

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT OF SCOUTING
IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

Miami was organized as a "second class" Boy Scout Council without professional leadership in 1911. With the employment of Mr. Oliver Hover as the first Scout Executive, the council was classified as a "first class" council. In 1919, there were 12 Scout troops and 222 Scouts.

Monroe County became a part of the Miami council in 1928 and Broward County joined the council in 1933, withdrew in 1934 and rejoined the council in 1937. The Miami council became the Dade County Council in 1937 and in 1944 reorganized as the South Florida Council. The Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba was also affiliated with the council at that time.

Pine Island Camp, on government owned land, was the first council camp. Due to damage done by the 1926 hurricane, and lack of funds, the camp was abandon. Summer camp was conducted at Lauderdale Isle in Ft. Lauderdale in 1933 and 1934 and was also conducted at Connestee Cove, North Carolina from 1934-1939.

Snapper Creek Camp, with 99 2/3 acres, and Rock Pine Camp, with 39 acres, were obtained in 1937. Camp Sebring, with 275 acres, was purchased for \$100,00. The year of purchase is unknown. All three of these camp properties were later sold.

The South Florida Council now has five Boy Scout camps. Camp Sawyer on West Summerland Key, a 10 acre leased site which was secured in 1946; Camp Seminole in Broward County, 120 acres, was donated to the council by the Broward County Commissioners; Camp Everglades located in Everglades National Park, 235 acres, was donated to the council by the Miami Rotary Club; McGregor Smith Scout Reservation in Central Florida, 6,000 acres, was purchased in 1969; and Camp Wilderness, located near Alligator Alley and the Big Cypress Indian Reservation, 800 acres, was obtained in 1974.

SCOUT SERVICE CENTER LOCATIONS

Minsk Pier	South Miami Beach	- 1926
Dade County Courthouse	Miami	1926 - 1942
Fashion Mart Building	Miami	1942 - 1956
United Fund Building	395 NW 1 St. - Miami	1956 - 1958
4021 NW 7th Street	Miami	1958 - 1969
2960 Coral Way	Coral Gables	1969 - 1985
8100 Oak Lane	Miami Lakes	1985 - 1987
15255 NW 82 Avenue	Miami Lakes	1987

COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES

Oliver Hover	-----	1919 - 1921
Arthur Cundy	-----	1921 - 1922
E. J. King	-----	1922 - 1923
E. E. Wilson	-----	1923 - 1924
John C. Norsk	-----	1924 - 1929
A. S. "Mac" MacFarlane	-----	1930 - 1956
<u>Ralph H. Mozo</u>	-----	1956 - 1964
Daniel H. Wheatcroft	-----	(Jan) 1965 - 1968
William H. Hoffman	-----	(Jan) 1969 - 1973
Ronald A. Phillippo	-----	1973 - 1978
L. Robert Kilmer	-----	1978 - 1982
W. Ross McGill, Jr.	-----	1982

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP

YEAR	SCOUT UNITS	YOUTH MEMBERS
1919	12	222
1922	16	271
1923	22	343
1929	37	1,003
1930	35	787
1940	84	2,363
1950	223	7,033
1960	518	18,334
1970	850	27,318
1980	686	17,036
1986	895	27,786

PAST PRESIDENTS

1914 - 1918	A. E. Lewis	
1919	Dr. Ira Adams	
1920 - 1921	E. B. Douglas	
1922 - 1923	J. T. Weathers	
1924 - 1925	S. Grover Morrow	78 NE 93 Street, Miami Shores
1926 -	Reese Combs	635 Sabal Palm Rd., Bay Point
1927 -	C. H. Reeder	
1928 - 1929	Charles A. Mills	309 E. Riva Alto Dr., Miami Beach
1930 - 1931	J. P. Caldwell	530 Malaga Avenue, Coral Gables
1932 - 1933	D. J. Apte	Deceased
1934 -	Harry P. Hermance	
1935 - 1936	W. Cecil Watson - Deceased	1256 Sorella Ave., Coral Gables
1937 -	Harry E. Simpson	6940 Granada Blvd., Coral Gables
1938 - 1939	J. N. Lummus, Jr.	622 NE 98 Street, Miami
1940 -	G. M. McNutt	1664 Brickell Avenue, Miami
1941 - 1942	J. E. "Ted" Preston	625 Brickell Avenue, Miami
1943 - 1944	Van C. Kussrow	2535 Regatta Ave., Sunset Isle #2, M.B.
1945 -	Alex M. Balfe	777 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33132
1946 -	James A. Dunn	
1947 - 1948	Lyle D. Holcomb, Sr.	6520 SW 113 Drive, Miami 33156
1949 - 1950	Ross G. Witters	3955 Granada Blvd., Coral Gables
1951 - 1953	John B. Turner - Deceased	940 N. E. 73 Street, Miami
1954 - 1955	Arthur H. Patten	3542 Royal Palm Ave., Coral Gables
1956 - 1957	Wright L. Pearson	7407 Big Cypress Dr., Miami 33149
1958 - 1959	George V. Crawford	4452 SW 14 Street, Miami
1960 -	W. P. "Duke" Hartman	2424 NE 6 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale
1961 - 1962	Norman M. Giller	975 Arthur Godfrey Rd., Miami Beach
1963 - 1964	Welcom H. Watson	3600 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale
1965 - 1967	Thomas L. Tatham	1959 Secoffee Street, Miami 33133
1967 - 1968	Alex M. Balfe	777 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33132
1968 - 1969	Chuck Hall	975 Arthur Godfrey Road, Miami Beach
1969 - 1972	John E. White	10445 SW 53 Ave., Miami 33156
1972 -	C. L. "Pete" Newsome	4630 Taylor, Hollywood
1973 -	Charles H. Topmiller	4211 Lake Road, Miami 33137

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1974 - 1977	Ralph A. Renick, 1579 NE 104 St., Miami Shores
1978 - 1981	Theodore J. Pappas, 2797 Crystal Ct., Miami
1981 - 1982	Clinton M. Hamilton, 3550 Stewart Ave., Miami
1982 - 1983	Michael W. Casey, 7400 SW 163 St., Miami, 33157
1983 - 1984	Clinton M. Hamilton, 3550 Stewart Ave., Miami, 33133
1984 - 1986	George E. Sullivan, 9840 SW 21 Ct., Plantation, 33324
1986	Jonathan I. Kislak, 3625 Bayhomes Dr., Miami, 33133

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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The first summer camp was held at Pine Island in 1919 and, because of the 1926 hurricane, moved to Lauderdale Isle. Subsequent summer camps have been held at Snapper Creek, Rock Pine Camp, Camp Sebring, Camp Seminole, and McGregor Smith Scout Reservation.

The Scout Service Center (office) has been located at:

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