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50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND

TROOP 666

Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C.



Friday, October 17, 1981

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Court of Honor
8:00-9:00 p.m. - Memories

Saturday, October 18, 1981

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Picnic
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Eagle Presentation
7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Program

Sunday, October 19, 1981

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Church Service
(optional)

Troop Committee

Scout Coordinator	John P. Evans
Committee Chairman	Russell Fisher

Members

Robert R. Jones	John Daubenheyer
Carl E. Darrow	John Kosaveach
James Beyersdorfer	Donald McCormack
William T. Carpenter	Russell Tilley
Hubert Daubenheyer	Fred Whisenhunt
Irving Shephard	

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Dear Troop 666 members, family and friends,

Fifty years ago in the year 1931, John C. Freeland became the first Scoutmaster of a newly formed Troop, soon to be numbered 666. He started with 5 Scouts, a tradition of scouting excellence, and a high level of outdoorsmanship. Today, after over 600 Scouts have become members of our Troop, we are proud to report that our traditions of excellence and love of the outdoors are being preserved.

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to be the Scoutmaster at this auspicious time in our history, our Fiftieth Anniversary. Today, we are a new Troop - The Eagle Troop. The Eagle, with the same characteristics as our Troop - "Pride, Honor, Respect," has become the symbol of our Troop. We have kept our Troop history going through boom times with a membership of 85 strong and through thin times with only 6 members; through 3 wars and through a changing America. Though we have continued to change with the times and to improve, the important thing is that we have continued. We have led our Scouts with pride on the trail, following the Scout Law to better citizenship. We have fought the weakness of going astray and we have won! We have developed a group of citizens who are "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." They entered as boys, but they left as men.

As we now look forward to another fifty years, I want to say for the many hard-working Scoutmasters who preceded me, and the many who will follow, that we have done our best and we will continue to do the best job we can to make 666 the best Troop and to make our Scouts the best Scouts. I am totally dedicated to that philosophy and will be striving always onward, always upward! Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Peter P. Bielak
Scoutmaster
Eagle Troop 666



EAGLE TROOP 666ROSTER

Senior Patrol Leader Jimmy Ehrig

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Peter Rzeszotarski

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Seth Wayman

WOLF PATROL

J.P. Dowd, Patrol Leader
 Peter Stangl
 Dominic Provenzano
 Joshua Charles
 Andy Simpson
 Geoffrey Hickey
 Chris McCauley

HAWK PATROL

Lauson Green, Patrol Leader
 Carlton Breneman
 Mark Arden
 Jamie Hunt
 Jamie Peterson
 Jonathan Espenschied
 Rodney Brock
 Hansford Paez

FOX PATROL

Ken Wolf, Patrol Leader
 Tim Nolan
 Marshall Haynes
 Nolyn Choun
 Chris Polatin
 Matt Fitzsimmons
 Alan Rothschild

DEER PATROL

Wilfred Davis, Patrol Leader
 Benji Ricketts
 Kent Coshenberry
 Calib Miller
 Jeff Fisher
 Felix Miller
 Craig Warmer
 Eric Jackson

BEAR PATROL

Merritt Green, Patrol Leader
 Jason Toy
 John Hyslop
 Andy Stangl
 Morgan Stallard
 Alex Dwinell
 Chris Warren

SCOUT LEADERS

Scoutmaster Peter P. Bielak

Assistant Scoutmasters --

Advancement	Charles Ehrig
	Mark Fisher
Programs	Ward Pettis
	Irving Shephard
Recruitment	Richard Tilley



SCOUTMASTERS

OF

TROOP 666

Mr. John C. Freeland	1931-1935
Mr. Edwin L. Fisher	1935
Mr. Horace L. Guiney	1936-1944
Mr. Maurice F. Powers	1945-1946
Col. Curtis L. Williams	1947-1949
Mr. Thomas R. Keogh	1950-1951
Dr. Charles E. Brodersen	1952-1959
Mr. James R. Ray	1959-1960
Mr. Harry Martens	1961-1962
Mr. James R. Ray	1961-1967
Mr. Wesley H. Daniels	1962-1963
Mr. M. Cecil Mackey	1964-1965
Mr. Robert E. Jones	1965-1968
Mr. Ralph Høglund	1969
Mr. John G. Evans	1970-1975
Mr. Fred S. Whisenhunt	1976-1978
Mr. Lee Swift	1979
Mr. Peter P. Bielak	1980

TROOP 666 EAGLE SCOUTS

1.	James Barry	11/ /38
2.	Charles Townsley	11/ /39
3.	Robert Ellis	11/ /39
4.	Jim Eden	12/27/39
5.	Paul Hare	2/27/39
6.	William Johnson	5/27/39
7.	Selby Hardwick	1/ /43
8.	Robert L. Elder	3/26/45
9.	Lawrence H. Garrett	9/24/45
10.	Robert B. Moore	9/24/45
11.	Maurice F. Powers	9/24/45
12.	Charles E. Tron	9/24/45
13.	Virdell E. Munsey	5/21/48
14.	Robert Van Sickler	5/21/48
15.	Malcom H. Munsey	10/31/49
16.	Bernard Munsey	10/31/49
17.	Bruce Lloyd	4/23/51
18.	Kenneth Ringle	1/ /54
19.	Hunter Pritchard	1/20/57
20.	Stan K. Pritchard	1/20/57
21.	James H. Mayes, Jr.	12/1/58
22.	J. Gordon Cox	3/17/60
23.	William J. Growe	4/4/60
24.	Victor Metta	1/ /62
25.	Clark E. Broderson	6/29/63
26.	Douglas C. Rummell	4/22/65
27.	Frederick C. Sampson	5/27/65
28.	John E. Daubenheyer	10/20/66
29.	E. Lee Curtis, Jr.	5/25/67
30.	Robert H. Klima	10/26/67
31.	Michael P. Hogleund	12/27/68
32.	John R. Jones	4/25/68
33.	Robert Meiller	/ /68
34.	John Meiller	/ /68
35.	Charles A. King	9/26/68
36.	Stuart Dickinson	10/14/70
37.	John Curtis	5/ /71
38.	Frank B. Waterous	1/20/72
39.	David P. Hellekjaer	3/27/73 - (Deceased)
40.	Mark Fisher	12/20/73
41.	Richard Tilley	12/20/73
42.	Peter Whiting	2/10/75
43.	Charles G. Ehrig	2/10/75
44.	Jeffrey S. Crane	5/ /76
45.	J. Andrew Crane	12/ /76
46.	Thomas Evans	1/26/78
47.	Michael D. Whiting	2/25/79
48.	William Carpenter	2/ /80
49.	Seth Wayman	5/25/81
50.	Jim Ehrig	9/9/81



HISTORY OF TROOP 666

The Early Years

In early 1931, a group of citizens of the Wesley Heights area established a Boy Scout Troop to serve the residential community in Northwest Washington. The Troop was chartered on March 18th of that year and began meeting in the community hall located over the Wesley Heights Pharmacy.

The founding group had to select a number for the Troop in the chartering process. Most of the "desirable" low numbers had already been assigned in the National Capital Area Council, and three digit numbers were being used. According to an anecdote related by one of the organizers, the name of a popular patent medicine and tonic of the time, "666" provided the number for the fledgling unit.

Troop 666 became a prominent part of Scouting in Northwest Washington, though its meeting place changed several times. Soon after its establishment, the Troop began its first association with Metropolitan Methodist Church, moving to the newly constructed church building just a block away from the Wesley Heights Hall. Some time later, the Troop took advantage of an opportunity to occupy an unused building (a relic of WWI) on the campus of American University across Nebraska Avenue. The Troop was ultimately required to move, but it received a generous financial settlement from the University in the process. After a brief stopover at McLean Gardens where it met in the basement of one of the apartment buildings, the Troop returned to its permanent home at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Patriarchs

Through much of its history, Troop 666 has been blessed by the participation of Mr. John Kosaveach. John has served the Troop in virtually every capacity, and has guided nearly 20 Scoutmasters through lean days, with only five registered members, and abundant days, with more than seventy members. In his 40 years of dedicated service to scouting in Troop 666 and the National Capital Area Council, John Kosaveach has earned several coveted awards, among them the Silver Beaver and the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor. John's long time membership in both Metropolitan Church and Troop 666 has helped cement a firm and enduring relationship between the partner organizations.

For more than half of its history, Troop 666 has enjoyed a particularly beneficial relationship with the Stronghold Foundation at Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland, through the auspices of Mr. Donald A. McCormack. Don, a longtime member of the Troop Committee, and its treasurer for most of his tenure, has arranged for the Troop to establish several camp sites on the Stronghold property. One site, known as the Turner Farm Site, had served as basic training ground for several generations of scouts. At one time, so the story goes, the Troop stored some of its equipment in the farm house on the Turner site, but lost it all in a fire set by vandals. Don has also counselled many of the Troop's Eagle Scout candidates through their service projects in the public use areas at Sugarloaf Mountain. For his long years of faithful service to Troop 666, Don McCormack received the District Award of Merit in 1977.

An Interview With John Kosaveach

Mr. John Kosaveach, currently a member of Troop 666's Troop Committee and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, has been associated with the scouting movement for more than forty years. While his son, Joseph, was growing up, Mr. Kosaveach served as Assistant Cubmaster. He moved up in scouting with Joseph becoming associated with Troop 666.

Mr. Kosaveach's memories of the Troop are many; the stories he relates are legion. He remembers the time in 1936 when Mr. Guiney was Scoutmaster and the Troop sold wreaths and Christmas trees as a fund raising project. He recalled the years 1937 and 1938 when there was a successful drive to obtain funds for capital improvements at Camp Theodore Roosevelt, the summer camp on the Chesapeake Bay which preceded the current scouting camps at Goshen, Virginia.

Over the years, Mr. Kosaveach has amassed many documents reflecting the activities and history of the Troop. For example, he has the certificate which was presented to the Troop by the National Capital Area Council on January 13, 1939 "In Recognition of Good Appearance."

This Unit has accepted the challenge of Good Appearance. At least 75% of the membership are uniformed and the Unit has passed satisfactorily an inspection of the Uniform and Insignia.

This Certificate is awarded in recognition of the fact that the Uniform helps boys to be better Scouts and in the expectation of further progress in character building and citizenship training on the part of all members of the Unit as a result of their Scout experience.

Mr. Kosaveach also has a certificate awarded to Troop 666 in 1942 by the War Production Board in recognition of the Troop's patriotic effort in the national salvage program, and a certificate dated June 15, 1944 indicating that one of Troop 666's Scouts had been chosen to receive the Washington Post's recognition award in the paper salvage drive for May and June 1944. According to Mr. Kosaveach, during this period of time, the Troop served as a salvage collection agency for the American University Park Citizens Association.

Among Mr. Kosaveach's memorabilia are a series of documents which spell out the story of how in the early 1940's Troop 666 obtained permission from American University to remodel an old ice house on the campus grounds to be used as a meeting place, at least "until after the war is over." In 1944, the University indicated its dire need to use the building for a Nurse's Aide training program. An arrangement was made whereby the front 2/5's of the building was turned over to the University to be used as a classroom, and the Troop continued to meet in a large room at the rear of the building. Mr. Kosaveach has in his possession the fuel oil ration certificate which permitted the purchase of 130 gallons of kerosene for the purpose of heating the Troop's building on the American University campus during the winter of 1945. Incidentally, the cost of the kerosene, according to a letter from Scoutmaster Guiney dated February 2, 1945, was 10.8¢ per gallon!

Troop 666 was extremely active during its years at American University. An interesting letter written in August 1945 by Scoutmaster Maurice F. Powers, then a Lt. (j.g.) in the U.S. Naval Reserve, to the District Advancement Committee indicates that the Troop had completed the American Red Cross lifesaving course and was applying for the Boy Scout swimming and lifesaving merit badges. Scoutmaster Powers asked for a Board of Review to be convened for four candidates for Eagle including himself who for ten years had only lacked the lifesaving merit badge to complete his Eagle requirements. An interesting aspect of this letter is the Scoutmaster's unwillingness to steal the limelight from the Scouts:

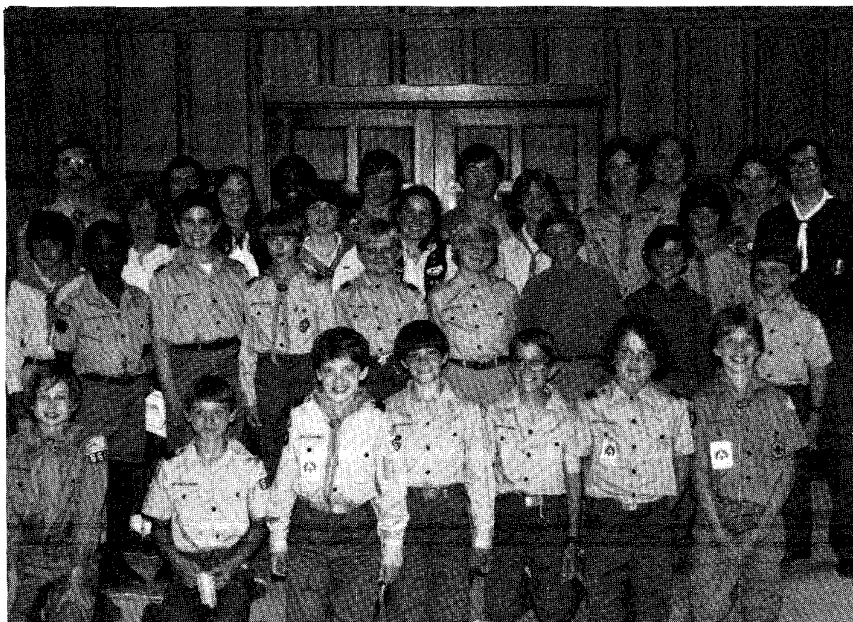
I trust that my qualification for Eagle will be properly minimized as I know that you will agree that the important thing in such ceremonies is to make the Scouts themselves the center of attention. Actually, I hesitate to submit my own application, because of the possible faulty emphasis that might result at the Court of Honor, but perhaps the Navy will come through and send me to Japan the day before the awards are made. May I trust to your fine judgment in this matter or should I contact General MacArthur?

The saga of Troop 666's usage of the ice house on the American University campus ended in an unfortunate fire which Mr. Kosaveach witnessed on his way to work one morning in 1947. Ultimately, the University paid the Troop \$5,186.91 as reimbursement for the improvements which the Troop had made to the building. Troop 666 left American University in September 1947, put most of its equipment in storage at Smith's Storage Company, and moved the remaining "eight settees and three large cartons of small equipment" to the basement of the apartment at 3620 39th Street where Scoutmaster Col. Williams held the Troop meetings.

A search then began to find a place for the Troop to meet "in keeping with its past surroundings in order to improve the Scouts' activities" and, incidentally, in order to relieve the Troop of the monthly storage charges. In 1949, negotiations were commenced with Renah Camalier, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church. At that time, the Church did not have accommodations which would be suitable for the Troop. Mr. Camalier indicated, however, that he would confer with the architect then planning the Education Building so that the new structure might have adequate facilities for the Troop. He assured our Troop Committee that the Church had the interests of the Scouting movement at heart and would do everything in its power to cooperate with the Troop and the boys.

In 1950, the Church offered the Troop the use of the vestry for meetings on Monday nights. The Troop continued to meet at McLean Gardens until November of that year when it finally moved into the Church building. Mr. Kosaveach has a letter from Rev. Latch dated December 30, 1950, acknowledging the many Christmas cards he had received from the Scouts. "They kept coming and coming and coming and I thought there could not be many more, and then a few more came in."

Today, thirty years later, the Troop is still enjoying the hospitality of the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Troop 666 has always been a Troop which has placed considerable emphasis on outdoor activities. Each month, during the Troop camping season, there is at least one overnight campout, with one exception, traditionally in December, when there is a one-day historic trail hike.

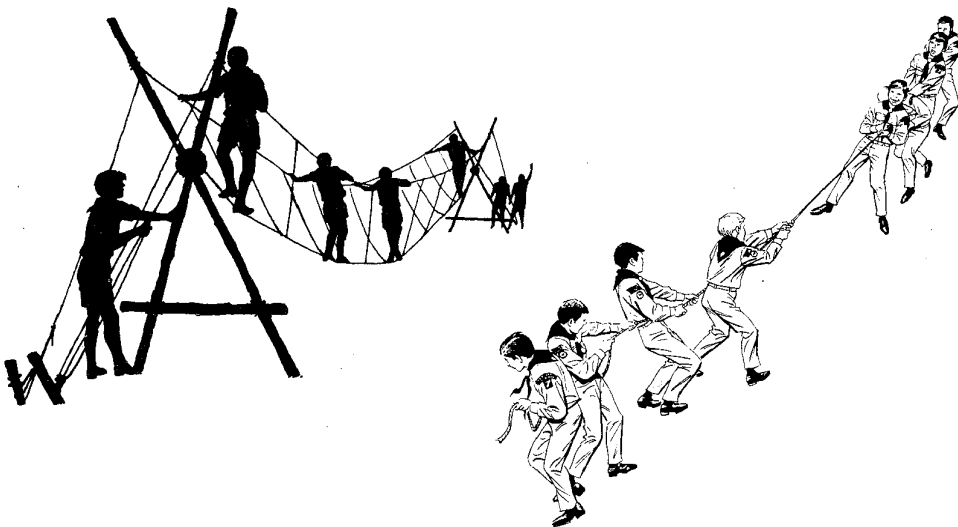
The overnight camping ranges from "shake-down" camping at Sugarloaf Mountain to high-adventure camping such as the mid-winter cold weather survival camping or the Memorial Day three-day canoe trip. While the Scouts consider camping the most enjoyable part of scouting, the Troop Committee looks upon it as a very special growing experience for the boys. The young Scout faces his first camping experiences with uncertainty of his ability to cope with the outdoor environment and often doubts his ability to master the skills necessary for successful outdoor camping. With increasing camping experiences, facing different and challenging situations, the Scout gains confidence in his ability to cope. Scoutmasters marvel at the transformation of a new Scout from his uncertain attitude to a "can do" attitude, through these camping experiences. The older, experienced Scouts who must lead and teach the younger Scouts in camping skills, also benefit from their growing confidence in their abilities for leadership. Thus, the camping experience is one which provides unique opportunities for personal growth of Scouts.

Few Scouts will ever forget their ability to survive, and even feel reasonably comfortable, while camping out in deep snow and sub-freezing temperatures. They will always feel a bit of surprise that they were, indeed, able to hike twelve miles along the arduous Appalachian Trail while carrying a full camp pack. Neither will they forget the exhilaration and confidence which they gained in negotiating somewhat fearful rapids on a canoe trip. The satisfaction of a well planned overnight camp, which is smoothly executed with good food and comfortable bedding, shows the value of organization and the motto, "Be Prepared." Since camping is conducted on a patrol basis, the Scouts learn the value and necessity of team work, each doing his share for the common benefit of the patrol. On some occasions the Scouts also learn the disappointing results of lack of teamwork and shared efforts.

Over the years, the Troop has endeavored to place new camping challenges before the Scouts. Space does not permit even a small sampling of the camping challenges, but illustrative are traveling through unknown terrain by map and compass to reach a campsite, sleeping overnight in snow built igloos, cooking an evening meal in a steady downpour of rain, and competing against other Troops at a regional campout for the judged best camp site.

The one-day hikes on the historic trails serve a different purpose. These trails march the Scouts through the buildings, houses and monuments of our Nation's history. History, patriotism and national pride come to life when the Scout is standing in the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed or where the Constitution of the United States was largely written. Going through the home of Thomas Jefferson or looking at the theatre where Abraham Lincoln was shot and the house in which he died brings these important persons and events to the Scouts as more than a history lesson.

Thus, the outings of Troop 666 provide to the Scouts, most often, considerably more than the parents or even the Scouts themselves realize. The outing activity, indeed, is one of the most important functions of the Troop and the Troop has long had the reputation for excelling in its outing activity.



LOG OF A WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP TO JAMESTOWN AND WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Saturday, November 14, 1970

6:15 a.m. - It's still dark when we arrive at the Church parking lot. Most of the Troop are here already, along with a bunch of Scouts from Troop 100 who will be making the trip with us. We get some of the Troop equipment out of the Church and we stack our packs in patrol pack lines. Everybody is pretty quiet.

6:25 a.m. - A big new Trailways bus pulls into the parking lot - we thought we were supposed to get a small, old one. The older Scouts start loading gear into the luggage compartment. One of the mothers exclaims loudly, "Isn't it exciting!"

6:35 a.m. - We get on the bus and settle down. The sign goes up, and Rev. Drennan gets on the bus. He says a little prayer and wishes us a good trip. We start moving only a little behind schedule. The parents wave to us as we leave the parking lot.

9:45 a.m. - We arrive at the entrance to the Jamestown Festival Park. It has been a pretty easy trip so far. The bus driver is a nice guy. On the way down from Washington, the sign was up every hour and we had to be quiet for ten minutes. The Scoutmaster pays our entrance fee and we go into the park on foot.

10:30 a.m. - We gather at the entrance to the museum. The walk around the park has been okay but there's not too much to see. We join a tour inside the museum and we sit down on the floor at each station and listen to the stories about Jamestown. Everyone seems to be pretty interested.

11:30 a.m. - We finish the tour and get back on the bus to go to Williamsburg.

11:40 a.m. - It's lunch time and we get out the brown bags and go to a picnic area near the parking lot at the Visitor's Center. We have to hurry to make the next movie.

Noon - We clean up and move out on foot to the Visitor's Center. We stay together to see the movie - it's very good. Afterwards, we have a few minutes to look around and buy souvenirs and candy. Some of the guys get into trouble by trying to go up the down escalator.

1:00 p.m. - Back on the bus for a short ride to the Williamsburg historic area. The bus driver parks in a lot near some old tavern. The Scoutmaster tells us to stay in small groups, to behave since our uniforms identify us, and to be back at the bus at three-thirty. We watch a man making baskets, see the gunsmith and the barrell maker, the print shop and some other things.

3:45 p.m. - The last Scouts get back to the bus a little bit late. We leave to go to the Boy Scout camping area at Camp Peary.

4:00 p.m. - There is some confusion about our reservation at the Camp Peary main gate. After a phone call, the guard lets us in and gives us a map showing where to go. The bus can only take us part way, so we load the Troop gear and food into the car of one of the adult leaders and put on our packs and start hiking in. It's starting to get cold and windy and dark.

5:30 p.m. - We get to the camping area after nearly a three-mile hike. A young Troop from Hampton watches us come in the area in a nice pine forest, but it's almost dark so we set up tents in a hurry.

7:30 p.m. - Dinner and clean up almost finished - we had stew, bread, fruit and hot chocolate. The QM issued rations. It's starting to drizzle. We watch the Hampton troop campfire for a while and then go to bed. Everyone is tired.

Late at night - Raining hard. One of the tents is set up in a low area and it's flooded. The adults get up and move it to higher ground.

Sunday, November 15.

6:00 a.m. - We get up to start breakfast. Some of the Scouts are already up, trying to dry out. It's stopped raining but everything is wet. One of the leaders from Hampton shows us where to get "fat pine" to start our cooking fires. We have boiled eggs, oatmeal, juice and sweet rolls.

8:00 a.m. - Ready to move out to the bus but it's too late to get to the service at the Bruton Parish church.

9:30 a.m. - The bus is waiting for us. We are going to spend a little more time looking around Williamsburg before going to Yorktown. Same rules as yesterday.

11:00 a.m. - We leave Williamsburg for the Yorktown battlefield.

11:30 a.m. - We arrive at the battlefield park an hour and a half behind our original schedule. It is too late and everyone is too tired to make the entire Battlefield hike. We will have to go for the Historic Trail medal another time. We have a leisurely lunch of sandwiches and fruit. The day is sunny.

1:00 p.m. - We have a good time walking around part of the battlefield and exploring the old trenches and fortresses. It's time to board the bus for the trip back home.

4:15 p.m. - It has been a quiet ride - almost everybody has slept the whole time. We get to the church parking lot a little ahead of schedule. By the time we get the equipment unloaded, the parents have arrived. We put our packs in the cars, say goodbye and head for home.



The Goshen Years

When the Goshen Scout Camps opened in the summer of 1967, Troop 666 was there. There has been a member of the Troop at Goshen every summer since that time, as a Troop camper, as a provisional camper, as a trail camper, as a trainee, or as a counsellor.

We have camped at most of the camps on the reservation: PMI, Ross, Baird, the trail camps, and next summer at Marriott. But for the past eight years, we have laid claim to site number 10 at Olmstead, "Hurricane Hill," during the second week of the season.

Hurricane Hill has proven to be a camping challenge - the challenge of protecting canvas when the late afternoon squall roars down out of the pass; the challenge of preparing an evening meal in pouring rain; the challenge of setting up the tallest flag pole in camp; the challenge of building and maintaining safe trails to the parade ground. The Troop has met the challenges well.

In meeting the challenge of Hurricane Hill, Troop 666 has earned an enviable reputation at Camp Olmstead. We have been praised for our traditional sharp appearance at evening activities. We have been frequent champions at the water carnival. And our outstanding bicentennial flag ceremony at the final camp retreat in 1976 brought us a rare Olmstead appreciation award.

The Goshen years have been good to Troop 666. The Goshen experience has helped more than a generation of our Scouts to grow in skill and advancement and maturity.



An Adult Leader's View of Goshen

Learning to live in the outdoors is one of the prime objectives of the Boy Scout Program. For most of the young men on the Trail of the Eagle, the highlight of the year's activity is the week or two spent at Scout camp. During that period of time, they are given the opportunity to live in the relatively primitive environs of mountains, lakes, trees -- coping with weather, animals and insects which they would not likely encounter at home. At camp, the boys learn to survive without television, indoor plumbing, electricity and automatic restroom facilities. They pit themselves against the forces of nature when the winds threaten to blow down their tents and tarps. They learn to continue their camp activities in spite of rain. They compete with Mother Nature to acquire the abilities and knowledge necessary to cope with and exist in the rugged country.

When Scouts, especially younger boys, return home from a week of such activities, parents are often amazed to find that in just a few short days, their son has matured measurably. He has learned the magnitude of nature and he has, in his own way, overcome the awe of it and the fear of not being able to stick it out. He has succeeded in making the grade, bearing it and most of all, learning from it.

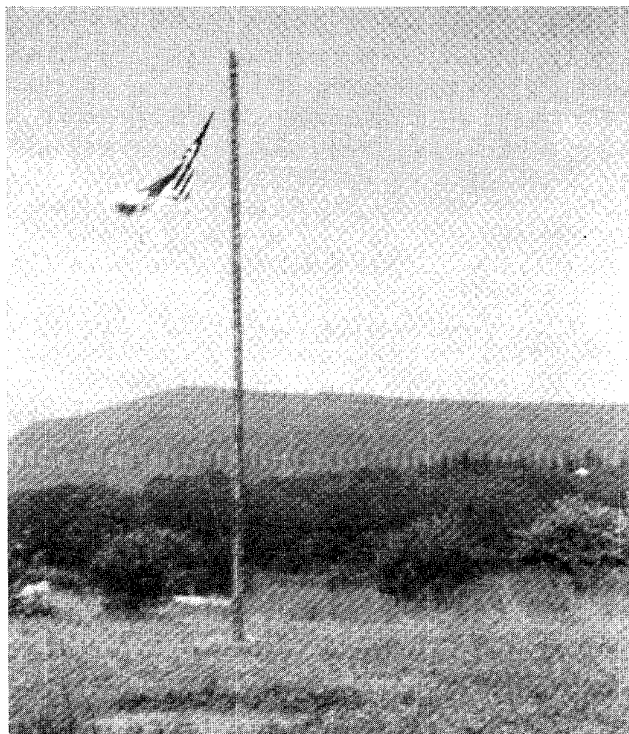
The entire program of summer camping is designed to provide the Scouts with an opportunity to study under well-qualified counsellors so they can earn the merit badges which would be all but impossible to master in the city; opportunities to demonstrate latent talents and skills which they didn't know they possessed; and opportunities to discover in themselves an appreciation for the Creator's exquisite handwork, ranging from the delicate designs of Queen Anne's Lace to the thunderous and ominous roar of a summer storm racing and booming its way through any one of the mountain passes in the vicinity of the camp.

Does this sound awesome? Perhaps, but never forget the fun which comes along with the self-realization. Seeing and hearing the Camp Staff performing at the First Night Campfire -- their humor in the raw is seldom of TV caliber, but it helps the boys get in the proper mood to realize the second goal of summer camps - to enjoy it. The Free Swim periods are memorable, for all of the frolicking in the water -- only to have the fun interrupted by the Waterfront Counsellor's shrill whistle, the call of "BUDDIES" and the inevitable rush to get to your buddy's side before the count of ten.

Then, there is that last night in camp, after the strenuous competition of the Waterfront Carnival, the satisfaction of participating with your friends -- perhaps "the joy of victory," perhaps "the agony of defeat." In either event, sleep comes so easily that night. We are all tired, happy, filled with the new-found satisfaction of unusual experiences, but looking forward to getting back home to family and other friends the next day.

During the rest of the summer, there are countless reiterations of happenings at camp -- the fish that got away, four out of five in the bulls-eye at the rifle range, how helpful the Counsellor was with a difficult problem in Scoutcraft, making new friends while out in the rowboats or canoes or at the Handicraft Center. But the final realization comes at that first Court of Honor in the Fall -- then the Skill Awards, Merit Badges, Tot'n'Chip and Mile Swim patches and the advancement warrants are received in the presence of proud family and friends -- the jewel in the crown of that wonderful week at camp.

My! Is there anything left to look forward to? You've guessed it already -- let's get that Goshen Motion going right now and make plans to go to camp next summer.

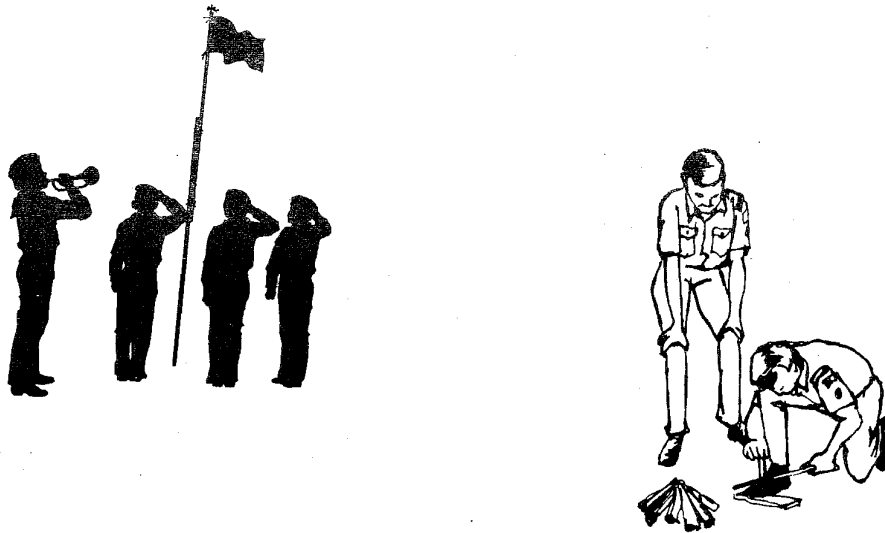


The Yawgoog Experience

In 1968, the Troop Committee received literature, pictures and informed opinions regarding the great Scouting/Camping program of the Rhode Island Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop Committee decided that it would be a valuable experience for our Troop to travel through the Northeast, to meet Scouts of another region and to taste the flavor of their brand of summer camp. In order to make this experience possible, it was deemed necessary to invite another Troop to participate in this expedition. The Scouts and Leaders of Troop 496, Bethesda, Maryland, were invited to join us for a New England adventure.

The summer of 1969 saw a group of 40 Scouts and Leaders travel via chartered bus from Washington, D.C. to Hope Valley, Rhode Island, the site of the Yawgoog Scout Camp. Upon arrival at the Camp, the Troop was taken to the Sandy Beach Division (a sub-camp on the reservation) where they were to enjoy a week of Scouting (yes it did rain at times).

Camp Yawgoog was named for a former Indian Chief "Yawgoog" and is located on a Pond (lake) of the same name. The logo of the camp is an Indian carrying a canoe on his back. For the collectors of Scout memorabilia, the combined troops designed a distinctive neckerchief for wear on this expedition which consisted of a light tan material with the Yawgoog name on the outer edge, a Scout badge in the center and the troop numbers above the badge.



Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico

Over the years, expeditions of the older boys (14 and over) from Troop 666 have trekked to Philmont, the largest camping operation in America comprising 137,000 acres of rugged country. In 1977, Mr. Robert R. Jones, one of our Troop Committee members and a former Scoutmaster of Troop 666, accompanied ten of our Scouts to this wilderness High Adventure camp in the majestic Sangre de Cristo mountains. The expedition enjoyed twelve days of backpacking and camping, rock-climbing and fishing.

Upon his return, Mr. Jones directed the following letter to the parents of the boys in his crew.

Dear Philmont Parents:

This is a report to you on Expedition 709M3--your son's--while at Philmont from July 9 to July 21, 1977.

How to start--what to say? Certainly, I will not try to relate all the experiences we had; your son can do that with lots of embellishment. But I do hope to prepare a log of the trip to list the many check points so that some things aren't forgotten.

This letter is more to present overall perceptions of how we operated as a crew--"crew" is the term used to identify our group of ten scouts, plus their advisor. We started as a crew and ended up as a team. As with all teams, we had some members who contributed more than others, some who had to be helped, and some who did their part without fanfare or recognition.

Without teamwork, such a trip is impossible. Even with teamwork, it is an arduous experience. Particularly for me, the daily backpacking up and down steep trails was very demanding; I held up the speed with which we could move. That was not a negative thing as it sometimes permitted the Scouts to see things they would otherwise have missed.

Some of these Scouts are excellent hikers--actually, they are more like marathon runners and seem able to handle the most demanding climbs without even breathing hard. Also, they are trail knowledgeable and have good trail manners. But in their haste to cover ground, they tend to pass up opportunities to observe the little things that are also important. Fortunately, they were extremely tolerant of those of us who couldn't move so fast. I hope they learn to slow down enough to "smell the flowers."

We had excellent cooks! Carrying water from a spring (always using chlorine tablets) and balancing pots on rocks or logs would not seem to be particularly conducive to good food preparation. But they did it. Also, being limited to four pots (2-8 qt., 1-4 qt., and 1-2 qt.) required considerable ingenuity and reuse of pots to handle the two, three and four course meals we enjoyed. Most important, all were good eaters, so we seldom had many left-overs to dispose of by burning. Working under adverse conditions, those on cleanup duty managed to keep our cooking and eating utensils clean and sterilized; that isn't easy with pots that have been blackened over a wood fire.

As campers, some of our Scouts are quite proficient, but they may have somewhat of an exalted opinion of their skills. They are slow to accept suggestions for improvement and, thereby, do not set up and maintain campsites that are as comfortable and effective as they might be. Also, in some cases, some basic skills are weak. I hope to discuss this with the Troop Committee to determine how this situation can be improved.

As our trip progressed, I attempted to withdraw more and more to let the Scouts operate as a team, as a unit. This seemed to work fine, and my major contribution was to encourage them to plan ahead and anticipate upcoming events and possible opportunities. Also, this removed me (with the obvious generation gap) from their time together to discuss matters that young men like to talk about. It also made them a little more solicitous of my comfort.

We did it. We all made it. And we came back as a team! A very fine team of young men. They gave me an experience I shall treasure forever.

Sincerely,

ROBERT R. JONES



A BOY SCOUT'S TALE OF
WINTER SURVIVAL

This past winter, Troop 666 ventured into the woods for a frosty campout. At this time the Troop was still reasonably small and inexperienced, making our adult leaders lower themselves to the point of using a cabin for shelter. To a few of the older Scouts, this was unheard of and unacceptable. Thus, a polar bear award was created and it soon became a challenge to face camping out in below zero weather.

To prove our mighty bravery and to quell any disbeliefs that we would not sleep under the stars that bitter night, a preview of racing around the cabin barefoot and shirtless was arranged (yes, there was snow on the ground!) at 11:00 p.m. After the "indoor" campfire, we said our possibly final farewells to our chicken leaders and peers. We bedded down and tried to get some sleep (the temperature at this point was 9° with a wind chill below zero). Seven hours later and 6° colder, the only two remaining boys stomped and screamed in agony that it had not gotten below zero. It's a true fact that we did not receive our polar bear reward, yet this was compensated by our pride in having survived.

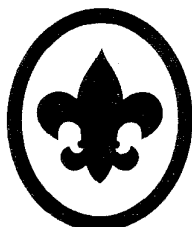


MEETINGS

When people think of scouting, they usually think of camping or woodcraft or becoming an Eagle, but there is a big part of scouting which happens every week -- the Scout meeting. One night each week for nine months of the year, the entire Troop meets to plan upcoming events, learn skills, play games, and just have a good time. The weekly Scout meeting serves a number of functions. It keeps a continuous flow to the relationships of the boys. They see each other every week and get to know each other. They learn the problems inherent in any group function when they have to plan their activities during patrol corners. These patrol corners segregate the Troop into more manageable sizes, the patrols, and allow the patrol leaders to do some leading. Leadership is an important attribute which the scouting movement fosters. During these patrol corners, the patrols plan everything from their food and rides for the upcoming campout to the lashing demonstration they are responsible for at the next meeting.

Each meeting usually has a time set aside for a skill to be taught. These skills are important and are usually taught by the patrols, one each week, with a little help from the older Scouts. Later in the meeting, a game is usually played with patrol points going to the winner. This patrol competition is seen a lot in meetings and is a good way to get the boys working as a team. Finally, announcements are made so the boys will know what is coming up.

Often, other meeting nights are planned for special trips. These could be for swimming or skating or for a learning experience such as a visit to National Airport. Sometimes a specialist in some field will come to talk to the boys. Meetings are designed to bring the boys together for having fun and for learning. Over the years, this has been accomplished well. Troop 666 will continue to strive to teach the ideals of scouting and manhood through every available means. The meeting is one of its most important tools.



Scout



Tenderfoot



Second Class



First Class

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Over the past 50 years, Troop 666 has maintained a high standard of Scouting, producing 50 Eagle Scouts. The Eagle rank is the highest rank attainable by Scouts.

After an Eagle Scout Candidate has earned the requisite number of merit badges, he must then conceive of a project which would be of benefit to his community, school or church. This project must not have any political or commercial overtones. It is necessary to detail the resources (scout power, tools, time, etc.) which will be required to complete the project.

A brief of the project must be submitted to the Scoutmaster, the Troop Committee, and to a representative of the National Capital Area of the Boy Scouts of America for approval prior to the Scout's initiating any action in regard to the project. The reason for this requirement is to protect the candidate from undertaking work which might be disapproved.

After receiving approval of the proposed project, the Scout must provide leadership and direction to his fellow scout volunteers during the execution of the project. When the project is completed, the candidate must prepare a substantive report detailing the merits of the project and its degree of success. The report must be comprehensive and well written. It must clearly delineate the leadership efforts and capabilities of the candidate in the completion of the project. One purpose of this report is to require the candidate to reflect upon his achievements in planning and directing the project and to communicate these results in a comprehensive written document.

Over the years, some of the beneficiaries of the approved Eagle service projects performed by the Scouts of Troop 666 have been Sugarloaf Mountain where camp sites have been established, Rock Creek Park where trails have been cleared, Children's Hospital, the Metropolitan Police Department's Property Identification Project and the Spanish Catholic Center.



Star



Life



Eagle

TROOP MASCOT

In 1980, with the start of the Troop's second half century, a wish for a mascot resulted with the choice of the American Bald Eagle. However, in this case the Eagle was more than a mascot, it was a symbol. The Eagle has always represented and always was "a free spirit, high soaring, and courageous," characteristic of our own Troop and the ideal symbol. So as the Boy Scouts of the Troop soar ahead, upwards and onwards, they have a symbol they can look up to. That symbol, the American Bald Eagle, has earned a set of characteristics that also represents the qualities of the Troop and can be best described by using the same words that are used in the Troop's Oath of Allegiance - PRIDE. . . HONOR. . . RESPECT!

THE EAGLE

Vital Statistics

The bald eagle is one of the largest birds of prey in the world.

The male eagle is smaller than the female. The adult female is about 42 inches long and weighs 10 to 14 pounds. The male is about 35 inches long and weighs eight to 10 1/2 pounds.

The female's wing-span is about eight feet. The male's is 6 1/2 feet.

The name "bald" is a misnomer. It was given to the white-headed eagle during the 17th century. The bird's scientific name, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, means "white-headed sea eagle."

The bald eagle can be found in every state except Hawaii. The largest nesting populations are now in the Great Lakes States, Florida and Washington. Alaska is the only state where the bald eagle population is thriving.

Eagles probably live as long as 30 years or more in the wild. In captivity, eagles have been known to live as long as 50 years.

Hunting and Eating Habits

Fish make up 60 to 90 percent of the eagle's diet. Eagles also feed on injured or sick birds, muskrats, turtles, and even carrion.

The eagle's eyesight is five to six times sharper than a human's.

Eagles are not exceptionally fast flyers. But they have been clocked at speeds of over 100 miles per hour while diving.

Mating and Breeding

The bald eagle mates for life. When one partner dies though, the other quickly finds a new mate if one is available.

Eagle pairs often return to the same nest year after year.

Eagles are compulsive nest-builders. The largest recorded eagle nest measured 20 feet deep, ten feet wide and weighed two tons.

Eagles lay from one to three eggs which take about 35 days to hatch.

Male and female alternate in sitting on the eggs. Human disturbance near the nest site may cause eagles to abandon their nests or leave the young vulnerable to severe weather and predators.

From Nest to Maturity

Eaglets develop most of their feathers at three to four weeks of age.

They can walk at six to seven weeks and begin to fly at three months.

About four weeks after they've learned to fly, young eagles leave the nest for good.

Before they mature, young eaglets are mostly dark brown. The characteristic white head feathers grow only at maturity.

With wintering adults, juvenile eagles roost in communes near a good food source.



INNOVATION: THE GIRL SCOUT EXPERIMENTFrom the Viewpoint of Mrs. Terry Miller, Scout Leader

During the 1980-81 Scout year, Senior Girl Scout Troop 2501 and Troop 666 held joint meetings on an "experimental" basis.

The Troops went on several camping trips where they worked well together exchanging various outdoor skills while camping and canoeing, such as fire building, cooking, planning meals, tent pitching, lashing and knots. Together they went on the Washington Lee Historical Hike to earn the Trail Medal.

The Boy Scouts participated at several Girl Scout events including the Thinking Day Program at which they performed a Greek Dance and at an Outdoor Skills Day for younger Girl Scouts. They also helped sell Girl Scout cookies. In return, the girls sold Expo tickets and Boy Scout Christmas cards.

It was an enriching and a good experience for both Troops. The experiment was discontinued because of the difficulty in fulfilling both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout program requirements in an integrated environment.

From the Viewpoint of Three Girl Scouts

Our most ambitious trip last year was our hike through White Oak Canyon, Virginia. First they told us it would be only three miles, and we thought we could handle that, no problem, but halfway down the canyon, Mr. Bielak casually mentioned that it would be closer to twenty. (Thanks a lot). Of course we had all brought everything we could possibly use on a two-day campout, and more! Nicole and Kitty, feeling responsible for the young Scouts in their patrols ended up carrying most of the patrol gear including the 20 pound stoves and all the food, packed in cans no less. Jimmy got the prize for unnecessary equipment with a 6-pack of Coke. J.P. was the Joe Cool of White Oak Canyon with his reflective shades, cut-off jeans, two canteens, hiking boots and knee socks.

By the time we finally reached the cars, everyone was ready to die. We all dropped to the ground and didn't move any muscles because they were too sore. Then we really couldn't believe our ears! All of the younger kids were starting to play capture the flag and they wanted us to play also. You can imagine what our answer was, "no way!" We did have a good time, even though we couldn't move for the next week. Thanks for including us in all the fun!!

NOTES

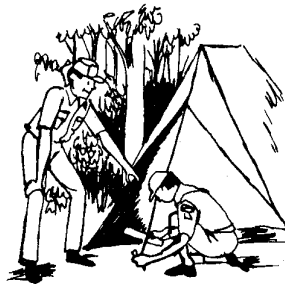
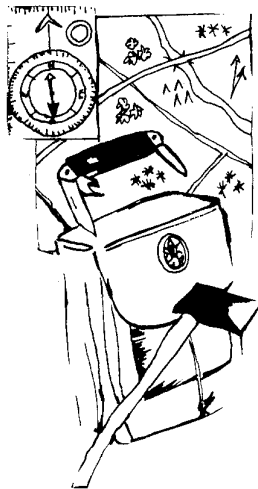
Do you know what scoutcraft is? It is the program which teaches the boys lashing, compass, mapping, fire building, first aid, signalling, cooking, tracking and an awareness of the stars and nature in all its beauty.

Some of the places where Troop 666 has camped over the years are: Carderock Recreation Area, Prince William National Park Forest, Camp Roosevelt on the Chesapeake Bay, Belvoir Military Reservation, the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Camp Wilson near Gunston Hall, Sugarloaf Mountain, Old Rag Mountain and White Oak Canyon on Skyline Drive, Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island, Camp Rock Enon, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Broad Creek Camp, Harper's Ferry, Flight Farm, Goshen Scout Camps near Lexington, Virginia and Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Some of the places we have visited: the Naval Observatory, Metropolitan Police Precinct station, National Airport, Gettysburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Williamsburg and Charlottesville.

Some of the projects we have participated in: Scout Exposition; Scout Circus at Maryland University's Cole Field House; District Camporees; Goodwill bag collections; Christmas tree and card sales, Inauguration parades and the Christmas tree pageant at the White House. Troop 666 refinished and donated chairs to the Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, 11th and H Streets, N.E. It refinished the furniture in Metropolitan Memorial's school rooms, and the Troop posed at the National Gallery of Art for a picture to be used as a public service advertisement by one of the local banks.

Troop 666 was visited by a Canine Corps Officer of the Second District, Metropolitan Police Department who demonstrated the talents and skills of his dog, Baron. It also observed a demonstration of Karate by Jhoon Rhea accompanied by a group of men and boys.



Troop 666 has hiked the entire length of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from Georgetown to Cumberland, and the entire Appalachian Trail in Maryland and Virginia.

Each year on Scout Sunday, the Scouts, their parents, families and friends, regardless of their religious affiliation, have attended services as a group at Metropolitan Memorial, Troop 666's sponsoring organization. Scouts, in full uniform, preceded by the Troop's color guard, traditionally march as a unit into the church.

Some of the many awards received by Troop 666: Clean Camper Award both weeks at Camp Roosevelt, plus an award as the winning troop in a wild game called, "Capture the Blob;" National Camping Award presented to Troop 666 by the Boy Scouts of America for effective year-round camping; Banner Unit - 100% Boy's Life; Certificate from the United States Department of the Interior's National Park Service in appreciation of Troop 666's generous contribution to the Volunteers In Parks Program; Certificate of Appreciation for the financial support given by Troop 666's parents and leaders to the National Capital Area Council's annual sustaining membership enrollment.

At least one member of Troop 666 has attended every National Jamboree.



Orienteering



Painting



Pets



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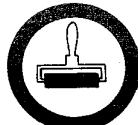
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Signaling



Skating



Skiing

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