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T.M.R. ALUMNI/REUNION DAY AUGUST 6, 2011

Save the date on your calendar now for the T.M.R. Alumni/Reunion Day, Sat., August 6, 2011. Come anytime after 10:00 am and stay as long as you like (within reason!). At 11:00 am there will be a welcome orientation and ceremony, followed by lunch at Headquarters. The Museum will be open and you can also visit the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin. After lunch you can visit the camps of yesterday and today and visit Camp Keowa, where an "Open House" of Scouting and Ten Mile River will be taking place. Saturday evening, join us for our first Alumni visit to the Bethal Woods Center for the Arts. **SEE FLYER ON PAGE 11.**

OLD HEADQUARTERS CAMP "DISCOVERED"

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It might surprise visitors to the Museum that almost every building in Headquarters Camp was constructed after 1961. From 1938-1962, T.M.R.'s reservation staff used what we today call "Old Headquarters Camp," which was a short walk from the Museum, down the road past the Hurst Cabins, where today's HQ Staff Cabins are located. In those days the camp entrance was on Blind Pond Road, not today's Crystal Lake Road.



Mess Hall, T.M.R. C.C.C. Camp

The story goes back even further, to October 1933, when work began on the Ten Mile River Civilian Conservation Corp (C.C.C.) Camp, on Turnpike Lake. This project was favored by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and one of the few C.C.C. camps located on private property. Twelve buildings were constructed, including five barracks, a mess hall, recreation hall, officer's quarters, lavatory, latrine, pump house and administration building. Officers and men arrived

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EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR CAYUGA/KOTOHKE CABIN

A photo exhibit depicting life in the Brooklyn Scout Camps is planned for the Cayuga/Kotohke cabin. The large-scale photos will feature Scouts in open-air cabins (of which the Cayuga / Kotohke cabin is the last existing example) and the 8-boy patrol tents.



Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin

The Museum has extensive plans to develop the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, including recreating its internal appearance from the 1940's. (See page 9.)



Cabin in Algonquin Site, 1946

MUSEUM ISSUES *BIRDS OF TMR* CSP SET

The Museum is issuing a 10-piece CSP set to commemorate birds found in the vicinity of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps, especially those on display in the Museum. The patches are 130 mm tall, which maximizes the details in the birds and the rest of the patch. Most of the patches depict the birds flying over the Delaware River Valley near T.M.R.



American Bald Eagle CSP

Visitors to the Museum might even recognize some of the birds. Eight of the patches are based on birds on display in the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

A white-border 10-piece CSP set costs \$65 and a limited-edition, metallic-gold 10-piece set costs \$125. **SEE FLYER ON PAGE 12.**

Spotlight on T.M.R. Staff: John Romanovich

By: John Pritchard
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SS: Where did you grow up, become a Boy Scout, highest rank?

JR: I grew up in Glendale Queens, was a scout in Troop 427 and an Eagle Scout. During the summers, I attended Ten Mile River Scout Camps starting as a CIT and gradually earned positions of higher authority. After graduation from Richmond Hill High School, I pursued a major in the Earth Sciences at the University of Wyoming.

SS: What staff jobs did you hold at T.M.R.?

JR: I worked in the two-year CIT program, Ranger Camp, was TMR warehouse manager and worked at old Camp Aquehonga. From 1971-1972 I was Camp Kernochan Director. John Pritchard was my program director in 1972. The two highlights of that summer was the Founders Day celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Tower of Friendship and the great "Keep on Trekin'" hike when the ENTIRE camp hiked the Red Dot trail during Week 8.

SS: Away from camp, what have been your job(s) in the Real World?

JR: Upon graduation from college, I returned to New York City and found employment as the District Scout Executive for North District—which

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from the chairman's desk



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Ah the sweet smell of spring, flowers are now in bloom and those of us who love TMR and summer camp are all starting to get the itch to get out in the woods and start once again enjoying nature's beauty. As I write this article in early May, summer camp is just about two months away. Things have been humming around "Museum Land" all through the winter and we are looking forward to a wonderful summer at TMR.

First of all we have the "Return of the Bernie." Yes Bernie Sussman will be returning for his 13th Season as Curator of the Museum. In addition we have added the new position of Outdoor Curator, an independent curator who will run the various outdoor aspects of the program while Bernie will continue to manage the indoor Museum program. The Geocaching trail (a treasure hunt using modern GPS technology) is sure to be a great draw and attraction this summer. You can learn how to use a GPS and go out and about the Headquarters camp searching for treasure in the form of geocaches all over Headquarters. A new exhibit overlaying the old and historic Headquarters with modern Headquarters has been developed by Dave Malatzky as an exhibit and John Dowd will be implementing a Historic trail to see some of the spots where historic buildings once stood. The Blockhouse program will be greatly improved so in addition to visiting the historic Kernochan Blockhouse, a visitor can get an idea how Blockhouses were used in the 1700's settlements when the Upper Delaware was first settled by Europeans.

The historic Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin has moved from its spot in Kotohke where the wildcat trail begins to the Museum and hopefully it will be refurbished and we can develop the program which will be a historic look at Scouting in the 1930's-1950's when this cabin would have been used by Campers attending Camp Brooklyn. For those wishing to visit the Museum and do the Historic Trail and/or the Geocaching program, our barbecue pits will be available to cook some hotdogs or hamburgers or trail lunches can be ordered from the camp dining hall where you are attending camp.

On the inside we hope to start to create some interactive games such as Jeopardy. Eventually we will be moving the Kunatah Trading Post to the Museum to be used for storage and working area. This will free up more space either for exhibits or more space for our ever expanding store where we

have many relics of the past for sale. As always we are looking forward to our Alumni weekend get together which will be held on August 5,6,7 with activities at both Main Headquarters and at Camp Keowa. It is our hope we can dedicate the cabin on this weekend as well as many other fun events and some great fellowship. So I look forward to seeing many of you in Camp for part or all of Alumni weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Gervat for his service as Editor of Smoke Signals. Along with Dave Malatzky and John Dowd, Fred helped make this into a very fine magazine from the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce Fred's successor, John Pritchard who will take over Fred's duties as of the Winter Edition of Smoke Signals. John is a well-known figure around TMR and Queens Scouting having served as Suanhacky Lodge Adviser, Scoutmaster and Post Advisor as well as in many other district and council capacities. He currently heads the TMR Geocaching program. The Smoke Signals should not miss a beat.

Dr. Berman is founder of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

from the editor



By: Fred Gervat
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This will be my final column for "Smoke Signals". I have enjoyed writing and editing this publication for fourteen issues, but new duties, responsibilities, and activities are now demanding my time. It is now time to hand over the reins to someone else. I wish to thank the Board of Trustees of the TMR Museum (of which I shall remain a member) for their help and friendship during this time. I particularly wish to single out David Malatzky and Gene Berman for their suggestions and guidance. Have a great summer!

Fred Gervat is Editor of T.M.R. Smoke Signals.

Wanted: Your Old Scout Memorabilia For Our Museum Store

Readers. . .We want you to donate ANY type of Scout Memorabilia for the Museum store...uniforms, mugs, patches, neckerchiefs, books, "anything Scouting" that you have laying around the attic or basement. Money raised from sales will go towards the upkeep of the Museum. We have had considerable success over the past three years selling memorabilia, from our humble tables to the Museum store at T.M.R. and patch sales at West Point. Anything and everything Scouting can be used to help us raise money to help offset our expenses.

Items that can be mailed should be sent to Frank Mullane, Memorabilia Chairman, at his address, below:

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If you have something "bulky" that you would like picked up, we can arrange one of our members to visit. Call Frank at 718-698-2315 to arrange a pickup or send an email to TheTrader112@aol.com.

2011 Museum Patches

Scouts visiting the Museum this summer will have the opportunity to earn one, two or possibly three patches:



T.M.R. Museum Historian (white border) – This patch will be given free to Scouts that visit the Museum and participate in a complete tour conducted by our Curator staff.



T.M.R. Museum Explorer (metallic silver border) – This patch might be given to Scouts that participate in a Museum - sponsored outdoor program, like a walking tour of Headquarters Camp, if available.



T.M.R. Museum Award (red border) – The specific purpose of this patch still has to be determined.

CAMP MAN - 1943

By: Bob Levy

As both of my parents were working at war jobs, it simplified their lives if I went to Scout camp. It also meant that my Grandmother McConnell was able to go out to the Chicago area to help my mother's sister and her family without having to worry about me.

The summer of 1943 some of the other boys in my troop were going during the fourth two week session (late August) and they recommended that I put in for the same site at Camp Man that they had been to the previous year. Most of my things were put in a foot-locker sized trunk, and shipped off by Railway Express. To avoid problems if it hadn't arrived before I did, I rolled up one days clothing, my pajamas, and some other things into my sleeping bag, and took that with me.

We took the subway to northern Manhattan, where the bus(es) were. I don't remember whether there was a bus terminal, or if they were just parked on the street. When I got in, and got a seat, there wasn't enough room in the overhead rack for my sleeping bag, so I had to put it in the rack near the back of the bus. I don't remember sleeping in the bus, and we didn't stop and get off anywhere except at the Red Apple Rest. For most of us it was just a "pit stop" because the restaurant's prices were more than we had extra.



Caravan to Camp Man - 1937

When we got to camp, the others from my troop rushed to get off, and wouldn't wait while I fought my way to the rear of the bus to get my sleeping bag. They said, "Don't worry about it. We'll come back later; the driver will pile things outside the bus." So I ran to catch up where they were running off through the woods on a rough and rocky trail. Somewhere along the way I turned my ankle on something, and sprained it badly enough so that I could no longer run, and had trouble walking. I limped after them, and came out near the group washroom was, and into the campsite where we were going to stay.

We checked in with the site leaders, older boys, and were assigned to tents. There were four four-man tents down each side of the more or less open space which was the center of the site, with the leaders' cabin at the low end of the slope, and a fireplace and some logs for sitting on in the center, around the fireplace.

Then we went back to the parade ground, where the buses had stopped, found our bus, and dug through the pile of bags and suitcases next to the bus for our things. No sleeping bag. We checked inside the bus, and through the lockers underneath it, and then expanded the search through the other buses. It never showed up.

Fortunately my trunk had arrived, and I had an extra blanket in it, and some of my friends loaned me some blankets, so I slept well enough. Each tent had two cots on either side of a center aisle, metal frames and springs, just like the cots I found when I was inducted years later into the army, and with a similar mattress. The tents were made of white canvas, and looked weather and time-worn. There were frames from the tent platforms to tie them to, so no pegs were needed, and there was an additional tent fly over the tops to provide additional shade, and additional water-proofing during rain. In addition to sleeping in them, I think we had a "quiet time" each day after lunch when we'd be in our tents, possibly to take naps.



Camp Man Tent Site, 1941

I think the area we were in had 8 troop sized camp sites, each with a different name displayed over the entry to the sites. There were some on either side of the central dining hall for all eight units. And I think there were two wash-houses, one on either side of the mess hall, each used by four units. They had cold water only, but we were expected to take at least one shower a week. Otherwise we bathed by going swimming. There were a couple of times a day when we could go down to the waterfront to go swimming.

Because I limped a lot, the leaders sent me down to the First Aid building in the Waterfront area, where a "nurse" strapped my ankle up with adhesive tape that covered my foot, ankle, and most of my lower leg up to the knee, and told me not to strain it. I think I was also told not to go swimming, but I did, and found that my ankle felt better while I was in the water.

Almost all of our activities were new to me, I hardly know where to start.

The Dining Hall - had a lot of 8-man sized tables with oilcloth tablecloths, and benches along either side. So, if there were 8 units, with four tables per unit, there must have been at least 32 tables. I don't remember if the leaders sat at the same tables as their campers. Each day each unit had to send some of us for K.P. Those boys had to set the tables, and then afterwards clean off the dishes and take them back to the kitchen area where they were washed and put away by some of the kitchen staff. After everything had been cleared away, the K.P.s had to wash and dry the table tops. A senior boy (one of the kitchen staff) would then come around, and run his fingers over the table top. If he saw greasy marks, he'd make that boy clean the table top again. It took only one such rejection, that I made him wipe his fingers on a paper napkin before testing the tables I had cleaned. Lo and behold! It was his fingers that were greasy, not the

table tops. None of us on duty that day ever again had to clean the tables a second time, we always made him wipe his fingers off before testing them. I don't know what happened on other days.

The food was good, and plentiful, and was brought out to the tables by "waiters." Each unit had to send one or two boys up to the kitchen each day to be waiters. They ate, along with the kitchen and other staff members, at a first seating, so they'd be available to carry food out to the tables. And to get refills if needed. I don't think the food was served to us individually, I think the platters or bowls were passed around and we helped ourselves.

The Wash Rooms - were combinations of an area of sinks, shower "room", and an eight hole privy over a water tank. I don't know how often the water (and everything else) was flushed out of it. They stunk. And when you had a bowel movement, the resulting splash acted as a bidet. Which I hated. I'd drop some toilet paper in before using them, hoping to cut down on the splash. I suspect that the shower and sink waste water was also run into the tanks to dilute them. And from experience in later years, I suspect they were periodically run off into a septic field down the hill away from the units. I wonder now how one washroom could handle four units; even if we only shared it with one other unit (the only other one I remember), there would have been 64 boys, plus about 6 leaders, all trying to get washed in the morning in what may have been as many as 8 sinks (four on each side of a common water pipe.)

We each supplied our own towels and washcloths, and I think we used to hang them over the tent frameworks to dry. As soon as they were mostly dry, I think that we had to hang them over the ends of our cots, so the site would look neat. (Interesting; I can't remember how we handled the same problem when I was in the Army, either here in the States in barracks, or in Korea in a tent.)



Lakeside Waterfront, 1940's

Swimming - The waterfront swimming area was divided by piers into three areas. The piers looked like a capital "E." There were strings of floats closing the two gaps, and then the free swimming area was off the top of the E. The one closest to shore was for those who had to keep one foot on the bottom, the middle one for those who could swim, but hadn't proved to the staff how far they could swim, and the one farthest out for those who had proved they could swim from the pier to the float. All of the swimming was on a "buddy" basis. We each had to go into the water with a "friend" or with the next person in line as we walked out on the pier. The lifeguards would periodically blow

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INNER CITY SCOUTING DURING WORLD WAR II

By: Bernard (Bud) Ellis

Reprinted from *Bridges & Trails*, (Issue 1, 2011) the newsletter of the National Scouting Museum.

Disclaimer (Sort of): Although I have put down memories of my adventures in Scouting to the best of my recollection, the events that I describe took place 65+ years ago. Time and age take their toll, so please forgive me if some tales seem a bit fanciful. It's how I remember them. Here goes...

During World War II, Boy Scouts were called upon to help as much as they could in the war effort. It was a total effort. I was in a troop from 1942 through early 1945. In early 1945, I was called up into the Army Air Corps. But during those earlier years, I was totally involved in Scouting in Brooklyn, NY. The experiences I had were quite formative in my character. I'm now 83 and retired, but to this day, when I'm asked "Do you really mean that?" I automatically raise my hand in the Scout sign and say "Scout's honor!"

The troop was set up by a fraternal organization in Brooklyn of which my father had been president. The organization recruited their sons for the troop since girls were not accepted at that time. When I joined, I knew nothing about Scouting, but really loved it. It was an adventure!

The troop was led by our Scoutmaster and two or three young college students: Herb, Len, and some other fellow. These young men led the troop for a very short period in 1942, I believe. By 1943 they were gone, into the armed services. Shortly after, the Scoutmaster was gone as well. The troop had four patrols, named for Great Lakes and the Indian tribes in New York state. At any one time the troop consisted of 32 to 35 Scouts. There must have been an adult Scoutmaster assigned to us but I can't remember his name. I don't recall his being at our weekly meetings. By necessity, we ran the thing ourselves.



Spruce Pond Lean-to - 1946

When I say "we," I'm talking about four teenage boys, 15 to 16 years old: There was me; I was called Bud at that time (and still am); my cousin, Joel; a friend, Fred; and another friend, Irwin. Today it would be unheard of, but the four of us ran the troop! We took the boys on overnight hikes, took them to events and demonstrations, did all kinds of things that would be impossible to do today. It must be remembered that this was not in some small town, but in the inner city of Brooklyn. We weren't poverty stricken but we were not rich. Very few people had cars. The boys' families could not afford full uniforms. What we had to do was have the boys build up their uniforms, starting

first with a neckerchief. I think the uniforms cost about \$10 or \$15 which was a lot of money in those years. We collected 10 cents a week from each Scout as "dues." Bear in mind, you could go to the movie for 10 cents. (It was 10 cents per week when they could afford it.) We didn't actually use the boys' funds for troop activities, but kept an account for each Scout towards his uniform. Happily, the fraternal organization contributed money each month for the troop to run. After a month or two, or however long it took, we'd buy the boy a uniform shirt, then breeches. As I recall, however, we never waited for enough for a full uniform, but used troop funds to outfit the boys. So piece by piece, they built up the uniform, and piece by piece, they looked like real Boy Scouts!



Four scouts (l. to r.) Irwin Altneu, Fred Agin, Joel Lieb (my cousin) and me, at age 15, with my adolescent tongue out, in our blankets (no sleeping bags), at Spruce Pond Camp, 1941.

During the war, Scouts were asked to perform many duties. When there were U.S. Bond ceremonies, we always showed up with our American and troop flags. If it was a cold winter day, we'd tell the boys to wear sweaters or pajamas under their uniform shirts to try to keep warm. If it was too cold, we made sure the neckerchiefs were on the outside during the ceremony. The troop would stand by, while adults and politicians made speeches to sell U.S. Bonds. Of course, we led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner. And we really meant it. There was a war going on, and it meant life or death for everybody.

The troop also did yeomen's work in collecting scrap or recycled materials. These included paper, cardboard, aluminum, steel, copper, and iron and... believe it or not... soft metal toothpaste tubes. Now this was in the inner city. The streets were lined with 4-story tenement buildings. No breaks between the buildings, just one building right after the other, on both sides of the streets. (I have read that there were about 3,500 people in one block.) The Scouts, in uniform, would walk down the middle of the street banging on pots to attract attention, shouting "Scrap drive. Help the Army win the war!"...things like that. People would come to their windows and motion for us to come up and collect their aluminum pots and pans, and (heavy!) piles of paper.

The residents would meet us at the doors drying pots they had just taken off the stove. It seemed everybody contributed. The boys could not service more than a block at a time because the small wagons they pulled would fill up. We would then walk to the local public school where there were large wire bins to dump the scrap. These drives continued all during the war.

The troop did all kinds of things connected with the war effort, but there is one war-related episode that now seems strange. I'm not too clear on the details, I'm afraid. I vaguely recall being in a small bus or a van, together with a group of our Scouts, and being driven to a place on Long Island (outside of New York City). I believe we were driven by our Scoutmaster to a sand quarry or factory. We were shown how to fill long cardboard containers (perhaps 2 inches in diameter and 2 feet long) with fine sand. The boys stood under some sort of a feeder, filling the boxes. There was printing on the outside of the box indicating that it was an "anti-incendiary bomb device" that you could keep at home, in an attic, or at the roof entrance of your building. If there was an incendiary bomb raid, you were to use these so-called "incendiary bomb fire protection devices" to extinguish the bomb and fire. If you shook the box, one end would open, and out would gush a quart of sand to cover the bomb. Whether this box of sand was a commercial item being sold, I really don't recall. But whatever it was we worked on it as Boy Scouts, and we felt we were doing our part to help win the war.

But as time went by, we four teenagers became more and more experienced as Scouts, and as administrators. We would take the troop on field trips and on day trips into Manhattan. Bear in mind, we weren't in the country but in the city. You had to travel a long way to get to trees and fields. The Scouting Handbook became our Bible. However, as I recall, it always seemed to be addressed to troops living outside of cities, and it didn't really stress what was really going on in the inner city. For example, all of our nature instruction and testing had to be conducted at local city parks. Therefore, for a couple of the skills required to pass through the Scouting ranks, we used the same set of trees in a local park, over and over

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A year later (1942), on the steps of a log lean-to, again at Spruce Pond with me (age 16) on the top step, then Joel, Fred and Irwin. I believe that by this time (the fall of '42), the four of us were the only leaders not in the Army.

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again. We knew all 50 trees in that park blindfolded!

And then there was a physical test that required jogging 50 paces; then walking 50 paces; then jogging again, over and over. But since we didn't have trails to jog on, the boys would run around a city block, while we stood on a corner, clocking and checking them. The object of the test, as I recall, was to enable Scouts to jog long distances, perhaps carrying messages, with a minimum of fatigue.



The author, age 17, in Scout uniform, at Bear Mountain Bridge which crosses the Hudson River, just outside of the Palisades State Park, 1943.

The fire-making, cooking tents, etc., had to wait for real, outdoor events. First-aid instruction always included "What to do in an air raid."

The troop met every Friday night at the building owned by the fraternal organization that sponsored us. I really don't recall any adult Scoutmaster being present, although some adult must have signed the occasional official documents. For the most part, however, it was just us four teenagers that ran the troop. Whenever we led the troop on a day hike, we took a city bus, and then the subway, to upper Manhattan. In all, it would take about an hour to get to the George Washington Bridge which spanned the Hudson River to New Jersey. Of course, we walked across the bridge, which, for all of us, was quite an adventure! The boys didn't wear uniforms on these day hikes because we were afraid their uniforms would get ripped or soiled.

Of the all the Scouts in the troop, about 25 would show up for the day hikes. They all took their own food to cook over open fires, and to be tested on.

Once on the Jersey side of the river, we walked for a couple of miles on a public road that ran near the top of the Palisades that lined the western shore of the Hudson River, until we reached our objective. The area was not a formal Boy Scout camp... just a big, open, deserted, wooded area. I think it was "discovered" by the young college men who first led the troop, and who later showed it to us. The troop would just disappear into this large, private area. (I remember it being quartered off with marking stakes.)

Since it was away from the road, we could get "lost" in it. We actually had the kids making fires, cooking, map making, compass reading, etc... all the things that Scouts are taught to do.

I recall a very special event that took place one day while leading the troop back over the George Washington Bridge. A small military aircraft swooped down, and flew under the bridge while we stared in awe from the walkway! You don't forget a thing like that or make it up.

We did overnight camping, but none of the boys (or any of the four of us) ever went away to Boy Scout camp. (None of us could afford it.) But we did take the troop on overnight camping trips, mostly two or three nights out.

Joel, Fred, Irwin and I would get together during the week and try to figure out how to keep the costs down, particularly regarding the food. (Food was rationed during the war, and many things were just unobtainable.) Approximately 25 of the Scouts would go on any one trip. Troop funds would be used, of course, but the boys had to contribute a bit, since the troop never had enough.

In New York State, there was a campsite that we always used for overnight camping. It was called "Spruce Pond Boy Scout Reservation," near Southfield, about an hour by train from Hoboken, NJ. The campsite had a small central administration building where troops could rent a large storage locker for a few dollars a year to store camping equipment. All our equipment was second-hand items that we would buy in used equipment stores. We'd leave our pots and pans, kerosene lanterns, small hand axes, small tents, etc., in the locker from year to year. (I still have my own "Official Boy Scout" hand axe, sheathed in a hand-made, leather, belt holster!)

Bear in mind, our troop originated in central Brooklyn. The Spruce Pond campsite was north, on the Erie Lackawanna Railroad. Few families had cars. (Actually, gasoline was rationed.) If we planned a three-night trip on some long holiday weekend, we would explain to the Scouts what they had to bring.



*Pumping water at Spruce Pond, 1953
(T161, The Bronx)*

Nobody had a sleeping bag. The boys were told to bring two or three blankets from home. Each Scout would be given four or six giant safety pins to use to form a sleeping bag by overlapping and folding his blankets. We all wore our regular heavy winter clothes in camp, but we all wore uniforms while we traveled. (The Scout uniform always gained us some special considerations wherever we traveled.)

We had certain foods that we brought with us, and other foods we planned to buy near camp. I won't go into details about how we kept costs down, arranged

for food under rationing, and stretched our food. We always made up our own recipes and meals, mixing one thing with another. I don't know how nutritious the meals were, but they tasted great and were filling! We had hot chocolate at night and during the day if it was cold.



*Carrying water to site, Spruce Pond, 1953
(T161, The Bronx)*

The boys would show up at our meeting place very early in the morning of the overnight, perhaps at 6:30 AM. They generally came with their parents, but that was the only participation the parents had. We insisted that the parents leave at once. We would check out their "equipment" to make sure they had blankets, personal cooking and eating gear, warm winter clothes to wear in camp, uniforms, etc. We would portion out whatever food we had purchased in advance among the Scouts to make it easier to carry. We had to walk about five or six blocks to catch the city bus to the subway.

We would all pile into one bus with all our packs and patrol flags. Everyone had to have a pack of some sort, but I don't think I ever saw an official Boy Scout pack. (I bought my used, surplus Army ski trooper's pack at an Army Navy store, in addition to a canteen and Army knife.)

The bus ride took us to the subway. (All fares were five cents.) The train took us to downtown Manhattan... to a place called South Ferry. We then walked a few blocks to a ferry that would take us across New York Harbor to Hoboken, New Jersey, to the Erie Lackawanna Railroad station. For some of the boys, this was their first time on a ferry. The adventure continued.

After the ferry, we rode the Erie Lackawanna Railroad, for an hour or so, to Southfields. Once in Southfields, we would lead the Scouts for a couple of miles to Spruce Pond Boy Scout Reservation. On the way, we always stopped at a general store to purchase additional supplies.

We were walking on a busy highway, singing songs, towards the campsite. The Scouts had brought their patrol flags with them, so we could have a couple of flags at the front of the column, and a couple of flags at the back of the column. One of the four of us would always be in the back to make sure nobody straggled. It was quite a sight... flags, uniforms, packs and all! For the boys, it was a dream out of the Boy Scout manual starting to come true.

At Spruce Pond we would check in at the headquarters, and pick up our stored gear from our locker. We would then be assigned to one or two large lean-tos. These were log lean-tos that had a tarp in the front that would roll down. It had a wood-burning stove for cold weather camping. In addition, there was a

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OLD HEADQUARTERS CAMP "DISCOVERED"

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Men Boarding Trucks, T.M.R. C.C.C. Camp starting in November 1933. From 1933 to 1936, the C.C.C. trimmed and planted trees, cleared brush, created fire breaks and opened roads, mostly or entirely on T.M.R. property.

In 1938, the newly arrived T.M.R. reservation staff under Al Nichols, Jr. took over the abandoned C.C.C. Camp as their headquarters. Julian Rashkind, Nichols' assistant, is still alive today and was there at the beginning. He recalled that the new T.M.R. staff put very little time, effort or money into developing the former C.C.C. camp, only utilizing the buildings that were in good repair.



During the early 1960's, the current "New" Headquarters Camp was constructed and almost all the O.H.C. buildings were torn down.

While we generally knew where O.H.C. was located, all maps showing the building locations were long lost. We also had very few photos of O.H.C. This changed last fall, when we received a donation of a marvelous selection of O.H.C. black & white negatives and photos, circa 1949.



Waterfront, O.H.C.

Since then, we have identified the specific locations of all the O.H.C. buildings, based on analysis of camp and aerial photos, and the recollections of William D. Keough (son of longtime Manhattan Professional William G. Keough), and David Nowitz (son of T.M.R.'s Postmaster, Ben Nowitz). Both Mr. Keough and Mr. Nowitz lived in Old Headquarters Camp for many summers while their fathers were on camp staff.

We also identified the locations depicted in all of our O.H.C. photos. This means that you can actually walk around the site today, hold up an O.H.C. photo and see exactly where a particular building was located. While almost all the O.H.C. buildings are long gone, most of the original trees



Buses Arriving in Old Headquarters Camp

are still standing, making this feasible. The Pump House, the last original building from the C.C.C. and O.H.C., still stands today, assisting this process.

This is very exciting to us because the proximity of O.H.C. to the Museum makes it feasible to organize some kind of walking tour of O.H.C., operating out of the Museum.



Old Headquarters Camp, T.M.R., circa 1949 (detail)



Delivering Ice, Old Headquarters Camp

All of this research should make a great exhibit so I am working on one for the Museum's 2011 summer camp season, featuring photos of the C.C.C. camp, Old and New Headquarters Camps. It will also show our O.H.C. photos, alongside the same scenes when viewed today. It will include a detailed map of today's Headquarters Camp with an overlay showing the locations of the O.H.C. buildings. Finally, it will include aerial photos showing how Headquarters Camp has changed over the years.



Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin Restoration

Here are some recent photos of the ongoing restoration work on the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin. The work crew under the direction of John Romanovich and Mike Herbert are aiming to complete the restoration work, including a new roof, by the time camp opens in July.





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TMR Camp _____ Years ____ to ____ Staff Position(s) _____

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☐ \$100 Friend
☐ \$250 Patron
☐ \$500 Benefactor
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Calling all T.M.R. Alumni . . .

WE WANT YOUR OLD SUMMER CAMP EQUIPMENT!



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is soliciting donations of old summer camp equipment (1950's and earlier vintage) for our Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin display. We intend to recreate the inside of the cabin as it looked to Brooklyn Scouts from the mid-1930's to the mid-1950's. See our want list (bottom).

- Notes:**
1. All items must be in good, clean condition and presentable for display.
 2. Camp equipment need not be official B.S.A.-issued.
 3. You need not have camped at one of the Brooklyn Camps to donate.
 4. If you know a member of the subcommittee (see list, below), you can arrange to transfer your donation to that person directly.
 5. All other small & medium-sized items should be mailed to:
David Malatzky
2332 Holland Ave.
Bronx, NY 10467
 6. You will reimbursed for your shipping and mailing costs upon request.
 7. For larger items, contact us to see if a pickup can be arranged.
 8. Donors will be recognized on a plaque that will be mounted in the cabin after the restoration and displays have been completed.



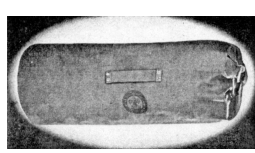
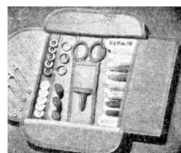
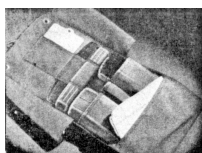
Any questions, contact a member of the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin display sub-committee:

David Malatzky (Chairman) – dmalatzky@aol.com

Bernie Sussman – Berneez@webtv.net

Karl Bernstein – Louella558@aol.com

Hal Rosenfield – PHIL32262@aol.com



Old Summer Camp Equipment Want List

Clothing

Anklet (heavy cotton or wool)
Athletic Shirts
Athletic Shorts
Athletic Supporters
Buttons (extra)
Name Tapes
Pajamas (flannel)
Shaker Sweater
Suede Jacket
Sweat Pants
Sweat Shirts (w, w/o hood)
Sweat Socks
Sweater
Underwear
White Duck Slacks
Windbreaker

Cooking & Eating

Camp Grates
Cup (tin)
Eating Utensils

Mess Kit

Sheath Knife

Fire Tools

Axe (Scout)
Folding Shovel (small, military type)

Footwear

Camp Moccasins (w/soles)
Hike Shoes
Hiking Boots
Shoe Laces (Extra)
Neats Foot Oil
Sneakers

Hiking Equipment

Backpack (Yucca Pack)
Canteen
Compass
First Aid Kit
Haversack or Knapsack

Packsacks

Rover Pack
Pup tent
Ski Packs (internal frame)
Water Purification Tablets (Halzone)

Other Camp Equipment

Bugle (US Regulation)
Flashlight
Flashlight Batteries
Flashlight Bulbs

Other Items

Bible or prayer book
Merit Badge books
Notebook and pencil
Patrol Flags (store bought)
Poncho
Postcards (for writing home)
Scout Handbook

Scout Pocket Knife

Sewing Kit
Song Book (Scout)
Watch

Personal Grooming

Comb
Handkerchiefs
Mirror (small)
Soap
Tooth Brush & Paste
Towels
Wash Cloth
Washup Kit

Raigear

Raincoat or Rubber Coat
Rubber Boots

Recreation

Baseball Glove
Bathing Suit

Camera (Brownie Jr.)

Other Camera and Film
Fishing Tackle Outfit
Musical Instrument
Signal Flag Kit
Swimming Shorts

Sleeping

Tick Sack
Blankets (3 lb. wool or equivalent)
Blanket Pins
Sleeping Bag
Sheets & Pillow Cases
Groundcloth
Pillow (small)

Specialized Summer Camp Equipment

Army Locker Trunk or Camp Trunk
Duffle Bag

Footlocker Trunk (Wooden)

Laundry Bags

Uniforms

Hat (Scout)
Neckerchief & Slide (w/Borough color)
Scout Shirt (long sleeve)
Scout Shirt ("V" neck, short sleeve)
Scout Khaki Shorts
Trousers (Scout)
Web Belt (Scout)
Stockings (cotton, full length)
Garters (for socks)
Green Scout Tassels (for socks)

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fireplace in front of each lean-to.

After changing into our work clothes, we would start on our Scouting experience. (Actually, the adventure had started at 6:30 AM, and by now it was lunchtime.) The boys would take tests, play games, hike around the area, do nature studies... supervised by four teenagers! This would never happen today, and rightly so. But this was during the war, and I guess there was no other way.



Lean-to, Spruce Pond, 1953 (T161, The Bronx)

Troop mealtimes were really memorable... some taking tests, others eating communal meals. As I recall, appetites were always high. We were not in the city now. We were out in the forest, the only forest we ever saw. At night we pulled down the tarp, talked, sang, told stories...all by kerosene lantern light. We then bedded down, and tried to keep warm. We did this for three days.

When the camp adventure was over, the reverse trip home (RR/ferry/subway/bus) took four to five hours.

On one long school holiday (I think it was an Easter week), as usual, we went to Spruce Pond with a group of 15 or 20 boys. The four of us had decided, in advance, that after we had escorted the Scouts home, we were going to continue north from Spruce Pond, into the Palisades State Park, camping along the Appalachian Trail (the AT). Actual AT access was within a mile or so of Spruce Pond. We planned to spend two or three days on the trail.

But we had these boys, and of course, we had to get these Scouts home safely. With the self-confidence of teenagers, the four of us drew lots, and Fred lost. This meant one teenager would supervise the taking of 15 or 20 boys home. But Fred did it!

He and the group left early in the morning, after breakfast, while the three of us stayed on in camp. Fred took them to the train; the train to Hoboken; the ferry across the Harbor to South Ferry Manhattan; the subway home to the last stop; a bus back to near home; and then back to where we had started three days earlier! Fred dismissed the boys, and turned around, got on a bus/subway/ferry/railroad back to Southfields, and walked to the campsite. (Round trip it was maybe 10 or 12 hours.) The next morning we set out, the four of us, on our private camping trip along the Appalachian Trail. Do it today? Never!

Thinking back, we did winter camping, and we all had boots. But the boots were secondhand military equipment, some with cuffs on the top. We rubbed

the boots with neat's-foot oil to try to waterproof them. Surprisingly, it seemed to work!

I could go on and on about the details of city Scouting in 1942-1944, but I think you now have an idea of how four motivated teenagers ran a full Boy Scout troop during World War II.

My Scouting ended in February 1945. I had enlisted in the Army Air Corps when I was 17 years old in 1943, and was activated when I reached the age of 18 1/2. Like me, one by one, the others were called up, or left, and that was the end of the troop.

But it was quite an adventure. When I think back, the experience was very important to me. I learned things in Scouting that I carried through the rest of my life to this day. There were principles that I learned that stayed with me. Your word is your bond; your promise is your bond, and trying to do the right thing at all times.

I hope the next 100 years of Scouting does the same that it did in the past 100 years, because I know it did a lot for me in the past 68 years. It changed my life and made my life what it is. I have nothing else to say except that maybe someday, when someone is reading this in the archives, they'll say: "Wow! So that was what city Scouting was like, way back in 1942!"



Rowing, Spruce Pond, 1953 (T161, The Bronx)

Thanks for the chance to write it down.

Bernard "Bud" Ellis—Ashland, Massachusetts

The above reprinted from *Bridges & Trails*, (Issue 1, 2011) the newsletter of the National Scouting Museum.

Mr. Ellis adds. . .

I must admit that we had never gone to TMR. As best as I can recall (65/70 years ago), we never could afford the fare or the fees. I do know, however, that none of us ever went away to summer Scout Camp.

Years later, in '56 or '57, when I served as Scoutmaster of a troop in Queens, NY, some of our scouts went to TMR during the summer. I never did, however.

Editor's Note: After the War, Mr. Ellis returned to NYC's City College for his BBA, then took his Masters Degree at NYU. He was later with the Federal Government in NYC, LA and Washington. He returned to NYC to become Controller of the American Bankers Association, and then Senior Vice President of what is now Mastercard International. In 1985 Mr. Ellis formed his own Trade Association Management firm, retiring to Cape Cod in 1995. He has been married to his dear wife, Evelyn, for 64 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have 2 daughters and 8 grandchildren. In retirement, Bud served for 7½ years as a volunteer, State-



Dock, Spruce Pond, 1953 (T161, The Bronx)
certified Medicare/Medicaid consultant. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis now reside in a condo in Ashland, Mass., a 1/2 hour drive from their extended family. Mr. Ellis will be 85 on September 1st.

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covered the northern part of today's Founders District and later in Exploring Division (today's Venturing). New opportunities arose and I was soon transferred to the Chicago area council and worked there as an Exploring executive. I eventually left the profession and became an account manager for Continental Can and later the owner of a number of bagel restaurant franchises.

SS: *How did you get involved in Scouting again?*

JR: I was in New York on business one year and made an effort to come up to Alumni Day. I met many scouters from years gone by and Dr. Gene Berman talked me into taking an interest in the TMR Museum. When I retired in 2007, my wife Linda and I decided to get a job at Ten Mile River — she in Camp Keowa as a nurse (she was a TMR nurse in the 1970's!). I helped out with the renovation of the Museum. We spent the summer in a Crystal Lake Cabin and that fall, moved into a headquarters cabin while searching for a new house to move to and Linda started working at the Catskill Medical Center. I spent more and more time in the Museum and became a regular fixture there. We bought a house along the Delaware River.

SS: *What have you been doing recently in Scouting?*

JR: I decided that I wanted to do some BIG projects and so the TMR Museum Heavy Lifters committee was born. Our first project was to MOVE the Kernochan blockhouse —all twelve tons of it—to the museum. When this project was completed two years ago, the Brooklyn Arrowheads alumni group asked if the Cayuga cabin in old Camp Kotoke — the last remaining 8 boy cabin on the reservation could be moved. My crew and I made this nearly impossible move this past winter and the cabin is now at headquarters along with the flagpole from Camp Kunatah. Next fall, another building will be moved—the "Jerry Reimer" trading post from Camp Kunatah. I have brought many new ideas to the TMR Museum—from a geocaching trail around Turnpike Lake to electronic displays.



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- ☐ I would like to request a Lunch meal ticket at a cost of \$5.00.
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Register and Pay online by credit card: <http://alumni.campgnyc.org/>

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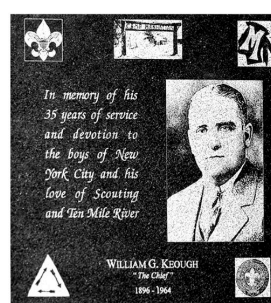
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their whistles, and the buddies had to join hands, and hold them in the air together. (One hand each.) If the buddies weren't close enough to do that within seconds, they were made to get out of the water for a time. You were moved from one area to the next by telling a staff member that you thought you could do so. He'd then watch while you swam in the area you were in. If you wanted to move into the deepest area, a staff member would row along next to you while you swam from the pier to the float, and then back again. That was a goal with an incentive; you couldn't check out a canoe until you had become a "skilled" swimmer.

The question I have is how the staff determined who was at what level of capability. One of the photos shows the boys walking past what looks like a bulletin board on their way out along a pier. Am I making it up, or were our names written on a cardboard disk with a metal edge, in three different colors, that were hung on hooks on the board? Did we get them to take back to the unit with us? To bring down to the next swim session? Were the buddies' disks put on the same hook? What Really happened 60-plus years ago? All I know is that in two weeks I progressed from one foot on the bottom to swimming out to the float and back

so that I could later on check out a canoe. I think we were allowed to have only one person in a canoe, but usually the staff wanted two people, for the same reason we had buddies while swimming - if there was only one person there, someone had better find the other one in a hurry.

Unit Activities - Once a week the kitchen staff had an evening off. Each of the units sent some of us up to the kitchen to get food we could cook and eat in the units. We were asked what tests we needed to pass to get to the next level of scouting, and I completed my requirements for both Second and First Class during the two summers I was there at camp. We were encouraged to do some types of craft work; I think the only thing I ever did was work on "gimp" for lanyards. The leaders could help us with those; show us how to do the various things we were working on, either in the building or out of it, depending on the weather. There was a central "Craft Shop" down in the Lakeside area where we could go to get suggestions, buy materials, and get some training in what to do. (One of the photos from the Camp Man files shows a scout making a pack basket. Boy, would I have liked to do something like that. Six years later I bought a pack basket for \$10 up in the Adirondacks. It lasted me for seven years, and a lot of miles of both winter and summer packing. But while I was at camp I never had that much money.)

Camp Activities - I only remember two times during the two weeks that we went down to the parade grounds, once during the day for a general parade and flag ceremony, and once at night

around a huge bonfire when the candidates for the Order of the Arrow were tapped out by members running around and tapping out the people who'd been elected from each unit to become members. They were "hailed off" by two others to where they got to slave with stick "bits" in their mouth for a couple of days (to remind them not to talk) on some sort of camp improvement project.

The "Canteen" - The photos show a small building, and triggered a memory. I think the canteen was open for us one day a week, and we could buy a candy bar, or something of the sort. At least those of us who had money. I don't remember whether I ever went in there, in either of the two summers I was there at Camp Man.

The second summer I was there, after people from my troop came up during the fourth session, we were in a unit in Central. Instead of four-man tents, Central had eight-man squad tents, of much heavier, sort-of yellow color tents, which were much darker unless both ends of the tent were open. The pictures show a wall tent design, with much bigger tent platforms. I carry an image of their being pyramid shaped, which is probably an error on my part. Other than that, and there being only four tents per unit, everything was about the same as during my earlier time at camp. Central washroom, central dining hall, and so on. The Central area was much flatter, so the tents weren't scattered among the trees on a hilly slope as those at Whippenquok were.

THE GREAT WATER HIKE OF 1921

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I was surprised to learn that the biggest one-day event in the early part of our history was not organized by the Boy Scouts! I am referring to the Great Water Hike that took place on June 14, 1921 (Flag Day), when 5,000 N.Y.C. Boy Scouts took a steamship up the Hudson River to Bear Mountain State Park to view a stage show. *The Evening Mail*, a N.Y.C. newspaper, sponsored the Water Hike to increase readership. This was the first time I found a non-Scouting entity organizing an event of this size and nature.

The Water Hike grew out of a regular column entitled *Boy Scout Activities* that appeared in *The Evening Mail* starting Dec. 1, 1920, renamed *Boy Scout Doings* – *The Brotherhood Club* with the Jan. 15, 1921 issue. Unlike other weekly Scouting news columns of this period, this one ran two columns most weekdays and four columns with lots of photos on Saturdays.



Column heading, 3/10/21

It was a great column with lots of local Scouting news, profiles of the professional staff, camp news and photos of Scouts and Scoutmasters. *The Evening Mail* even appointed photographers in each borough where Scoutmasters would be photographed free of charge. There were all sorts of contests and prizes for both Scouts and Scoutmasters to build readership. One was the scrapbook contest, where Scouts had to save 30 consecutive days of clippings of Scout news from *The Evening Mail* plus thirty short stories of their daily good turns before sending the scrapbook to *The Evening Mail* for their prize. Scrapbook contest winners were enrolled in *The Evening Mail's* Brotherhood Club.

The Water Hike was first mentioned in the March 16, 1921 issue in a promotion for the scrapbook contest. It stated that Brotherhood Club members would have the privilege of attending *The Evening Mail's* big Water Hike, scheduled for as soon as school closes.

Over the following months new details for the Water Hike were regularly announced in the Boy Scout Doings column:

March 26th – 5,000 Scouts would attend the Water Hike. Scouts had to join the scrapbook contest before April 11th in order to get their 30 days of clippings submitted in time.

April 9th – 5,000 Scouts would be guests of the newspaper and the Hudson River Day Line on the maiden trip of the Steamer *DeWitt Clinton* on June 14th (Flag Day). Scouts from Richmond and Brooklyn will embark at the foot of Desbrosses street (below Canal St.), Manhattan and Queens Scouts at 42nd St. and Bronx Scouts at 128th Street. However, no destination was specified. Subsequent issues detailed work on the *DeWitt*

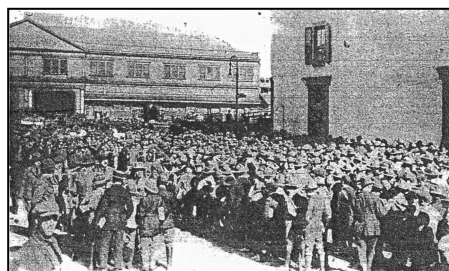
Clinton, a former Troop carrier, which was being remodeled and refitted in Hoboken, NJ.

April 22nd – A general invitation to the Water Hike was extended to the B.S.A. National Headquarters staff at their regular Tuesday luncheon.

April 23rd – The destination of the Water Hike was identified as Bear Mountain State Park, where, among other activities, the Scouts would witness a great open-air performance, organized by world-famous stage director R. H. Burnside of the New York Hippodrome. It was estimated that the *DeWitt Clinton* would arrive at Bear Mountain about 12:45 pm and depart for N.Y.C. after the festivities, but before 6:00 pm.

April 28th – Newsreel photographers from Pathe News and the Fox Weekly News Service will be filming the Water Hike, from the ground and the air.

April 30th – A great stage will be erected at the Bear Mountain parade ground through the kindness and cooperation of Major William A. Welch, General Manager of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. A Sea Scout demonstration will take place with the crews of the Sloop *Spuyten Duyvil* and the flagship *Barkentine Essex*.



Boy Scouts at Desbrosses Street waiting to board the *DeWitt Clinton*

May 2nd – Scouts that missed out on the scrapbook contest were given a second chance to attend the Water Hike. Starting with this issue, daily coupons were being printed in the Boy Scout Doings column. To be eligible for the Brotherhood Club, Scouts had to cut out a coupon each day for 30 days, glue them six at a time on a sheet of paper, and send them to *The Evening Mail*, once per week for five weeks.

May 3rd – Hot cocoa or coffee will be provided for all 5,000 Scouts once they arrive at Bear Mountain.

May 5th – Scouts assembling for departure in Manhattan will be organized into special groups of 32 under a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster's leadership. Five of such groups will comprise a division, each of which will be numbered and headed by a leader and banner bearer.

May 6th – Invitations to the Water Hike had been sent to all the "leading lights" in Scouting, including Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Col. Livingston, James E. West and Dan Beard. Acceptances were expected starting the following week. The theatrical show will include actors and animals, whatever the Scouts were used to seeing at the



Mayor Hylan and cheering Scouts on board the *DeWitt Clinton*

Hippodrome. At least three Boy Scout musical organizations will be there along with professional bands and orchestras.

May 11th – First Class Scouts were needed to serve coffee and coca, and carry banners. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters were needed to lead the special 32-Scout groups.

May 19th – The stage program will include: breeches buoy contests for the Sea Scouts; drills from the Boy Scout manual; a boxing bout staged by boys from the Kennedy House, Indian dancing and the 400-person Keith Boy's Band. No less than six complete Manhattan troops were expected.

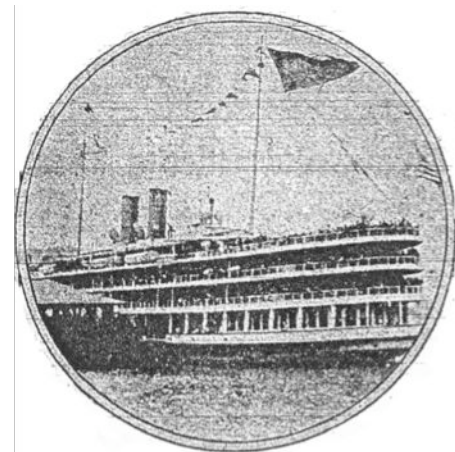
May 20th – Bronx Council Executive William A. Stumpp and his wife enjoyed a trial run of the steamship *DeWitt Clinton*. At least three divisions of 150 Scouts were expected from the Bronx.

May 21st – A letter from Chief Scout Executive James E. West noted that he, President Livingston, Dan Beard, General Wingate and others would be attending the Water Hike.

May 26th – The Scout Executives of all five boroughs will be attending, plus Franklin D. Roosevelt.

May 28th – Franklin D. Roosevelt, Chairman of the New York City Committee on the B.S.A. will be attending. Brooklyn Commissioner Alexander D. Murphy will be Chief Officer.

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The *DeWitt Clinton* docked at Bear Mountain State Park

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June 7th – Tickets will be sent out to Scoutmasters as soon as the list is supplied. All information, maps and details of the day will be sent to Scoutmasters in time.

June 8th – All school principals were authorized by the Board of Education to excuse Boy Scouts from attendance on Flag Day, June 14, when it could be done without detriment to school work. All 5,000 Scouts will be given small American Flags to wave before embarking on the *DeWitt Clinton*. The Hudson River Day Line was running special boats to enable parents and friends of Scouts to participate in the event at the Bear Mountain State Park for \$1.15, including the show. It would depart from the same piers and at the same time as the *DeWitt Clinton*.



Scouts hiking through the Park

June 9th – Many prominent guests and officials will see the Water Hike from the air. Five limousine cabin-flying yachts from the Hudson Valley Air Line will be in Scout Service.

June 10th – The embarkation on 42nd Street was eliminated. Scouts from Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond and Manhattan below 14th Street will embark at the Hudson River Day Line Desbrosses street landing. Scouts from the Bronx and Manhattan above 14th Street will embark at the 129th street pier. Mayor Hylan, Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth will be at the pier to see the Scouts off. On the *DeWitt Clinton* will be tanks full of Nedick's orange juice and molasses kisses. At Bear Mountain, the Scouts will receive a free lunch consisting of sandwiches, Walter Baker's cocoa, G. Washington coffee, and Dromedary dates. They will hike into the woods to eat and return for the big Hippodrome show, consisting of musical clowns, a troop of giants, Boy Scout first aid and bicycle drills, and stunts. A daytime fireworks display by Pain's Fireworks, Inc. will be followed by a bugle call and the return to the *DeWitt Clinton*.

June 13th – Guests of honor who will join the expedition include: General Bullard, Daniel Carter Beard, James E. West, L. L. MacDonald, H. G. Wilder, Harry Davega, Clyde W. Powers, A. H. Burnside, Colin H. Livingston, George D. Pratt, Barron G. Collier, James G. Blaine Jr., and members of the Board of Education. The Scouts will disembark at Bear Mountain by divisions and march into the woods, where each division will take a position already staked out and numbered for it. 25,000 sandwiches (mostly provided by the Sunshine Sandwich Company), hot tea and coffee will be served for lunch. At 2 p.m. begins the great Hippodrome show directed by Mr. Burnside.

June 14th – THE GREAT WATER HIKE. The 5,000 Scouts embarked on the *DeWitt Clinton* as planned. Mayor Hylan and a group of notables stood at the head of the stairs leading down to the Hudson River Day Line pier and reviewed the Scouts as they marched down to the boat. Babe Ruth arrived at the 129th street pier by automobile, but he was so besieged by the Scouts that he was afraid to get out but shook hands with all that could reach him. Franklin D. Roosevelt, chairman of the Scouts' reception committee for the day, reminded the Scouts that the *DeWitt Clinton* had carried most of America's soldiers between England and France during the Great War.

June 15th – According to *The Evening Mail*, nearly one-third of the enrolled membership of the five boroughs attended the Water Hike. At Bear Mountain, General Manager William A. Welch provided special guests with lunch at the Bear Mountain Inn and a motor tour of the park, including the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. The big stage show included the famous Marceline the clown, a balancing act, actors dressed up as animals, Scout boxing matches, a first aid exhibition, a drum and bugle corps, and Keith's Boy's Band. The flying boat was moored alongside a dock, where hundreds of Scouts visited it.

June 20th – Franklin D. Roosevelt sent the following letter to *The Evening Mail*:



Franklin D. Roosevelt

"I have been away before this or I would have written you before this to convey to you my deep appreciation of the splendidly successful trip of the Boy Scouts to Bear Mountain last Tuesday. My only regret is that every person in New York could not have seen, with their own eyes, the enthusiasm of those 5,000 scouts, which began before 10 in the morning and was still working overtime at 8 o'clock that night."

If every parent could have witnessed the good order, good manners and keen interest shown by those youngsters they would put their boys into the nearest scout troop.

The Evening Mail has rendered a public service. I hope that many citizens will find time during the summer to go up to the series of camps in the Palisades Interstate Park to see the splendid opportunities which are given to the 20,000 Boy Scouts to get two weeks or more of out-door life under the finest conditions.

I hope to see the day when at least a hundred thousand of the boys of New York City will take part in these camps every summer."

The last *Boy Scout Doings* column ran on June 22, 1921, so it appears that the column ended with the Water Hike. The *Evening Mail* mentioned the possibility of sponsoring a big field trip for N.Y.C. Scouts and hopes for annual Water Hikes, but as far as I know, these never took place. It is interesting to note that I could not find articles on the Water Hike in the other N.Y.C. newspapers, probably because a competing newspaper sponsored it.

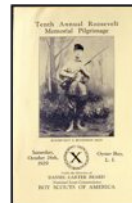
Note: This article is based on Boy Scout articles from The Evening Mail (1920-1921). The complete set of articles is available on our web site: tnrmuseum.org.

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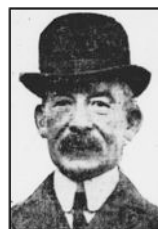
Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages

We are receiving a lot of paper on the pilgrimages to Theodore Roosevelt's grave in Oyster Bay, NY, organized by National Scout Commissioner Dan Beard, from 1920-1940. These include planning documents, schedules, promotional literature, status reports, and printed programs. F. Howard Covy, Nassau County Scout Executive, served as Chief of Staff for many of the Pilgrimages and we have extensive 1929 Program correspondence between him and Dan Beard. (100+ pgs.)



New York Tribune Scouting Articles

These detailed articles (1910-1922) expand considerably what we know about N.Y.C. Scouting during this period. Best of all, the Tribune had plenty of photos and we have great shots of Baden-Powell in N.Y.C., Lorillard Spencer, Dan Beard, Judge Franklin C. Hoyt and other pioneers of N.Y.C. and National Scouting. There are a considerable number of articles about Chinese Scouts in N.Y.C. Baden-Powell's visit to N.Y.C. in 1912 was very well covered with a full page on BP and the Boy Scout organization. The \$200,000 citywide fundraising campaign in 1915 was covered each day of the campaign.



Baden-Powell

Starting with the Jan. 29, 1914 issue and ending with the Jan. 4, 1917 issue, Manhattan Council published its official news in a regular weekly column with the title "Headquarters Notices." These provided details of upcoming Manhattan Scouting meetings and events, Scout advancement, Troop and District notices and general Scouting news.

There is extensive coverage of N.Y.C. Scouting during WWI, including the mobilizations, Scout gardens, victory parades, Liberty Bond campaigns, war information distributions, fundraising campaigns, and war savings stamp campaigns.

June 8-14, 1919 was designated Boy Scout Week by President Wilson in recognition of the contribution that the Scouts made to the war effort. There was a big fundraiser and recruitment campaign for the N.Y.C. Scouts and the Tribune covered it in great detail.

The annual Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages were covered in detail starting in 1920. There is good coverage of the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. (646 pgs.)

1925 Italian Scouting Brochure

This brochure was published by Bronx Council in Italian and is the only non-English Scouting document in our collection. It explains the principals of the Scouting movement, the Scout Oath and Law, uniform and camping. We also included an English translation of the document. (14 pgs.)

Museum Web Site News



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Welcome back to my column. On the web site <http://tmrmuseum.org> be sure to click on Museum News for the latest Museum photos, upcoming events and publications. Here are some recent additions to Museum News:

1. T.M.R. Alumni Day 2011 Flyer.
2. T.M.R. Smoke Signals - Fall, 2010 Issue.

For the latest additions to the Museum archives, go to tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html.

I received loads of new paper since the last issue of T.M.R. Smoke Signals. Keep it coming in! Here are the most recent additions to the Museum's online archives: tmrmuseum.org/archive:

1. Pre-TMR Camps - Hunters Island-Bronx Camp - Hunters Island Aerial Photo (1924).
2. Kanohwahke Scout Camps - Camp Tahlequah - Memorabilia.
3. Ten Mile River Scout Camps - Camp Maps - Aquehonga (1966), Davis Lake (1966), Keowa, Kernochan (1966), Kunatah, Lakeside, Nianque (1966), Ranachqua (new), Rondack. Old Headquarters Camp - Headquarters Camp 1949 - Paper, Photos, Camp Rosters - 1946, 1947. Sue Smith Local Area. Camp Kotohke - Banquet (1954). Camp Man - 1930 Pageant, Camp Photos (1930's). Camp Man 1949 - Photos, Paper, Frank Mullane Color Photos (1951). Map (1949). Camp Manhattan - Al Engmann Photos (1930's), Memorabilia. Camp Waramug - Photos. T.M.R. Personalities - Nick Dale. Harvey Gordon - 1937 National Jamboree. Frederic Kernochan - Camp Man 1930. FDR - Camp Man Visit (1933). Julian Rashkind - Norfolk Waterside. Harvey W. Smith - Training, Woodbadge.

4. T.M.R. Literature - 1940s - Whos Who at TMR (1947). 1950s - Bed Check, TMR Pass. 1960s - TMR Staff List 1960. 1970s - CIT Contract (1976), TMR Staff Guide (1977).

5. TMR Memorabilia - Pennants.

6. TMR Aerial Photos - June, 1958. - TMR Maps - Other TMR Maps.

7. Short-Term Camps - Alpine Scout Camp - Maps, Memorabilia, Camp Information. Kaines Open - Al Engmann Photos, Memorabilia. Henry Kaufmann Scout Camp - Memorabilia, Maps. William H. Pouch Scout Camp - Pouch Topo Map (1906), Pouch Map (1907), Pouch Aerial Photo (1924), Pouch Map (1955), Pouch Map Color-1, Pouch Map Color-2, - Memorabilia. Sanita Hills - Maps, Memorabilia. Spruce Pond - Maps, Memorabilia. Multi-Camp Literature - Camp Application.

8. Order of the Arrow - Grand Lodge Meeting Minutes (1926).

9. National Council - B.S.A. Organization - (John Alexander) correspondence (1910-1911). Theodore Roosevelt's Birthday. James E. West - Baden-Powell Visit (1912). Columbia University Course - Dan Beard Hike (1918). Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages - 11/26/20, 10/30/26, 10/04/27, 10/27/28, 10/26/29, 10/25/30, 10/00/31, 10/21/33, 10/20/34, 10/26/35, 10/24/36, 10/23/37, 10/21/39, 10/19/40. 1939 BSA Meeting brochure. NYC Worlds Fair 1939-40 - Service Camp Stamp.

10. Dan Beard - Correspondence - Marion Abriel, W.F. Abriel (Manhattan), Lawrence Abt, John L. Alexander, James Alfred, A.A. Anderson, John Boardman, Marston Bogert, Irving Brant, Joseph Brinton, Boy Pioneers of America, Barron Collier, Maurice Connolly, F. Howard Covey, Alfred Darrell, Thomas P. deGraffenried (Alley Park), George Dewey, Thomas E. Dewey, Central District Brooklyn, B.S. Dixon, Ward Crampton, C.A. Edson, Winfield Fairchild Jr., George J. Fisher, Museum of the American Indian (George Heye), F.L. Roud, NY League for Protection of Animals, NY Principal's Association, Troop 7 (Flushing), Troop 500 (Manhattan), Norwich University, Rodman Wanamaker, Andrew W. Warden, Bruce Wellington, James E. West, Harold Whitford, W. Ross Wiegman, Allen S. Williams, Winchester Junior Rifle Corps, Stuyvesant B. Wright, C.A. Worden. Dan Beard Dinner. Dan Beards Birthday (1938), Roosevelt Bucks, Camp Expo 1932, Dan Beard Biography (1937).

11. Pre-Boy Scout Foundation - New York Tribune - 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922. Advisory Committee - Stationary (12/10/15). - The Evening Mail - 1920, 1921. 1915 Fundraising Campaign. 1919 Fundraising Campaign. Lorillard Estate Map.

12. Boy Scout Foundation - Publications - Your College Training (1940), Boy Scouts and the Oregon Trail (1930). Scout-O-Rama 1936 - Sticker. Scout-O-Rama 1940 - Poster.

13. Bronx Council - Scouting 1925 - Italian, English.

14. Brooklyn Council - Central District - Dan Beard Invitation (1915) - Bedford District - Stationary - 04/11/34 (Walter B. Seymour Dinner Committee), 09/30/38. Dan Beard - Judge Cropsey, Walter Seymour Dinner. Troop Publications - Troop 4. Publications - Tenderfoot Requirements.

15. Manhattan-Bronx Council - Stationary - 04/19/16

16. Manhattan Council - Dan Beard - Frederick H. Wilson, W.F. Abiel, Bruce Wellington, Harold Whitford, Troop 500, Troop 718. Stationary - 01/12/17, 01/12/17, 02/09/17, 07/02/17.

17. Queens Council - Troop Publications - Troop 216 paper. - Districts - District 5 paper (1938 & 1940), Dan Beard District Camporee. Dan Beard Correspondence - C.A. Worden, Troop 7 Flushing, Troop 45 Flushing. Stationary - 01/11/16, 04/14/20, 05/23/24 (Queens Boy Scout Sustaining Assoc.), 01/14/38, 03/07/39, 03/17/40 (Dist. 4), 10/26/40, 11/01/40. - Queens Council Camping Committee - 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924. - C.A. Worden - H. R. Engler, James E. West, E.S. Martin, Thomas deGraffenried (Alley Park), J. S. Wieber. - Paper By Year - 1922, 1923, 1924. - Troop Publications - Troop 21. Publications - Queens Village Post 301 Memorial Day Exercises, Newspaper Articles - The Inquiring Photographer. Queens Camp-O-Ree Protestant Services, Boy Scout Safety Campaign (1938), Scout Sunday Program (1950). - Individuals - William Graham, Gerard Laude.

18. Local History - TMR CCC Camp - Post Cards.

I am always looking for new T.M.R. and N.Y.C. Scouting paper and photos (especially staff photos) to add to the Museum's web site. Paper items can be scanned and the originals returned. If you want to make a digital donation, please E-mail the file attachment to me at archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Camp Pennants

Bill Topkis donated scans of his major pennant collection. This includes pennants from T.M.R., Camp Tahlequah (Kanohwahke Scout Camps), Alpine Scout Camp, Henry Kaufmann Scout Camp, William H. Pouch Scout Camp, Sanita Hills and Spruce Pond. (25 pieces.)



1926 Grand Lodge Meeting Minutes

These are the minutes of the sixth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge (today's Order of the Arrow) at Camp Indiantale (Reading, PA Council) on October 29, 1926. Eight Lodges attended, of which Ranachqua Lodge was the only N.Y.C. Lodge. Some individuals associated with N.Y.C. Scouting were active in the Grand Lodge at this time and were mentioned in the minutes: Harvey A. Gordon (National Scribe), William A. Stumpp

(Chairman of the Credentials Committee and the Committee on By-Laws & Resolutions), George Schwartz (Ranachqua Lodge), Joseph D. Carstang (former National Treasurer), Idwal Roberts (Ranachqua Lodge). At the meeting, William A. Stumpp was elected National Chief in a contested election and Ranachqua Lodge extended an invitation for the Grand Lodge to meet in 1927 at Camp Ranachqua in the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. (15 pgs.)

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