

# EXPLORERS' SHOWCA

**“YOUTH MUST BE SERVED”** was an oft-repeated phrase in grandad's day. But that was before Exploring—the program for young men of high school age.

Modern Explorers have given the phrase a new twist: “Youth must serve.”

Throughout the country during the next three months, thousands of young men in blue blazers and gray slacks will sit down together at twelve regional Explorer elected delegate conferences to swap ideas on how best to achieve their purposes as Explorers—how best to build, serve, and achieve for their communities and America.

These serious-minded young men will meet for three days on university campuses, at military installations, and state fairgrounds with national leaders in business science, and many other vocational fields. Scores of busy executives throughout the nation will take time out to meet with these Explorers in their demonstrations and discussions.

Every Explorer unit in each of the twelve Scouting regions has been invited to send two members chosen by their fellow Explorers. In addition to the two unit representatives, each district and council cabinet may send one or more delegates.

The young men themselves are organizing, planning, financing (for the most part), and operating these conferences. These will be conferences of youth, by youth, and for youth. Adult advisers (about one for each ten or fifteen Explorers attending) will be on the sidelines to give a hand when called on.

What, specifically, will these young men do for three days? Let's look at a typical program—as planned by the Explorers of Region Six, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and the Canal Zone. (Remember, this program was worked out and approved by a steering committee of Explorers who met months before the conference.)

Several nationally known leaders will appear on the program, including Dr. Wernher von Braun, director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Alabama. The rocket engineer will speak on “Vocations in the Space Age.”

Subjects of other speakers will include “Citizenship and Service,” “Outdoor and Personal Fitness,” and—on the lighter side?—“Getting Along with Girls.”

Discussion groups will tussle with such questions as unit program, district and council activities, specialties, standards in Exploring, social adjustment, service in the Armed Forces, communism in our high schools, and our American school system.

One afternoon will be devoted to specialties, with demonstrations of the various types of specialties engaged in by posts throughout the region.

And, of course, there'll be coed socials, a big show with headliners from the entertainment world, dinners, and cracker barrels. (A cracker barrel is a bull session with snacks. A bull session is a free-wheeling confab after hours.)

## CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

REGION	STATES	PLACE	DATES	REGION	STATES	PLACE	DATES
I	Maine, N.H., Vt., Conn., Mass., R.I.	Fort Devens, Mass.	June 8-11	IV	Ohio, W.Va., Ky.	Ohio State Fair Grounds Columbus, Ohio	June 25-28
II	N.Y., N.J., Puerto Rico	Syracuse University Syracuse, N.Y.	June 27-29	V	Ala., Ark., La., Fla. (1 council), Miss., Tenn.	Keesler Air Force Base Biloxi, Miss.	May 5-7
III	Pa., Md., Del., Va., D.C.	The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.	July 5-8	VI	Fla., Ga., N.C., S.C., Canal Zone	Rock Eagle, near Atlanta, Ga.	May 6-9

# ASE OF DEMOCRACY

At their closing business session—just before leaving for home—resolutions will be passed, awards and honors will be presented, and, quite important, they'll elect a representative and an alternate to the steering committee to plan the National Explorer Delegate Conference to be held at the University of Michigan, August 26-30, 1962.

Youthful imaginations shine through many of the activities scheduled at the twelve conferences. At the Region Seven conference at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, closed circuit television will be used to bring top-level speakers before the conferees. When they hold their election to choose representatives to the national conference steering committee, they'll use the newest type of voting machines.

Youth's love for skill events is revealed in many of the programs. At the Region Nine conference, for example, Explorers will engage in golf, bowling, swimming, tennis, archery, Indian dancing, and chess. Hobbyists will have an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in photography, safe driving, auto mechanics, electronics, geology, and weather forecasting, to name a few.

Planning for these conferences has been under way for more than a year. Throughout the regions Explorers—chosen by their fellow post members—have traveled many miles to meet as steering committees. Subcommittees have wrestled with innumerable details that are a part of any big conference. Much of this behind-the-scenes activity has been financed by grants from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. As a result of their help, conference fees have been kept to a minimum.

Living in the environment afforded by most of the conferences sites will, in itself, be a new and thrilling experience for conference goers. At North Island, just off the coast of San Diego, California, where the Region Twelve Explorers will meet, the young men will live aboard two aircraft carriers. Elsewhere, delegates will be housed in university and state fairgrounds dormitories and military barracks.

Besides being a first for Exploring, what do these twelve conferences add up to — what will they accomplish?

The 25,000 to 30,000 Explorers expected to attend will learn and take home to share with their fellow members new ideas and successful techniques of post operation. They'll gain poise and self-confidence from their association with young men from many schools and communities in several states that make up their region. They'll be more conversant with vocational skills, educational requirements, free enterprise, and the ideals of Exploring. They'll be challenged by men who are leaders in our national life.

And what of the thousands of Explorers who will not be in attendance?

They'll share—to a lesser degree, of course—in all the benefits that are sure to come from stronger and more effective Explorer units across the nation. They, too, will reap the harvest that comes from youth sharing ideas with youth.

## IN THE TWELVE REGIONS

REGION	STATES	PLACE	DATES	REGION	STATES	PLACE	DATES
VII	Ill., Ind., Mich., Wis.	Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois	May 5-7	X	Minn., Mont. (1 council), N. Dak., Wis. (1 council), S. Dak.	Carleton College Northfield, Minn.	June 14-17
VIII	Colo., Iowa., Kansas, Mo.	Kansas State University Manhattan, Kansas	August 6-9	XI	Idaho, Mont., Oregon, Wash., Alaska	Reed College Portland, Oregon	June 12-14
IX	N.Mex., Okla., Texas	Oklahoma State Fair Grounds Oklahoma City, Okla.	June 6-9	XII	Ariz., Calif., Hawaii, Nev., Utah, Wyo. (1 council)	North Island San Diego, Calif.	July 7-9