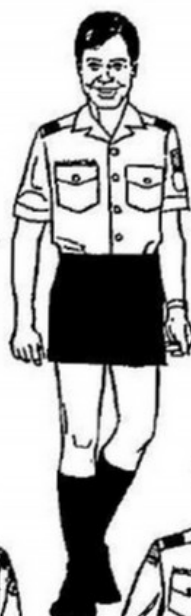


Cub Scout trousers

UNIFORMS OF THE 1970's

UNIFORMS OF THE 1990'S

FEMALE LEADER UNIFORM



MALE LEADER UNIFORM



Hon. Thomas B. Stockham

Mr. Stockham, member of the Regional Executive Committee since October 1937; Regional Sea Scout Commodore and Chairman of the Regional Senior Scouting Committee; Charter member of the Bucks County Council and served as that Council's First President 1927-1932. Member of the Executive Board of the Bucks County Council 1927 to date during which time he has held many positions including Chairman of the Troop Committee, Council Sea Scout Commodore, and active membership on Committees on Advancement, Finance, Organization and Extension, Camping and Activities. He has served on several National Committees including the National Senior Scouting Committee and also was a member of the National Council.

Mr. Stockham was widely known throughout the Region, particularly in the field of Senior Scouting. His travels in the Region, as Chairman of the Regional Senior Scouting Committee and Regional Sea Scout Commodore have included innumerable Council and Regional events, such as Annual Meetings, Sea Scout Regattas, Regional Training Institutes, Council Bridges of Honor, and Chesapeake Bay Cruises. The Chesapeake Bay Cruise Program of the Region was the work of Mr. Stockham and his Committee. During the six years of this program 40 Councils have taken 92 Cruises totalling 1643 Senior Scouts and Leaders for 429 actual days afloat. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Mr. Stockham was an Insurance and Real Estate Broker, Civil Engineer and Architect, State Assemblyman, former Mayor of his own home city, Morrisville, Lay Reader and Vestryman of Episcopal Church, member of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in developing community building for the use of his community.

Mr. Stockham was an active volunteer fireman in Bucks County for years and served as an official of the Bucks County Firemen's Association for a number of years.

This was the citation made upon the presentation of the Silver Antelope in 1944 to Hon. Thomas B. Stockham.



Thomas B. Stockham Memorial Health Lodge



Camp Ockanickon — July 9, 1950

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Raymond W. Hoxworth
Field Executive Thurman Gates
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BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Thomas B. Stockham Memorial Health Lodge

Camp Ockanickon

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1950 — 3:00 P.M.

Dr. A. J. Strathie, Chairman of Camping and Activities Committee, Presiding

Invocation Dr. M. M. Hostetter—Pastor
Doylestown Presbyterian Church

America The Beautiful All Sing

Introduction of Guests Dr. A. J. Strathie, Chairman

Presentation of Thomas B. Stockham Memorial Health Lodge
Mrs. Thomas B. Stockham

Acceptance of Memorial Health Lodge for Council
President Francis P. Kemmerer

Dedication Address Harry G. Nagle
Assistant Director Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America

Dedication Prayer Rev. Alexander B. Davidson
Former President Bucks County Council

America All Sing

At this point in the program the entire assembly will move to the area in front of the Health Lodge for Unveiling, Concluding Ceremonies and Inspection of the Memorial Building.

Unveiling Ceremony Scout Harper V. Stockham
Cub Scout Edward B. Stockham
Brownie Barbara S. Stockham
Cub Scout Ronald L. Stockham

Reading of Plaque President Francis P. Kemmerer

Benediction Dr. Frank M. Ulrich—Pastor
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Philadelphia

Inspection of Health Lodge by all.

Buccou Camps

Tenth Birthday Season

1927-1936



Bucks County Council Boy Scouts
of America

Keller Building, Court Street,
Doylestown, Penna.

Booklet Dedicated To

Henry Palmer

First Chairman of the Camp Committee

Founder of Buccou Camps

Called By The Great Scoutmaster, May, 1935



HENRY PALMER
Langhorne, Penna.

RESOLVED, that in Mr. Palmer's death not only have his family and the people of his County sustained a heavy loss, but the Boy Scouts of Bucks County in particular have been deprived of the informed and intelligent interest and careful judgment and unusual services that have helped to build Scouting and advance it in the Bucks County Council. Mr. Palmer was outstanding in his sympathy and appreciation for the needs and aspirations of boys and of their work as Scouts. He was one of the original founders of the Movement in this Council, a member of its Executive Board and Chairman of its Camp Committee from the beginning, and a generous contributor to its funds. He devoted himself constantly and gave of his time and thought to the work, always to its betterment. He was known to and held in great affection by all the boys in Scouting during the past more than eight years and he had the admiration and affection of all the members of the Executive Board who had come to rely upon his judgment in all matters pertaining to the work. The camp improvements, and particularly Good Times Hall, are a material monument to him and his work for Scouting.

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THE HISTORY OF BUCCOU

The Ideal Camp

The Boy Scouts in the area of the Bucks County Council needed a camp for their summer camping expedition. What is needed in a camp? The essentials of "an ideal camp" were listed by National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America. The list included: (1) uncontaminated drinking water, (2) equal accessibility from all parts of the Council, (3) private swimming, no summer colonies, (4) variety of nature lore, (5) convenience to food supplies, (6) unfamiliar locality, (7) minimum of hazards, (8) convenient medical facilities of doctors and hospitals for emergencies, (9) pasteurized milk, (10) low acreage cost, and (11) suitable ground contour for development into camping sites for troop units.

The Survey

Something had to be done. Henry Palmer was requested by the Bucks County Council Executive Board to become the Chairman of the Camp Committee, and to do something about the securing of a camp site. He accepted. He secured the interest of a number of prominent men to be on the Committee: Dr. George A. Bisbee, Bristol; Thomas B. Stockham, Morrisville; Clifford C. Nelson, Yardley; Frederick H. Clymer and Thomas Ross, Doylestown; and Wm. O. Hunsicker, Perkasie. In the earlier part of May, 1927, the Committee met. They took a map and drew circles of ten-mile diameter from the center of the Council (halfway between Buckingham and Doylestown), and the men agreed to survey the course of every pond, creek and river within one hundred miles. National Headquarters advice was to keep the camp near enough to keep the cost of transportation at a minimum (about forty miles), and far enough away from home to have the camper in a strange place to make him plastic to the program. Thirty-three sites were visited on eleven survey trips requiring fourteen hundred and thirty-three miles of traveling, and covering the mapped area. Many problems confronted the Committee: too high a valuation, water companies objecting to the contamination of the water from swimmers, summer colonies, hazards (snakes, caves, cliffs, whirlpools, swift streams, and many others), and a lack in many places of the essentials of an ideal camp.

The Lease

The site located on June 22, 1927, was about seven miles north of Flemington, N. J., on the North Branch of the Raritan River. The first Leader's Week-end Training Camp of the Council was held on the site on June 25th and 26th, and the thirty-five leaders present heartily approved the selection. It was thought wise to lease the site for one year, with an option to buy, to have sufficient time for the public to express its opinion. Hundreds of Scouts, Leaders, and visitors were enthusiastic over the location. Numerous citizens were consulted for their advice and the unanimous decision was to buy at the Camp Committee meeting held on February 3, 1928. The report of the Camp Committee was accepted by the Bucks County Council at its meeting on March 22, 1928, and the Committee was authorized to proceed with a \$20,000 campaign to secure funds to purchase the property and to have an amount for equipment. Mr. Palmer and his Committee called a dinner meeting at the Newtown Methodist Church on March 27, 1928, and the campaign was started with the enthusiasm of the representative men of the Council who were present. The first property on which the main camp is located was purchased on June 19, 1928, and the meadow was secured at a later date. It was only possible to raise \$13,100. The 84 acres of the present camp have cost approximately \$4,000. The balance of the money

was spent to construct the road, install the water system, purchase equipment, and build the site buildings. The assets of Buccou, today, are worth \$20,900.

The First Year 1927

With the camp up-hill, and the cook shack down-hill, with the worst rainy season ever had at Buccou, it was a trying time for any camp location to be acceptable to new campers. But—there was something about the camp that TOOK. Everybody liked it and wanted more. It was decided to take the first three letters of Bucks—BUC, and the first three letters of county—COU, and call the camp BUCCOU.

The Clymer Trail 1928

Treasurer Frederick H. Clymer took on the engineering responsibilities of installing a gravity water system, and a camp road from the township road to the sites on the top of the hill. His clever work has given Buccou a marvelous supply of water without any expense for pumping and the convenience of the road is well known. A canvas mess tent was added this year to provide a dry place for the Scouts to eat.

The Crafts Lodge 1929

Inspired by Isaac J. Vanartsdalen, the Doylestown Kiwanis Club decided to do something for the camp, and with their thinking in terms of their motto—"We Build"—they constructed the Crafts Lodge that has made it possible to teach thousands of campers the use of their hands for practical things. All the canvas was ruined by the worst storm the camp has ever experienced that occurred the night the Kiwanis Club dedicated the Lodge.

The Good Times Hall 1930

The financial campaign for 1930-31 made a sum of money available to erect a permanent structure to replace the damaged mess tent. With the generous giving of time by Chairman Henry Palmer and Cyrus Smith, of Hulmeville, the beautiful log cabin Good Times Hall is the landmark of the camp that created permanency of location in the minds of everyone. Materials were purchased wholesale by Mr. Palmer and only the best craftsmen were secured. An examination of the building will show the strength of which it is constructed. Camping Chairman Arthur M. Eastburn gave 15,000 seedlings for reforestation.

The Camp Show 1931

The weekly shows by the campers were gaining in such popularity it was decided to climax the season with having a show known as "The Camp Show." The best acts of the previous weeks would be asked to come back and they, with the acts of those troops in camp for the last week, would become the program. The hundreds of people who come annually to "The Buccou Show" have created a friendly feeling for the camp in the Council area and among the neighbors near the camp.

The Change 1932

Something was wrong. The world was financially turning upside down. Scouts were not able to afford to come to Buccou. Something had to be done. Those who came were happier than ever, but—many wanted to come and said we don't have enough money. The Camp, and Camping Committees, studied the camp situation when the season closed and the story is told on the last pages—The New Buccou.

THE NEW BUCCOU

The Camping Evolution

What could be done to get away from "the hotel camping" of everything being done for the Scout? A chef prepared his meals, and someone was constantly looking after him. The Scout Camper was being prevented from learning to take care of himself—the most valuable knowledge he should gain from his summer camping experience. Lack of funds was making fewer Scouts finding it possible to come to Buccou, and it was necessary in 1933 to make a complete change from the former kind of summer camping.

The Challenge

Realizing the error of the previous camping it was decided any new plan should be developed on the principle of "the Scout being on his own." He should be taught to cook for himself and others, and he should learn to take care of himself. Each site should be a complete unit with sleeping, cooking and eating. Principles of health and safety as learned in the Camporee should be followed. Scouts should be taught by Camp Mothers before they came to camp to properly prepare meals. The Troop Camp Leader should be in complete charge of his site, and would work through his Assistant Camp Leaders and Patrol Leaders. All sites should co-operate in the Scout requirement advancement periods in the morning, the tournaments, and the afternoon and evening programs. Safety should be "the watchword" to avoid any possible accidents. Would this plan work?

The Results

The Plan, judged on the basis of all camping standards, and increased attendance, has worked. Assistant National Health and Safety Director, William Lawrence, of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, says, "It is the cleanest camp and cleanest group of campers he has seen." Troops have succeeded in the plan by not letting things go "until the last minute" by taking care of all of the recommended preparatory details. Troop Committees have done their part by interviewing the parents of the Scouts to educate them about camping, and the Buccou Plan. Scouts come to Buccou and return home having learned to carefully take care of themselves. Self-reliance is not talked about but is lived by actually DOING.

The Sites

Captain Fred Mills, National Director of Health and Safety, when he visited Buccou in 1931, said, "I think you have a camp site that with proper development can become one of the five best in our country. You have selected an ideal place." In secluded spots on the Buccou Camp's Reservation there are being developed sites for Troops. Eight locations have been selected. To

prove the statement of Captain Mills, Buccou has possibilities for many more sites which can be selected as the need arises. Through the willing work of hundreds of volunteers the sites are becoming compact units for each Troop to be able to eat and sleep within their camping area. Incinerators and latrines are being built to take care of garbage and other waste. The Chalfont Rover Crew has constructed "Rover Rest" to provide a sanitary and restful place where visitors can secure drinking water. The story of the development of each site would be a camping history. The following portrayal will be interesting as an indication of what "willing hands" can do when "the spirit is willing."

Waterfront Gracefully taking shape in "the Meadow" there is arising the waterfront ship. With the addition of a funnel, officer's bridge, and the forward and aft decks, it will be quite a vessel. Sleeping in hammocks and living shipboard routine becomes a novelty for "landlubber Scouts." It is an ideal introduction into Seascouting. Many hours are available for water activity of which canoeing and rowboating are most popular. Andalusia, Chalfont, and Richboro Troops have given many hours of improvement to the site. Efforts are being made to secure a drinking water supply, and the construction of an attractive entrance.

Scout Camp The first Scout Camping was "under canvas," and the Scout Camp will carry forward that tradition. It is an opportunity to relive the life of the frontiersman, as the Camp is being located where the Indian Village had its tepees. Running water from the nearby creek offers its convenience to the appeal of the site. The Adams Family, of Riegelsville, have contributed sufficient material to build a mess hall with accommodations for the Scouts to eat in a dry place in all kinds of weather. Cooking will be done on field ranges to give the atmosphere of the outdoor life. Tent floors are being constructed to give a healthier place on which the Scouts will be able to erect their tents.

Lookout Called by that name for the beautiful view of the valley that can be seen from the site. It is apart from the other camps by a tree-line that gives it privacy but at the same time it is just a short distance to the activity centers. The former Cub Shacks have been renovated with one of them having been rebuilt to make a dining hall, including accommodations for the cooking, eating and sleeping for four officers. The devotion of District Commissioner Herbert A. Pettit to the completion of the buildings on the site has been one of the most remarkable examples of "The Volunteer in Scouting." He aroused many men to meet the needs of the site. Lookout is nearly completed, and it is to the credit of Bristol No. 1, Cornwells and Yardley; Scouts, Leaders, and Committeemen. The renovations should be completed by 1937 when more time can be devoted to landscaping the site.

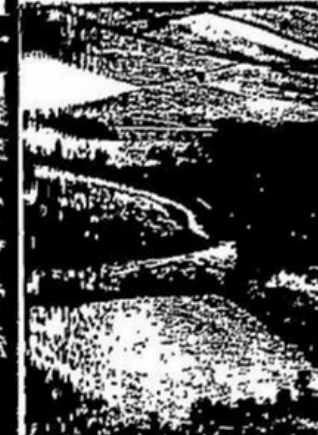
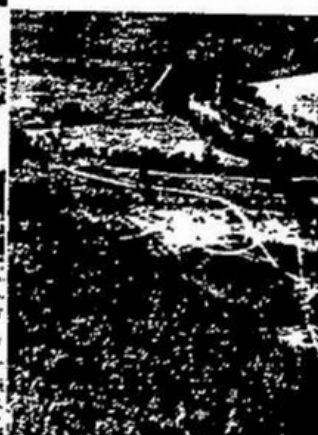
Forest View The kitchen of 1928 has become one of the most beautiful and comfortable camping sites at Buccou under the masterful hand of the 1935 Buccou Staff, and with the recent improvements by the Milford Scout Troop. A compact unit with sleeping, cooking and eating all being done under one roof has the advantage of compactness and ease of leadership. It is one of the most popular sites. Considerable landscaping needs to be done around the building with it being near to the recent grading of the Lower Parking Area. Sod from the Meadow is going to be secured and will make possible a grass growth on the shale surface that remains after the grading. Perkasio No. 2 and Doylestown No. 1 have started this work.

Handicrafters Through the kindness of the Doylestown Kiwanis Club giving an additional sum of money in 1935, it has been possible to construct a camping site by extending the Crafts Lodge an additional six feet. The troop site part of the Crafts Lodge is known as The Handicrafters. Accommodations are available for fifteen campers with every convenience. Sleeping is done on the upper level and the cooking and eating on the lower floor near the Quartermaster storage. Carversville has been outstanding in the reconstruction work with Croydon and Perkasio No. 3 adding their assistance.

Mountain View The neighboring hills, the entire valley, and the ten-mile view to Glen Gardner give an appeal to this site that is not equaled by any other site. The carrying of water, owing to the site being above the gravity flow of the camp water system, has been the only disadvantage. The Scout Headquarters of an earlier day has become the sleeping section for twenty campers. Not very much has been accomplished in renovating the site. There has been a delay in the arrival of materials that have been promised Doylestown No. 2. Trevoise, Newtown and New Britain Troops have co-operated in what renovating that has been done and have agreed to assist in the building of a separate mess hall unit and a porch for the present building as soon as the materials arrive. Plans are being developed for the having of a suction pump water system that will be a lift process to draw water up to the site to have the accommodation of running water.

Palmer Point Named after the first Chairman of the Camp Committee, Henry Palmer, in recognition of his interest and devotion to the development of Buccou Camps. It is the spot at which Mr. Palmer said, "We will have a wonderful camp some day," when he walked over the property in 1927. It is a true Scout Camp with its canvas tents. The work of Bristol No. 2 and Hartsville can be seen by the attractiveness of the entrance—the winding trail to the site—the facilities for the personal comfort of the camper. With the construction of a building to provide a dry place to eat in all kinds of weather, and some landscaping, the site will be complete.

VIEWS OF "BUCCOU CAMPS"—THE WICKS COUNTY BOY SCOUT CAMP



Upper left—Exterior of Good Times Hall
Centre left—"Buddy System" during swimming in Raritan River
Lower left—"Mountain View," 1157 feet above sea level

Upper—Instruction period in Good Times Hall
Centre—Airplane view of Buccou Camp
Lower—"Stockade" sleeping quarters

Good Times Hall
Chapel for Sunday Service

Upper right—Doylestown Kiwanis Crafts Lodge, "Handicrafters"
Centre right—Chapel for Sunday Service
Lower right—Dining Hall, Kitchen, and Leaders' Quarters at "Camp Lookout"

Stockade The beauty spot of Buccou sites as it is constructed of chestnut logs. It is the beginning of the frontier with the isolation of the plains. Langhorne, Morrisville No. 1, Bristol No. 7 and Newportville have done their share to build the site. Assistant Scoutmaster Irwin Brambley, of Newportville, and Scouts Lawrence F. Newell and Walter Huber, of Morrisville No. 1, have been the most devoted. The first two rustic shacks have been constructed, accommodating four boys in each of them. The building of two more will complete the site. The old Stockade shack is going to be salvaged and made into a mess hall with accommodations for the troop officers in charge of the site. The location of the camp lower down the hill has made possible a water supply from the Camp system without the need of a pump. A log barricade is to be erected to give the effect of the stockades constructed in the early part of the nineteenth century.

Good Times Hall The social centre of Buccou. It is the ideal place for the Scout to relax from the site life. Table games are available. Evening sings are conducted weekly before the massive fireplace. Buccou is supervised from the Administration Office. The Trading Post, emergency kitchen, first aid station, and Scouter's Quarters for visiting leaders are all a part of the massive log building. Assistant Scoutmaster "Bill" Carlin is deserving of every possible recognition for his faithful and devoted service to Buccou Camps as Superintendent of Property during the first three years of the New Buccou, and for his continued interest. The good work of 1933 to 1935 staff members can be seen throughout the camp site. With "Uncle Bill" Livermore have been "Bill" Carlin, "Bill" Hagar, "Bill" Palmer, "Bill" Lyndall, "Dick" Heyder, "Schmitz" McCoy, "Bill" Amick, and "Leonard" Dwyer. Hundreds of hours of willing labor were given by the young men. It is a reserve site for conditions arising from severe weather and provides an ideal place for winter camping. Visitors find it a comfortable spot to rest on the broad porch with a view of the quiet valley.

The Future Who knows? The plan depends on the participation of every individual of the Troop, and the co-operation of the Home. It has worked and will continue to work as long as the Troop and Home will do their share and take care of their part of the things that need to be done. Buccou needs many things. The recent gifts of Joseph Livezey, Milford; Walter W. Pitzonka, Bristol; Thomas Ross, Doylestown, and the Chalfont Rover Crew have made for greater comfort for everyone. The giving of material things is a necessity but the giving of oneself by "Buccou being better by your having been there" is the greatest need. This quotation has been accepted by the Tenth Birthday season campers as the service motto for Buccou. It is such spirit that makes a camp. Buccou goes "Onward for Scouting" and for the objective of developing a worthy citizenship of sterling character.

1936

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Richard Foster, Council President, thanks Jack Boyle for the painting he made and presented to Bucks County Council of "Washington Crossing the Delaware".



Composed expressly for and dedicated
with admiration and affection to the

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MARCH • By JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Tempo di Marcia brillante

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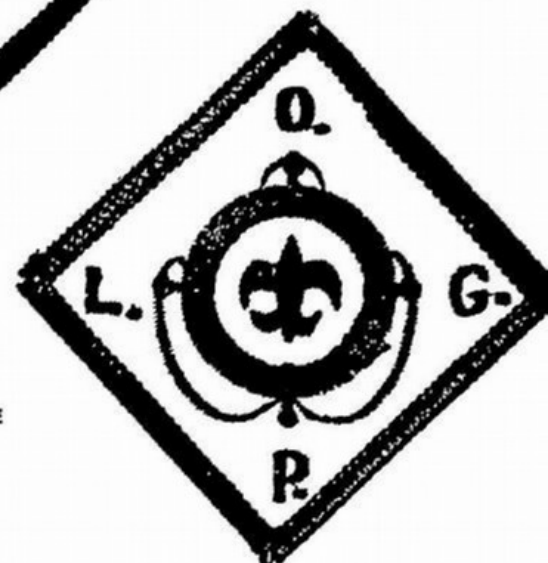
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ROCK CLIMBING
ALSO BLUE RUNNER
& RED DRUNNER



OCKANICKON LIFE
GUARD PATROL





TYPICAL CUB PACK MEETING - CIRCA 1950's

Photo by Theodore E. Nichols

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DECLARE THAT IT SHALL BE KNOWN TO ALL THAT

has helped in the development and growth of Ockanickon Scout Reservation; the Council Service Center or other approved sites by donating supplies, use of equipment and manpower. In recognition of this the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America, proudly presents the Achawalogen Award.

Council President _____ (Date) _____

Council Executive _____



BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DECLARE THAT IT SHALL BE KNOWN TO ALL THAT

PARTICIPATED IN THE _____ CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP POSTER CONTEST AND IS HEREBY AWARDED THIS CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION.



Approved By _____ (Date) _____



WISDOM
LOYALTY
DETERMINATION
SKILL

This is to certify that

_____ is a member in good standing in the BROWNSEA DOUBLE-TWO ALUMNI of the Bucks County Council, B.S.A., for the year ending December 31, 19____.

Charles G. White
Alumni Chairman
BROWNSEA DOUBLE-TWO



THIS EAGLE BADGE
IS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY

OF
DAVID KRAFT

A MAN WHO CARED

BY THE

TERRY KRAFT FAMILY

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Doyfestown, PA

CAMPMASTER

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Boy Scouts of America

This card certifies that



has duly qualified as a Campmaster and is authorized to carry out the duties of the office as a helper of units in camp.

Date _____ SE _____



EXPLORER

Presidents' Association

ACTIVE MEMBER

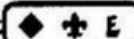


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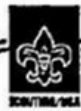
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and is eligible to enter
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Date _____

Instructor _____



Bucks County Council DOYLESTOWN, PA.

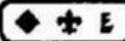


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Campmaster Corps Chm.

Scout Executive



Bucks County Council DOYLESTOWN, PA.

Boy Scouts of America



THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Is a member of the Bucks County Council
Silver Beaver Club for the year ending
December 31, 19__.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Leadership Training Recognition

This training award has been made available to you through a grant from the Atlantic Richfield Foundation.

THANKS

The Bucks County Council,
Boy Scouts of America,
and the Central Bucks
School District extend
their sincere THANKS to

for taking part in
"Explore A Career Day"
held at the Lenape Junior
High School, Doylestown,
Pa.

Post President
Date: _____

Boy Scouts of America



This Silver Beaver presentation kit
has been provided by the Bucks County
Council Silver Beaver Club.



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SKILL

This is to certify that

District

BUCKS CO. COUNCIL
was a member of the
BROWNSEA DOUBLE-TWO
19__
Ockanickon Scout Reservation

S. M. Brownlee-22

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

HAS SATISFACTORILY MET THE
REQUIREMENTS
OF THE PRACTICAL

**WOOD BADGE
TRAINING
EXPERIENCE**



Course Director

Certificate Number

Date



BROWNSEA DOUBLE TWO

ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, May 21, 1983
7 p.m.

Plumsteadville Fire Hall
Plumsteadville, Pa.

Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America
Ticket # _____ Price: \$8.00 per person

Boy Scouts of America



This certificate is presented to

on completion of the requirements
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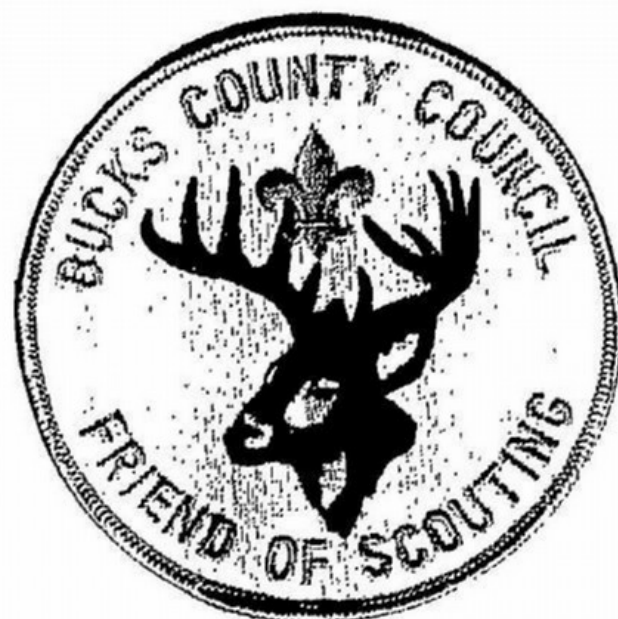
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Scout Executive

District Adv/ment Chairman

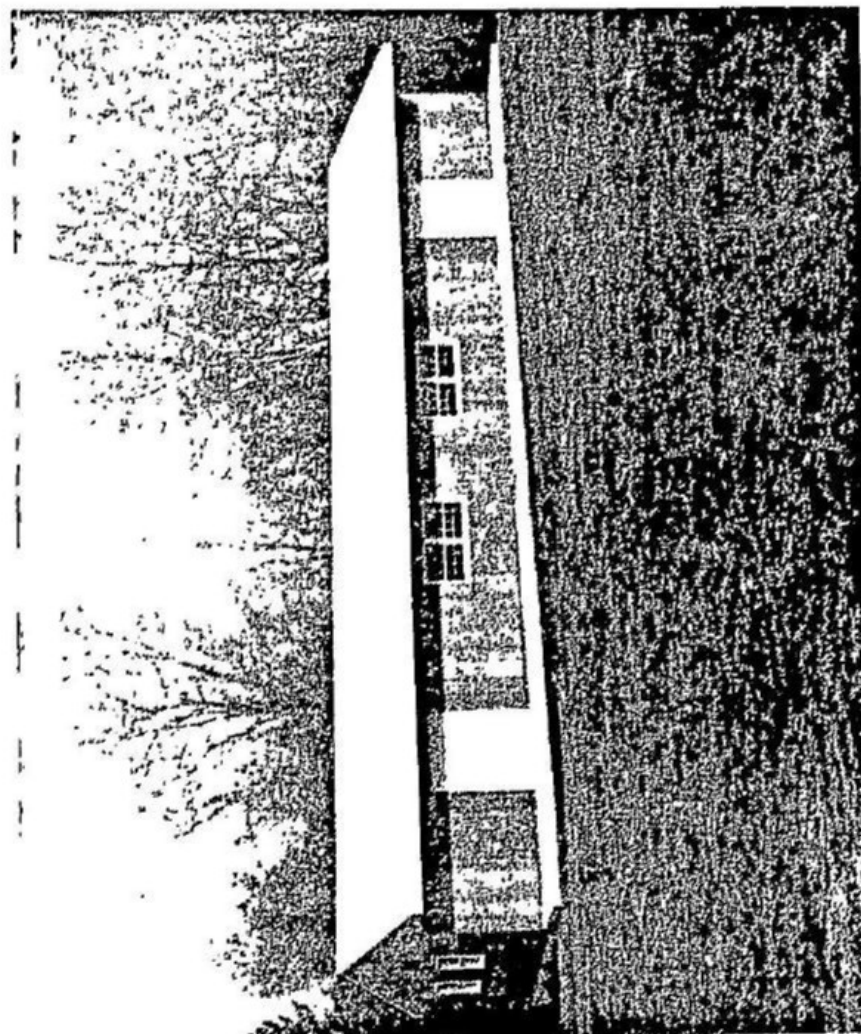
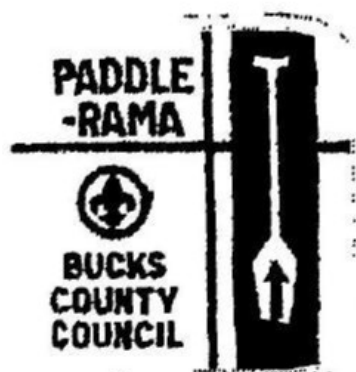
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ADOPT FIRE HYDRANT
PROGRAM



LONG HOUSE DEDICATION



AWARDS THIS CERTIFICATE TO

W. H. Kelly
FOR COMPLETING TRAINING IN

Commissioner Conference
GIVEN AT THE BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL'S
Camp Ockanickon

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SEAL OF
IS HEREBY AFFIXED THIS
C. K. P. P. P. P. P.
CHM. TRAINING COMM.

H. R. P. P. P. P. P.
INSTRUCTOR

THE BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL, B.S.A.
13 DAY OF *January* 1961.

W. H. Kelly
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
H. R. P. P. P. P. P.
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Ajapeu Lodge, Order of the Arrow

Boy Scouts of America

cordially invites you to attend

the Dedication Ceremony for

the Memorial Lodge Building

Camp Ockanickon

Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania

Sunday, June Sixth, Nineteen Seventy One

at One P.M.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I promise to do my best
to do my duty to
God and my Country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

SCOUT OATH

In my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God
and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people
at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake,
and morally straight.

THE EXPLORER CODE

As an Explorer—

I believe that America's strength
lies in her trust in God and in the
courage and strength of her people.
I will, therefore, be faithful in my
religious duties and will maintain a
personal sense of honor in my own
life.

I will treasure my American herit-
age and will do all I can to preserve
and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and
worth of my fellow men and will
use fair play and good will in deal-
ing with them.

I will acquire the Explorer attitude
that seeks the truth in all things and
adventure on the frontiers of our
changing world.

Scouting today
is a lot more
than you think

CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting is for boys 8 through 10. It is
3 years of guided activity. The Webelos program
in the third year serves as a transitional period into
Boy Scouting. It—

- influences the development of character.
- encourages good sportsmanship.
- strengthens the ability to get along with other boys.
- fosters a sense of personal achievement.



BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouting is for the 11- through 17-year old
boy. It is—

- healthful outdoor adventure—hiking, camping.
- fellowship and teamwork—as a member of his own patrol.
- knowledge and skill—orientation, preparation of shelter and food. He gains ability in emergencies.
- a code of honor—the Scout Oath or Promise, affirming his duty to God and country; his aim to keep physically, mentally, and morally fit.

WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Exploring is a program of life experiences for
young adults under the guidance of business, pro-
fessions, associations, trades, and institutional
sponsorships.

Exploring was developed by the national Ex-
ploring Division, Boy Scouts of America, for young
people between the ages of 14 and 21. Exploring is
organized and serviced by local Exploring divisions
in Scout councils throughout the nation.

Exploring brings young men and women vol-
untarily into association with adults who, by the
example of their character, citizenship traits, and
knowledge, provide a positive force in the lives of
young adults.

Exploring helps young people find their pre-
sent and future roles as individuals in society,
through organizational and program methods re-
lated to their needs. It provides youth with self-
motivated and self-conducted activities that involve
them in social, vocational, outdoor, citizenship, per-
sonal fitness, and service experiences both flexible
and relevant to their immediate interests.



VARSITY SCOUTING

PROGRAM FOR TEAMS NOT CONNECTED WITH TROOPS

VARSITY Scout teams are intended for young men who are at least 14 but not yet 18 years old and are available through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Varsity Scout program. The Varsity Scout program is designed around five program fields of emphasis.

The name of the program is Varsity Scouting. Youth participants are known as Varsity Scouts. The adult leader of a group of Varsity Scouts is the Varsity Scout Coach. The basic unit of youth members is the Varsity Scout team. The youth leader of the team is the Varsity Scout captain. His associate or assistant leaders are called cocaptains. Smaller subdivisions of the team are called squads. The youth leader of a squad is the Varsity Scout squad leader. Youth who have responsibility for each of the five program fields of emphasis are called program managers.

PROGRAM FIELDS OF EMPHASIS

First and foremost, Varsity Scouting is a program of activities—things you can do that influence your thinking, attitudes, and behavior. Day-to-day programming for Varsity Scouting provides activities in all of the five program fields of emphasis. Each Varsity Scout is expected to participate regularly in each field.

Individualized Scout Advancement

Personal Development Programs

Special Programs and Events

Service



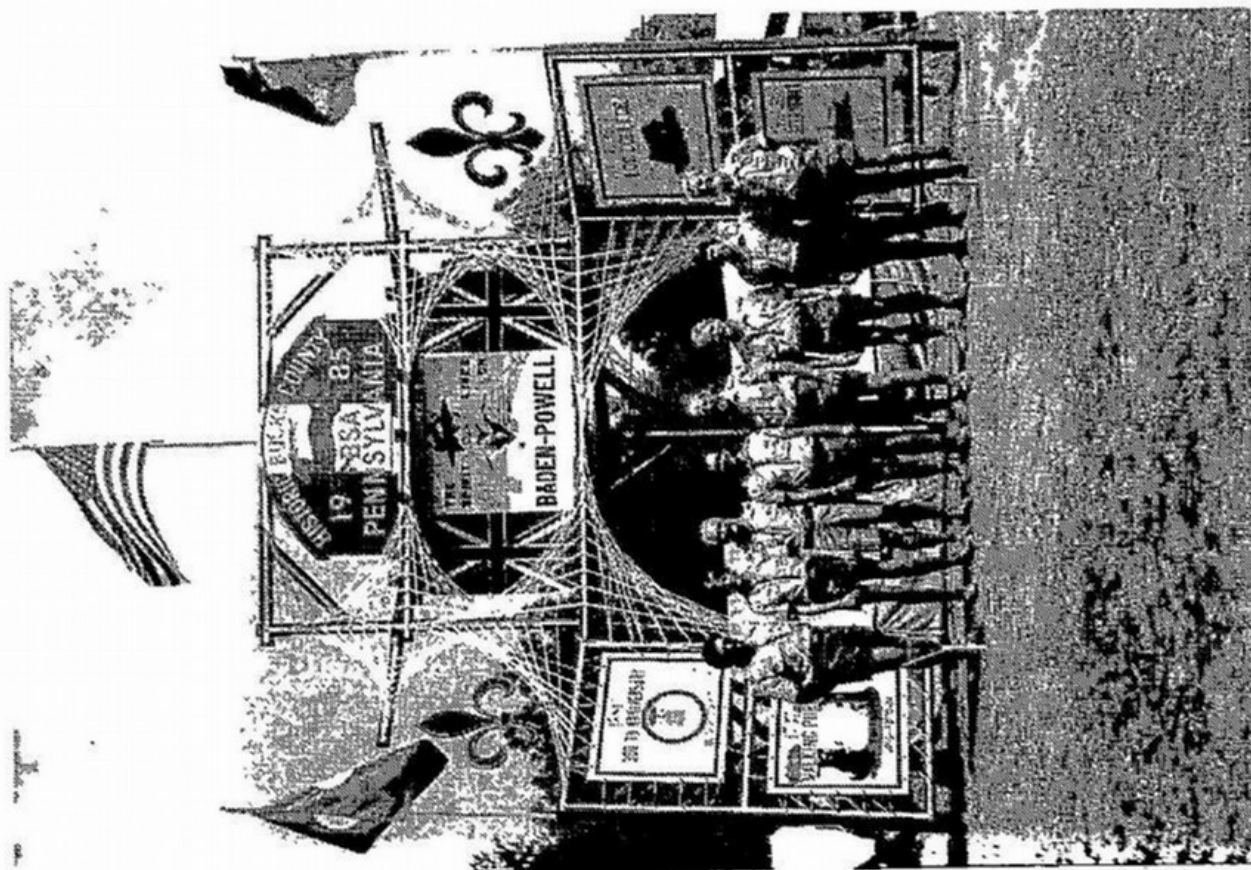
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VARSITY

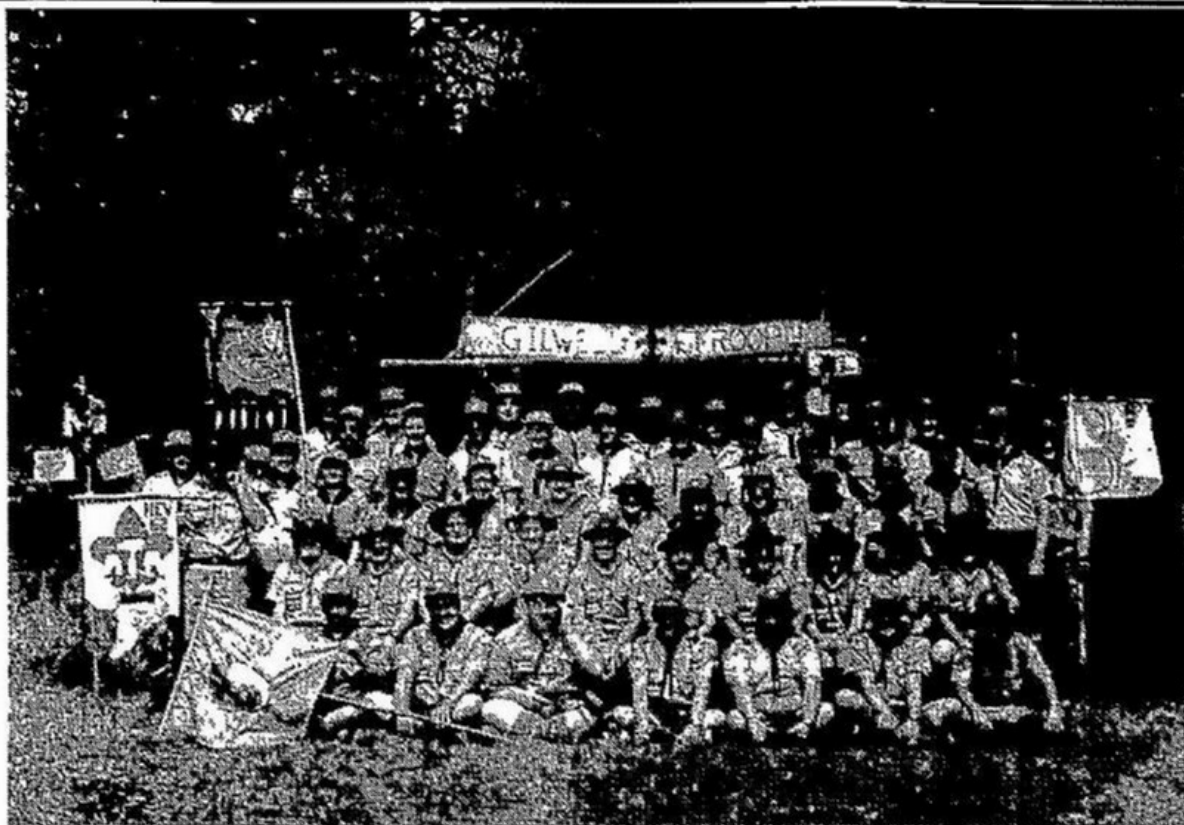
As a Varsity Scout I will meet the obligations of living by the Scout Oath or Promise and will regularly attend all meetings and activities of my Varsity Scout team.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELP CELEBRATE BOY SCOUT MONTH



1985 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE
AT FORT A.P. HILL, VA.



Bucks County Council Boy Scouts of America
Wood Badge Course NE-V-62 Camp Ockanickon August 22-29, 1981



ARTIST CHARLES HARKENS OF CARVERSVILLE
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TIGER CUB MOTTO

Search, Discover, Share

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a program that is geared to first-grade boys. Major characteristics of the program are as follows:

- It is heavily family-oriented, with a boy and an adult family member working together on virtually all activities.
- It encourages the boy and the adult to build a stronger relationship with each other, with the rest of their family, and with other members of Tiger Cubs, BSA.
- It is aimed specifically at the boy and his adult family member, but most if not all of the activities are suitable for participation by the rest of the family as well.
- This is not, strictly speaking, a boy-parent program. It is organized so that each boy is registered as a Tiger Cub, but he must participate with an adult. That adult is usually a parent, but could be another relative such as an aunt or uncle, grandparent, or older brother or sister. What is important is that the adult needs to be someone who cares about that boy and is committed to his well-being.
- The program is designed to operate on a casual, relaxed basis. There are no achievements, and no advancement requirements. The thrust of this program is *fun* for a boy and adult, pure and simple.
- Boy Scouts of America research shows that this program fills a critical need. American youth and adults today want more family-oriented programs.

TIGER CUB PROMISE

**I promise to love God, my family,
and my country and to learn about
the world.**

"BE PREPARED"

AMERICANIZATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS
JUNE 18, 1916

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED
ON BEHALF OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF
BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
AND IS TO CERTIFY THAT

HILLBORN DARLYN TON, JR.
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE IN
THE ELEMENTS OF SCOUT LEADERSHIP — PART I
GIVEN AT
Doylestown, Pa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SEAL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
IS HEREBY AFFIXED THIS 31st. DAY OF May 1939

James E. West
PRESIDENT

James E. West
HONORARY PRESIDENT

James E. West
NATIONAL SECRETARY

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NATIONAL SECRETARY

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NATIONAL SECRETARY

CHARACTER
BUILDING

CITIZENSHIP
TRAINING



CAMP OCKANICKON STAFF
MARCH TO RETREAT CEREMONY



4 1/2" oval, white twill background, green cut edge, bronze deer, red WWW and arrow. Also comes in different shade deer and 4 1/4" long.



Same as above, but with green rolled edge, 4 1/2" long. Comes in different shades of deer, different twill backgrounds and different lengths.



6" jacket patch, white twill background, red rolled edge and inner circle, gold fdl., black lettering, brown deer.



6" chenille patch, yellow felt background, brown deer, red arrow, black horns. Since each one is handmade by the company, there are variations and patch was also issued twice.



4 1/4" chenille, red felt background, green chenille background, red lettering and arrow.



Same as #1, but red lettering added, deer light brown. Also comes in different shades of deer from bronze to chocolate brown and different shades of green border.



Same as above, but red fdl. added.



5" solid embroidered jacket patch, red rolled edge, inner circle, arrow and WWW. White, blue, green background, brown deer, gold fdl.



Same as #7, except 4 1/4" long.



4 1/4" chenille, brown deer, silver horns, lettering, white felt background. White chenille background, red inner circle.

AJAPEU LODGE #33 - SPECIAL ISSUES



Solid orange background, red border, arrow, WWW 1970, brown deer and cabin, black lettering. Was issued as fundraiser to build OA longhouse. Also issued 1980, 1990 to raise funds for longhouse maintenance.



60th Anniversary Issue. Yellow solid background, yellow rolled edge. Red arrow and WWW, black lettering, brown deer, light blue water. Also came with dark blue water and slightly different deer.



Blue solid background, silver Ajapeu Lodge, 33, WWW, fdl. and moon. Green trees, brown deer, red 1988 National Conference.



White solid background, red rolled edge and arrow, gold 1915-1990 and fdl., green and black turtle, brown deer, black lettering. 75th Anniversary of Order of Arrow.



Orange twill background, green trees and grass, red arrow, WWW, Ajapeu Lodge, brown deer, black lettering and border.



Multi-colored solid background, silver mylar border, silver 33, 1927-1987, yellow fdl. and Ajapeu Lodge. Red WWW, brown deer. 60th Anniversary patch.



Same as #5, except black rolled border and black 1988 National Jamboree.



Same as #7, but 1915-removed. NOAC added in gold (National Order of Arrow Conference.)

AJAPEU LODGE #33 - REGULAR LODGE ISSUES



Khaki twill background, bronze deer, red arrow. Also comes with Explorer green background. Patch also came on khaki serge material for old dress uniform.



Olive twill background. Red letters and arrow. Chocolate brown deer, brown edge. Also comes in Explorer green twill background. There are various shades of deer and border colors.



White solid embroidered background, red arrow and border, black lettering and horns, brown deer. There is a fake patch of the above. The way to identify it is the "e"s in Ajapeu and Lodge are straight above each other. On the real one, the "e"s don't line up.



Same as above with brown fdl. added. This comes with variations of the deer, patch size and background.



Yellow, orange, red, and black solid background, red arrow and fdl., black letters, brown deer, black border. Arrow points left when worn. Also comes with red border, arrow left, and black border, arrow right.



Solid white background, black letters, silver horns, brown deer, red border and arrow. Also comes with white twill background.

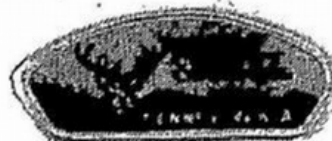


Blue solid embroidered background, white lettering, fdl., border, silver arrow and moon. Green trees and grass. Also comes with red border, black border and gold border.

COUNCIL SHOULDER PATCHES



Red background, white letters and border.



Twill, blue background, white border, brown deer, blue B.C.C., white PA, green mountains.



Solid embroidered blue background, white border. Brown deer, green trees, white B.S.A. Came with both white B.C.C. and red B.C.C.



Red, white, blue background, yellow lettering, fdl and border. Brown deer, silver horns. Bold embroidered.



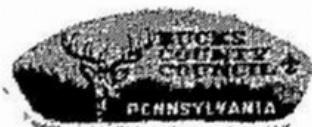
Blue twill background, red letters and date, brown deer, gold fdl. Gold border was for recruiting Boy Scouts, silver border ticket sales, red border chairman's thank you plaques.



Orange and purple solid embroidered background, green letters, yellow sun, fdl., clouds, 76. White canoe, Indian and diamond. Comes with green, gold mylar and silver mylar border. Was used for fundraiser.



4" khaki background, red letters and border. Also came with red background, white letters and border.



Same as above, with blue fdl. added. Also solid embroidery later patch. Also came with gold border, (50th Anniversary Council). Also came with red border.



Same as #4 with solid embroidery, red 1927-1987, red 60, gold fdl. Also came with blue border.



Same as above, redesigned deer. Silver border was used for recruiting Boy Scouts.



Solid embroidered red, white and blue flag background. Silver border and Washington crossing Delaware. Gold fdl. and B.C.C. blue PA and keystones. Gold border was used for Boy Scout recruiting.



White twill background, blue B.C.C. Multi-colored Washington and men, gold fdl. Comes light blue, white, yellow, dark blue and gold mylar borders. Was used for fundraiser.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

YEAR	12-31	ADULTS	CUBS	TIGERS	SCOUTS	VARSAITY	ONE SCOUTS	SEA SCOUTS	EXPL. IN TROOPS	EXPL. POSTS	CAREER AWARENESS	TOTAL YOUTH
1927	NA	NA	NA	NA	480	-	-	-	-	-	-	480
1928	NA	NA	NA	NA	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	700
1937	NA	NA	363	-	1026	-	49	85	-	-	-	1523
1947	739	531	-	-	1097	-	-	145	-	-	-	1773
1957	2882	4157	-	-	2251	-	-	337	459	-	-	7204
1967	3384	5209	-	-	4361	-	-	-	591	-	-	10161
1977	3469	4772	-	-	3022	-	-	-	592	-	-	8386
1987	2538	3473	614	1864	15	-	-	-	546	-	758	7270
1991	2715	4138	1019	1935	51	-	-	-	576	-	944	8663

UNIT ANALYSIS

YEAR	12-31	PACKS	TROOPS	VARSAITY TEAMS	SENIOR UNITS OR EXPLORER POSTS	CAREER AWARENESS	TOTAL UNITS
1927	-	-	30	-	-	-	30
1928	-	-	32	-	-	-	32
1937	21	50	51	-	-	-	71
1947	18	51	-	-	-	-	61
1957	86	98	-	12	-	-	214
1967	118	140	-	30	-	-	298
1977	129	143	-	40	-	-	308
1987	94	98	2	36	-	4	231
1991	93	90	7	46	-	5	241



THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

1936
William Burgess, Jr.*
Gilbert W. Carlin
Frederick H. Clymer*
Edmund H. Lovett*
Herbert A. Pettit, Sr.*
Thomas Ross*
Hon. Thos. A. Stockham*
Dr. A.J. Strathie*

1938
Walter W. Pitzonka*
Walter V. Rutherford*

1940
Harold Crumrine*
Hon. Hiram H. Keller*
Rev. A. Davidson*
Chosler A. Fouke*
Henry Palmer*

1941
Wm. M. Carlin, Jr.
Francis P. Kemmerer*

1942
Harry E. Oliver
Lawis N. Fetheroff*

1944
Sol A. Miller*
Lloyd Bucher

1945
Fred Schmidt*

1946
Dr. J. Raymond Christy, Jr.
Phila. Council*
Hon. Calvin S. Boyer*

1947
John Burtonwood
Harry S. Hoffman, Sr.*

1949
S. Walker Smith

1950
Warren F. Birtsch
John Wichelman*

1951
Ray Z. Hartman*
George S. Hobensack*

1952
C.K. VanRensselaer
H. Harper Stockham

1953
Charles W. Hergens
Fred Maag*

1954
Rev. M.M. Hostetter*
Clayton Pritchard*

1955
H. Kenneth Shelly
Stephen P. Midouhas
Norman G. Clymer*
Samuel Russell*

1956
Alfred Weidemeyer
Wm. D. Liebig

1957
Edwin H. Kroeker
Hon. Edw. G. Biester*
Herbert J. Trauger
Frank S. Wolk*

1958
Robert E. Heiland
Robert McDonald*

Tony F. Paronese*

1959
Thomas Hammarley*
Wildred J. Poulette
George L. Selman, III*

1960
Wm. Christ, Sr.*
Alexander M. Hardie
John Henry Noble
Hon. Edw. Satterthwaite

1961
Frank DeSilver*
William R. Sweet
Donald VanArtsdalen
Chas. O. Whitehead

1962
Horace P. Schmidt*
Dominico Laine*
Henry S. Clime*
Melvin R. Mack

1963
Clifford L. Clymer
R. Earl Druckenmiller
Wm. E. Fisher*
Charles B. Smiley

1964
Eric Bratby*
W. Allee Burpee, III*
Alfred O. Redland*
Robert H. Knowles

1965
J. Wesley Brower
George Isaacson
Ray Poorbaugh*
Edw. J. Fleming, Sr.*

1966
Dr. B. Anton Hess
Albert F. Boyer*
Chas. W. Carpenter
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1967
Wm. Thatcher, Esquire
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Wm. M. Rex*

1968
Otto Grupp, III
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Donald Everitt
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1969
S.L. Worthington
Stanley L. Harding
Clarence H. Huber
John T. Welsh
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1970
Robert E. Beck
Samuel J. Cordasco
H. Glenn Roudabush*
Donald O. Walp*
W. Robert Whitworth

1971
David P. Cummings*
Wm. H. Farquharson
Charles H. Gardner*
Bruce A. Harding
George F. Koons, Jr.*
Patricia Ehas
Erna Steigervall*

1972
Otto Musselman
Conrad C. Imhof*
Ljywellon Mokir
John S. Osborn
B.R. Theophilus
Edwin J. Troxell
Catherine Buck
Elen C. Williams

1973
Edward S. Barndt
William A. Booth
John Collins, Sr.
Russell A. Cornwall
Raechel Hemmingway
Marge Kraft
Luther W. Lord*
Edward R. Thilo

1974
Robert D. Armstrong
Margaret L. Custer
Raymond W. Hoxworth*
Isabelle C. Mohr
William A. Pogany
Elwood Rittenhouse, Sr.*
C. Jack Schick*
Oliver J. Stark

1975
Albert S. Beores
Richard W. Flores
G.E. Hollenbach
Oliver R. Kreutz
John S. McConnell*
William N. Peterson
Shirley M. Swartz

1976
Theodore A. Anderer
Jane M. Dillon
William C. Kraft
Claire G. Mueller
John W. Mueller
Earl S. Steigervall*
William R. Tompkins

1977
Alma Bennett
James P. Collins
Howard DeTemple*
Robert W. Homan*
Robert W. Lauber
Charles E. White

1978
Paul W. Birdsey, Sr.
Levi Beam
John S. Moose
S.S. Nalhan*
Richard J. Porter
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Jack W. Pritchard

1979
Gordon P. Cumberland
R. Roy Hager
Russell H. Jones*
George B. Thompson
Harvey R. Walton*

1980
Earl R. Charles*
Michael Kraft
John C. Shockey
Robert E. Snyder
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1981
Gordon L. Bock
Lorne J. Bolcher
Elmer P. Clawgus
Earl F. Davison, Jr.
Robert J. McCarty

1982
Frank E. Davis
Joseph A. Lantzi
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1983
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1984
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John D. Jameson
Dorothy J. Lips
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William J. Vohs

1985
John R. Bingham
Eugene C. Devidio
Robert Swangler
Joseph F. Zimmerman

1986
Joseph E. Balliff, Jr.*
Richard Egan
Joseph P. Gruver
John T. MacInnes

1987
Steven Battershell
Ben Emigo
Joan Tescloro
Don Wlater

1988
Robert Casey
Steven Getzow
Ben Minnes
William Stever

1989
Al Heilman
Linda Minnes
Kitty Bell Walter
Dr. Edwin R. Knopf

1990
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1991
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Fred Schon
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