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ANNOUNCE REVISIONS IN MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS, INSIGNIA

At its meeting in May the Executive Board, upon recommendation of the Committee on Badges, Awards, Scout Requirements and Uniform design, authorized the following revision in Merit Badge Requirements and Insignia.

Until January 1, 1938, when the new Requirements become effective, Scouts have the option of qualifying under either the old or the new Requirements.

New Merit Badges were authorized in the following subjects, but in accordance with the action of the National Council, Requirements will not be announced until the pamphlets are ready for distribution: Dog care; Finger Printing; Skiing; Coin Collecting.

INSIGNIA

Hat Badge for Rover Scouts

The metal badge of membership of Rover Scouts should be worn centered on the front of the Official Scout Hat directly under the ventilating eyelet.

Interpreter Strips

At present Interpreter Strips are available only in French, Spanish, German, and Italian. These will be made up in

additional languages according to demand.

Numerals for 25 Year Troops

Twenty-five Year Troops are permitted to wear numerals similar in every respect to the present Troop numeral for the Scout Uniform, except for a one-eighth inch silver border around the numeral patch.

Rocks and Minerals Merit Badge Design

The design for the Rocks and Minerals Merit Badge, was approved. This Merit Badge replaces the old Mineral Merit Badge which has been discontinued.

MISCELLANEOUS

Music Merit Badge

Drumming and Harmonica Playing will be interpreted as qualifying for the Music Merit Badge.

Scout Organizer Award

The Scout Organizer Award will apply to Cubs and Packs.

Sea Scout Reserve Rating

The Sea Scout Reserve Rating has been eliminated.

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Dr. West, Honored By Royalty, Returns From World Jamboree

Portraying a picture of perfect health, Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, returned last week aboard the Cunard White Star Liner, "Queen Mary," from the Netherlands where he was Camp Chief of the 805 American Scouts at the Fifth World Scout Jamboree, held at Bloornendaal-Vogelenzang, The Netherlands, from July 29 to August 13. He was accompanied by Mrs. West.

U. S. Scouts Lead Review

One of the greatest thrills of the World Jamboree in which 28,000 youths represented 37 nations was the review on opening day by Queen Wilhelmina. Dr. West together with U. S. Minister Greenville T. Emmet, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, the Chief Scout of the World and members of The Netherlands cabinet and the diplomatic corps were in the royal stand. The American contingent led the review followed in alphabetical order by the remaining 36 national dele-

gations from all parts of the world. As the American boys reached the stand they were given a tremendous cheer when they whipped out small American flags and waved them.

Officials Laud American Camps

On August 4, following a review of the American Scouts, Dr. West was received by Queen Wilhelmina and her son-in-law, Prince Bernard.

The American Camp at the Jamboree was the center of attention because of its neatness, sanitation and sturdy construction of which the Jamboree's head medical officer said was of the best. The health record is an unusually fine one.

On the closing day, the American Scouts again headed the review with 60 of them dressed as Indians with war paint, feathers and bodies glistening in the sun. The American boys made thousands of friends not only through their

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Wagner To Lead Boro Scouts On Sandy Hook Trip

After an active Summer of numerous events and trips, the program committee announced today that the concluding activities will be a baseball game at Ebets Field and the annual three-day trip to Fort Hancock, at Sandy Hook.

Scouts will be admitted to witness the Dodgers at Ebets Field on Thursday, September 2. Scouts should be outside the ball park about 1 p.m. with their registration and activities cards. No reservations are needed.

Sandy Hook Trip

The Sandy Hook trip will be held over the Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 5, 6. Scouts are to bring own food and cooking utensils. Blankets, cots and pillows will be provided by the personnel of Fort Hancock. The only expense which

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All District Officers are urged to notify The Council Ring, about two weeks in advance, the dates of their Summer program and activities.

BOROUGH

Brooklyn Council Cubbing Committee meets second Tuesday of each month at the office chairman James F. Milde, 44 Court St., Room 1018.

Camera Club meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Headquarters, at 8 p. m.

COUNCIL FIRES—Every Monday night atop Lookout Mountain, Prospect Park.

Merit Badge Court of Honor, all ranks except Eagle, Wednesday evening, Sept. 8.

ATLANTIC

Community Troop meetings at 73rd St. and Shore Road, Tuesday evenings, Friday if rain. Court of Honor, third Tuesday of each month.

BATH BEACH

Community Troop meetings, Community Church, W. 10th St. and Kings Highway, Wednesday evenings.

BUSHWICK ARLINGTON

Weekly Community Troop meeting every Friday at Brooklyn Grand Stadium, Halsey St. and Irving Ave.

CENTRAL

Weekly Community Troop meetings at the playground, Hicks and Cranberry Sts., Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

EASTERN DISTRICT

Community Troop meeting Every Thursday at 8 p. m. at LaGuardia Playground. No Court of Honor during August.

First and Second Class Court of Honor, YMHA, S. 9th and Rodney Sts., Sept. 20.
 Merit Badge Court of Honor, YMHA, S. 9th and Rodney Sts., Sept. 27.

District Assembly meeting, Sept. 21, at YMCA, S. 9th St. and Marey Ave.

Senior Degree meeting, Sept. 20, YMHA, S. 9th and Rodney Sts.

SUNRISE

Community Troop meetings, Hebrew Educational Society, Hopkinson and Sutter Aves., Thursday evenings.

STUYFORD

Community Troop No. 1, Fridays, P. S. 54, Sanford and Willoughby Sts., Milton P. Coon, Scoutmaster.

J. F. MILDE ANNOUNCES DISTRICT CHAIRMEN OF BOROUGH SECTIONS

James F. Milde, chairman of the Brooklyn Cubbing Committee, announced today the district chairman of the various Cub sections as approved by Scout Executive Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball.

The chairmen, according to districts are; Arthur S. Feile, Sr., Atlantic; Morton D. Goldman, Bath Beach; W. S. Wagner, Bushwick Arlington; Alfred Schwartz, Eastern; Ralph Stokes, Flatbush Midwout; John H. Murcott, Stuyford; David K. Browne, Sunrise; Solomon Grabois, Coney Island, acting; Harold Rimmer, Sheepshead Bay, acting; and Paul Stewart, Central, acting.

Special Rate For Expired Accounts Of Council Ring

After a thorough checkup by the circulation staff, it was disclosed that a number of Scouts have been receiving the Council Ring regularly, although their subscriptions have expired.

Field Executive Philip F. Wagner declared today that the lapsed accounts will be dropped and also announced that a special rate of 15 cents will be made available to the Scouts whose subscriptions have expired. This will put them in good standing until December 31, 1937.

Eastern District Holds

Junior First Aid Course

Eastern District is sponsoring an American Red Cross Junior First Aid Course which has a session every Tuesday night at the Young Israel of Brooklyn, 563 Bedford Ave. The course will run for ten weeks, it was announced. Scouts who satisfactorily complete the course with a 75 percent average will receive a card verifying the fact.

BUSHWICK-ARLINGTON COURT

Theodore DeMund, assistant district commissioner of Bushwick Arlington, announced today that the final district council fire and Merit Badge Court of Honor will be held at the Brooklyn Stadium, Friday evening, September 10.

Honor Ray Seibel At Corn Party For Two Boro Troops

Funds for the continued maintenance of two borough Troops were raised at a corn party, sponsored by the Reveille—13th Squadron of the American Legion, held in the 105th Field Artillery Armory, Clermont and Myrtle Aves., last Saturday night. About 800 persons attended.

The units which benefited from the proceeds were Troop 176, William O'Phelan, Soutmaster; and Troop 145, Walter Blomstedt, Scoutmaster.

The Scouts of both Troops spent the entire day decorating the large hall and about 5 p.m. held their own corn party.

Ray Seibel Honored

One of the highlights of the evening's festivities was the presentation of the commission of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster to Ray Seibel of Troop 176 by Field Executive Al A. Anderson. Arthur E. Euart, chairman of the committee of Troop 176 was chairman of the arrangements committee.

Among the guests present were County Commander Thomas F. Dugan of the American Legion, and Vice County Commanders William A. Halloran, Michael V. Mirande and James F. Mcabe.

Thanks Unknown Friend

For Mailing Back Cards

While participating in the festivities of the annual Steeplechase outing on August 2, Scout Murray Herman lost or misplaced his registration and activities cards. The same were returned to him by mail the following day, presumably by one of the Scouts. Herman, through the medium of The Council Ring, wishes to thank his unknown friend for the courtesy extended to him.

Troop S-105 Loses Scout

In Death of A. Ferranti

Troop S-105 suffered the loss of one of its Scouts through the death of Anthony Ferranti on August 13. Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Agatha's Church on Monday, August 16. A group of Scouts from Troop S-105 acted as a guard of honor during the services and attended the burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Announce Revisions In Insignia, Merit Badges

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To obtain a Merit Badge for Bird Study a Scout must:

1. Produce a list of forty species of wild birds which have been personally observed and positively identified in the field and tell how to differentiate each from those other species with which it might be confused.
2. Produce a list showing the greatest number of species that he has seen in the field in one week. (No change from present requirement.)
3. Produce a list derived from personal reading of:
 - a. Twenty species of birds particularly noted for their value to agriculture in the destruction of insects and weed seeds.
 - b. Ten birds of prey particularly useful in the destruction of rats and mice.
 - c. Ten species of fish-eating birds, and tell why they are not inimical to man's interests.
4. Describe at least two bird boxes and two food tables that have been erected by him, the species of birds that have been attracted by them, and how many of the birds have nested in these boxes. (No change from present requirement.)
5. Make a life history study of a common species, reporting from his own observation.

- a. The date at which the male began to sing (if a song bird).
- b. The date the nest was completed.
- c. The date the last egg was laid.
- d. The date the eggs hatched.
- e. The date the young left the nest or

Make a census of the bird-life of a 25-acre tract by systematically covering the ground on three separate days and listing the species and number of individuals of each observed.

6. State what he did to protect birds from slaughter; and to promote the creation of bird preserves and sanctuaries.

Canoeing

To obtain a Merit Badge for Canoeing, a Scout must first have met the Merit Badge Requirements for Swimming and must:

1. Make a kneeling pad and use it throughout paddling tests. Discuss the

- advantages of the kneeling position.
2. In deep water and without losing contact with the canoe, jump out and climb in again without shipping water.
3. Accompanied by the examining Counselor who will paddle in the stern:
 - a. Launch and board a canoe properly from pier or shore (from both, if possible.)
 - b. With single paddle, over at least a 100-yard course and return, show proper form in executing the following strokes in bow position:
 1. Bow stroke
 2. Diagonal draw
 3. Back water
 4. Reverse sweep
 5. 1/4 sweep stroke turning canoe toward shore
 6. Bow rudder
 7. Cross bow rudder
 change paddle to other side and repeat above tests.
 - c. Make proper landing.
4. Alone in a canoe, using double paddle (without drip cups) paddle a straight course for one quarter mile; make a right turn and return to vicinity of start; stop; execute a left pivot turn; and make proper landing.
5. Alone in a canoe, using single paddle while paddling out over a 200 yard course and returning, demonstrate two kneeling positions for one man cruising and correctly execute the following on one side going out and on the other side coming back.
 - a. J stroke
 - b. full sweep
 - c. outside pivot turn
 - d. draw stroke
 - e. push over
 - f. sculling stroke
6. Fully dressed— (Wearing clothing usually worn in canoeing in his territory according to season of year):
 - a. Capsize canoe in deep water about 50 yards from landing place.
 - b. Right it and stow paddle and kneeling pad. Get in and paddle with hands or with paddle for 25 yards.
 - c. Disrobe, secure clothing to thwart, go overboard, and, holding with one hand, swim and tow swamped canoe to shore.
 - d. Properly land emptied canoe and put it away (with assistance, if necessary.)
7. A companion has capsized his canoe

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Sandy Hook Trip Marks Finale For Summer Program

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will have to be paid by the Scouts will be 50 cents for the return trip home, as the Government boat does not run on Labor Day. All Scouts who wish to go on this traditional hike are urged to send their name, address, Troop number with their 50 cents to Field Executive Philip F. Wagner at Scout Headquarters, 114 Remsen St., immediately.

Under the direct supervision of Field Executive Philip F. Wagner, 150 borough Scouts will board the government steamer, "Ordinance," for the annual three-day trip to Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, which will be held over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

According to the program committee, the traditional outing, which will feature expert camping instruction by prominent Scouters and leaders, baseball games and swimming, track and Scoutcraft meets, will conclude the Summer activities for city-bound Scouts.

Wojan, Xydias Assist Wagner

Assisting Mr. Wagner, who will serve as camp director, will be Herbert D. Wojan, chairman of the Summer Program Committee, who will be the medical officer and George J. Xydias, president of Stamford District, who will officiate as the administrative officer.

The Scouts will leave early Saturday morning from the Brooklyn Army Base and will follow a previously prepared program by the Summer Program Committee at the government reservation.

Honored At World Jamboree, Dr. West Tells Of Events

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spirit of friendliness but through countless items of American Scout handicraft they brought with them for "swapping" purposes.

Honor Dr. West

Following the Jamboree, Dr. West was Chairman of America's delegates to the Ninth Biennial Conference of Scout Leaders representing 73 lands, at The Hague, The Netherlands, from August 10 to 12 and was chairman of the conference's resolutions committee.

Dr. Fisher Calls National Event Crusade Of Youth

Characterizing the National Jamboree as a great crusade of youth—the fourth dimension of Boyhood, Dr. George J. Fisher, deputy chief Scout executive of the National Foundation, vividly outlined the work and results of the gigantic Scout get-together at a meeting of the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club, at the Hotel Towers, last week.

Capture Nation's Capitol

"Scouts from all parts of America and from numerous foreign lands literally captured the nation's capitol during the staging of the Jamboree," declared Dr. Fisher. "They were hosts of the Government, but were not dominated by the Government. Senators and Congressmen witnessed their displays and grounds, chatted with the Scouts and finally took meals with them in the various camps."

Jamboree Thrilling Sight

Describing the emotional results derived from witnessing the spectacular sight of 25,000 Scouts camping in orderly fashion, tied by a single bond of friendship and unselfishness, Dr. Fisher said, "to see those boys together with their flags flying, their songs, cheers and bands and drum corps, thrilled you. It stirred your emotional center. It brought a lump into your throat. It made you gasp. It caused your eyes to glisten and your face to shine. It had never happened in America before."

Scouters Attend

Among the Brooklyn Scouters and leaders who attended the meeting were Field Executive Al A. Anderson, Capt. Harold E. Weeks, Neighborhood Commissioner of Central District; Theodore H. Kenworth, laymember of Brooklyn Council and Aaron Duberstein, committeeman of Troop 31.

Continuing his description of the Scout convocation, the Deputy Chief Scout Executive of the National Foundation said that the Jamboree was purely a boy affair.

"The place was vibrant with boy life and boy activity. The camp was a colorful affair and many of the Scouts made their own tents.

Foreign Scouts Attract Visitors

"There was the Sea Scout Camp with its snack on the sea, its water craft and aquatic gadgets, its natty blue and white uniforms, its regattas, signals and marine objects.

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off shore and is clinging to it quietly. Come alongside in another canoe, and while safeguarding companion, empty swamped canoe by drawing it upside down across the gunwales of rescue canoe, then launch and steady it while companion climbs aboard.

- 8 a. Discuss contents of your favorite emergency canoe repair kit and explain how to use it in repairing a one-inch hole through canvas and planking.
- b. Explain emergency method of repairing a paddle shaft broken 3 inches above the blade.
- c. Discuss the proper length for a bow line (painter), how to place it correctly and its various uses. Show how to use it with another piece of line in making a bridle for towing.
9. Discuss wood, lengths, shape, and parts of both single and double-bladed paddles.

Further details in reference to the revisions in the various Merit Badge requirements will be continued next week.

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