

Senior Celebrations



A Chuck Wagon meal in the City Park would really catch public attention.

Suggestions for Senior Activities in Boy Scout Week

SENIOR SCOUTS' celebration of Scout Anniversary Week will provide opportunity for fun, for education of the general public in the broad scope of Senior Scouting, and for interesting many young men in becoming Sea, Air, or Explorer Scouts. A full week observation might include:

World Friendship Cruise or Encampment

Senior Units near the Canadian or Mexican borders may plan encampments or cruises with brother Scouts across the line on Friday and Saturday. "Scouts of the World Building for Tomorrow" is more than a motto for Senior Scouts. Make it a reality with Senior Scout activities of an international scope. Plan the outing early, so you will have enough time to check border regulations and contact neighboring Units.

Honor Day

Many Scouts left Senior Units directly for the Armed Forces. Some of these young men died in Service. Their supreme sacrifice should be commemorated. Other Scouts won honor for bravery and heroism. Let's show the living and the dead that we haven't forgot them.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said that about forty per cent of the million men he commanded in the Pacific had been Boy Scouts, but that forty per cent won sixty per cent of the decorations awarded for valor.

On Sunday, "Honor Day," stage a ceremony recognizing the job done by the Scouts of your community.

Senior Scout "Expo"

The public demonstration of Senior Scout skills should be the meat for every Senior Unit's Anni-

versary celebration just as the social is the dessert. If the rest of your week is jam-packed with activities, schedule your "Expo" for Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Chuck Wagon meal in the square or City Park, a controlled gas model flight demonstration, a Link Trainer exhibit and demonstration, Emergency Service Corps equipment demonstration, Breeches Buoy rescue demonstration, and Survival Camp demonstration are among the many "Live Expos" that a wide-awake Senior Scout Crew or Unit could use to inform the general public of the knowledge and skills of Senior Scouts.

This same type of program can be carried into the high school during free periods or at an assembly program. At this time Senior Scout Units could give out some attractive personal invitations to young men who may want to join a wide-awake Senior Unit.

Anniversary Social

The week wouldn't be complete without bringing it to a climax on Thursday with an anniversary social or dance. Long before the date set for the dance, give all Scouts several opportunities to practice dancing; include beginners' classes. All Scouts will want to practice new steps before the big night. Practice social courtesies, asking for a dance, taking leave, etc.

Quite often young married women do a better job of teaching a self-conscious Senior than a young lady his own age. (Yes, a young man is quite cagey about getting in the "doghouse" with his favorite "Jane" by dancing with another, regardless of the reason.)

Stress Advancement recognition at the social, and provide the young ladies with a part in the ceremonies.

If the Unit votes not to have a party or dance, why not plan a Parents' Night to honor dad and mother.

Your local Boy Scout Office can give you further helps on planning and carrying out Scout Week activities.

OUTFITS

525 SENIOR OUTFITS IN ONE YEAR

By G. E. Chronic
Director of Senior Scouting

JUST one year after announcement of the Senior Scout Outfit as a new form of Senior Unit, the score was 525 Outfits with 5,728 members. This combination of Air, Explorer, and Sea Scouting activities in the Outfit program helped build the 8.6 per cent gain in total Senior Scout membership during the first year of the Outfit, ending September 30, 1946.

Here are a few facts of interest to all who have, or want to have a Senior program.

The average number of young men in each Outfit is between ten and eleven. This is about the same as the average in Air Scout Squadrons and Explorer Scout Posts, and about three less than in Sea Scout Ships.

The Outfit gets young men into Senior Scouting without forcing them to choose a specialized field of activity. It meets the needs of any group who do not wish to specialize but still want to or must belong to the same Unit.

For example, in a small town there may be less than ten men eligible for Senior Scouting, which is not enough for more than one Unit, and yet different ones of them want to take part in Air, Explorer or Sea Scouting. Or, regardless of the size of the community, there may be enough young men to form two or three small specialized Units, but the men want to stay together in one larger group. In either case the Outfit is the answer. By meeting such needs, the Outfit has gained its first-year popularity.

This remarkable growth has come about in spite of the fact that no special handbooks or leaders' manuals are available. Outfit Advisors and other officers, however, have used the *Hints on Explorer Leadership* and the manuals for other Senior Units, since these deal with many problems common to all Senior Scout groups.

The general policies and procedures given in *Hints on Explorer Leadership* are exactly those followed in the Senior Outfit. The formation of Crews and



Program Committees, the names of Officers and their duties are the same as those for an Explorer Post except that "Outfit" is used instead of "Post," and instead of "Explorer Scouts" the men are referred to as "Senior Scouts."

One big difference between the Outfit and the Post is the increased breadth of program available. The Outfit can include any or all three of the Senior Scouting fields of activity. The program may vary with the season, or it may change from meeting to meeting, just as the members desire.

Some Outfits may choose Seamanship for a summer theme, Camping and Exploration for fall, and Aviation and Occupations or Hobbies for winter and spring. Others may prefer to have such meetings as "Service at Air Field," "Emergency Service Training," "Triggers, Traps and Snares," "Stamp Collecting" and "A Cruise" all scattered through a three-month program. Today there are Mounted Outfits, Indian Lore Outfits, Archeological Outfits, Emergency Service Outfits and many others.

The variety of activities a Senior Outfit may carry out is limited only by the imagination, initiative and talent of its officers and men. However, those Outfits in which all men participate in the *same activities at the same time* have proved much more effective than those which have Crews carrying on different programs at the same meetings.

Although the Outfit program may pool all three varieties of Senior Scouting activities, it demands no more technical skills from an Advisor than does a

Squadron, Post, or Ship program. Most important to an Advisor is an understanding of young men and their interests, and a willingness to advise and assist them wherever he can be helpful. He must never think of himself as a teacher of aviation, exploring, or seamanship. In fact he may not know as much about these subjects as some of the young men in the Outfit, and certainly not as much as the experts who can be recruited from the community as instructors. The Advisor should have the "skill" of discovering and calling in these outside experts, and the "skill" of developing such experts among the young men of the Outfit.

To so guide and train the young men leaders of the Unit—developing poise in presiding—diplomacy in controlling and achieving and maintaining high morale—calls for adept leadership and real intelligence.

As in every Senior Scout Unit, there are two distinct phases of program going on continually in Outfits. These are the *group* activities, which everyone has a hand in, and which make up what we think of as the "meeting programs," and the individual's *personal Advancement* program which is determined by his own interest in special skills and techniques.

Most of the meeting programs will contribute something to the Advancement interest of each member. But general programs can never supply enough specific information and training to meet the requirements for all the ranks in Air, Explorer or Sea Scouting.

If a Senior Scout takes part in a meeting on "Emergency Service," he will learn about first aid,

rescues, firemanship and mobilization in times of emergency. But if he desires to be an Explorer Woodsman, he will need to go much further into detail and spend hours of practice on many other subjects, either alone, or with other members of his Crew. On the other hand a Senior Scout may qualify for such a rank, even if his Outfit never has a meeting related to it, provided he secures the information and masters the skills required.

The group program furnishes the fun of associating with others in a variety of activities. The sense of individual accomplishment and the acquisition of specialized knowledge and skill are attained through the Advancement plan.

With no previous year's record to judge it by, it can be said that in its first year the Senior Scout Outfit has done its share to extend Senior Scouting to more young men throughout the country. This newly adopted Senior brother in the Whole Scout Family will bear watching during 1946-47.



The Scout Field

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
OF INTEREST TO ALL SCOUTERS

Ernest Thompson Seton

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON passed away at his home near Santa Fe, New Mexico, on October 23rd.

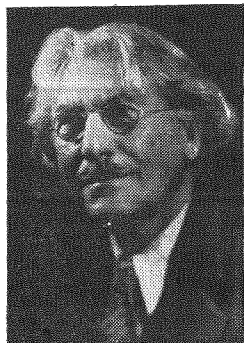
His eighty-six years had been spent in the out-of-doors and in leading others to an interest in nature. He was a pioneer in interpreting and popularizing this great field.

Seton was a popular writer. Such books as "Wild Animals I Have Known," "Two Little Savages," "Lives of the Hunted" are known by generations of American boys.

He was a colorful lecturer. He had made 3,000 public lecture appearances during his life time and was planning another tour this winter.

As founder of the Woodcraft Indians, later changed to the Woodcraft League, he was one of those who influenced the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

He was active in Scouting in its first years in this country, assisting in its organization, and was honored by being elected its first Chief Scout, serving in this position from 1910 to 1915.



Wideworld Photo

BOYS' LIFE Wants Anecdotes

BOYS' LIFE is in the market for anecdotes and humorous incidents about your Scout Troop, and for accepted pieces will give your Troop a \$25.00 credit with the National Supply Service. Short pieces are wanted, the length to be 100 to 300 words. Writing ability is not important, for if the anecdote clicks, the Editors will tailor it in the desired style. Fictitious names may be substituted, but the Editors request they be advised in such cases. Acknowledgment will be made on accepted material only.

This is an easy way to get that needed Troop flag or other piece of equipment for your Troop. Just address your anecdotes to Scout Editor, BOYS' LIFE, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York. List your name and home address, Scout rank, Troop number and Council name.

Scouting for Displaced Persons

AT THE request of UNRRA and the Boy Scout International Bureau, a representative of the Boy Scouts

of America is now in Germany helping UNRRA organize Scouting in the camps for displaced persons.

Harry K. Eby, National Director of Volunteer Training, was selected to carry out this assignment and left on October 29th to start this important work.

Britain's Chief Scout Visits Us

LORD ROWALLEN, Great Britain's Chief Scout, made many friends in a brief visit to this country in October. He radiates personality, vigor and good will and has a fine vision of the future of Scouting.

With him were A. W. Hurll, General Secretary of the British Boy Scouts Association, Major General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian Association, W. L. Currier, Jr., Dep. Chief Executive Commissioner, and John Stiles, General Spry's predecessor.



Lord Rowallen and Dr. Fretwell at our Home Office.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

	Sept. 1946	%±	Sept. 1945
A. BOYS			
1. Total Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts	1,004,387	- 3.6	1,042,238
2. Total Cub Scouts	453,015	+ 2.0	444,003
Total Boys	1,457,402	- 1.9	1,486,241
B. ADULTS			
3. Total Scouters	369,996	+12.2	329,841
4. Total Cub Scouters and Den Mothers	110,781	+16.4	95,153
Total Adults	480,777	+13.1	424,994
C. TOTALS			
Total Active Membership	1,938,179	+ 1.4	1,911,235
D. TROOPS & PACKS			
1. Troops, Senior Units	48,375	+ 7.1	45,184
2. Packs	15,093	+ 9.9	13,736
Total	63,468	+ 7.7	58,920

Research and Statistical Service

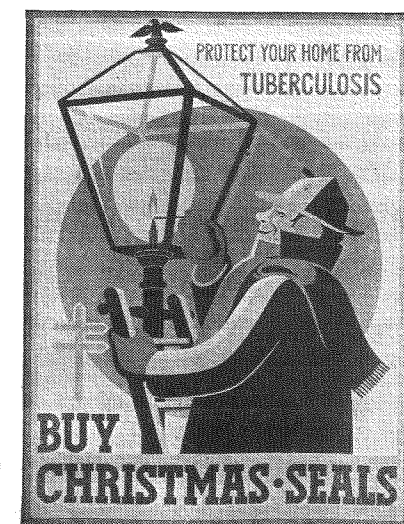
They Were from Valley Forge

SEPTEMBER SCOUTING contained a list of the Ships which qualified for the National Flagship Fleet this year. The ships were listed by name and headquarters city which created an error. There are two Council offices in Philadelphia, and of the four Ships which we showed as having that fair city as their "home port," two are the pride of the Valley Forge Council. These are the S.S.S. Pilot, of Upper Darby, Pa., and the S.S.S. Penguin, of Port Indian, Pa.

National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, the college service organization of Scout-trained men, will hold its first post-war national convention in Kansas City, Missouri, December 28 and 29, 1946. College men from the fraternity's 106 chapters in all parts of the nation will attend this convention.

In addition to the chapter representatives, a general invitation is issued to Scout Leaders, college officials and students who are interested in gaining first-hand knowledge of the Alpha Phi Omega activities. Registration form may be secured by writing to the fraternity office at 407 Land Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.



READING

Scouter's Bookshelf...Jan. 25, Feb. 27
Apr. 27, May 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 25

SENIOR SCOUTING

The Crew in Senior Scout
UnitsJan. 10
Senior Scout Advancement.....May 14
Rating Senior UnitsSept. 13
1946 Senior ActivitiesOct. 12
Aerial SupplyNov. 10
Senior CelebrationsDec. 13
Senior OutfitsDec. 16

Explorer Scouting

Sunset Rendezvous — An Explorer
Advancement CeremonyJan. 18
Adirondack AdventureApr. 16

Air Scouting

1946 Air Scout Encampments..Apr. 4
Forward in Air Scouting..Jun.-Jul. 16
Air Scout Specialist
InsigniaJun.-Jul. 17

Sea Scouting

The Bell Time Ball.....Jan. 18
Sea Scouts Patrol Yacht
RacesMar. 8
Polaris Wins Gillette Trophy..Sept. 12
Ahoj Aloft! (1946 Nat. Flagship
Fleet)Sept. 12
They Were From Valley
ForgeDec. 26

TROOP PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

A P.L. Looks Back 30 Years...Feb. 8
As We See ThingsFeb. 29
Let's Have FunMar. 2
There's Always Been
AdventureMar. 11
We're Going to Have a Swell
Summer (Round Table).....May 6
Vacation for Everybody...Jun.-Jul. 18
What the Boys Say (Round
Table)Dec. 5

Camping and Hiking

It Happens to SomeJan. 8
Gettin' Up SteamFeb. 10
The Troop Committee Guarantees
a CampFeb. 14
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some solutionsFeb. 22
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Packing Your FrameMar. 20
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SupperJun.-Jul. 26
"Let's Have Good Eats".....Jun.-Jul. 30
Gettin' Goin' in SeptemberJul. 8*
Howya Doin' Mr. Com-
mitteeman?Sept. 10
Hikes and Hike Cooking.....Sept. 23
Camp AnyhowNov. 6
Camp Christmas TreeDec. 2
Aint'cha Comin' Out
Tonight?Dec. 14

Ceremonies

We Award You This Badge...Apr. 14
We Pledge Our Sacred Honor..May 18
Hour of TriumphSept. 6
In Honor of AlanSept. 14
The Gateway to Scouting.....Oct. 11
A Second Class Investiture.....Nov. 12

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Training for Trouble.....Nov. 15

Games and Contests

Ideas BoardJan. 24
Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 26, May 25
Brush-Up GamesSept. 31
Your Scoutcraft Game File...Oct. 21
Nov. 20, Dec. 24
Quizzically SpeakingMay 15
Jun.-Jul. 28
Every Boy A WinnerMay 17

Handicraft, Camp Equipment

The New Army TentJan. 26
Pup Tents That "Grew Up"....Jan. 27
Two Reflector OvensFeb. 24
An Individual OvenFeb. 25
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Camp GadgetsApr. 24

Program Planning

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tember, October, November, De-
cember, JanuaryJan. 17
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5 Steps to a Good Program...July 5*
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How to Attach Ski Bindings.....Dec. 15
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WORLD FRIENDSHIP

Trail to a New World.....Jan. 2
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Victory Clothing Collection.....Jan. 28
First Post-War Meeting of Inter-
national CommitteeFeb. 12
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Our Biggest Good TurnFeb. 13
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World Friendship Is a Must...May 11
World Friendship Flag to
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*Scouting Program Helps, issued in
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