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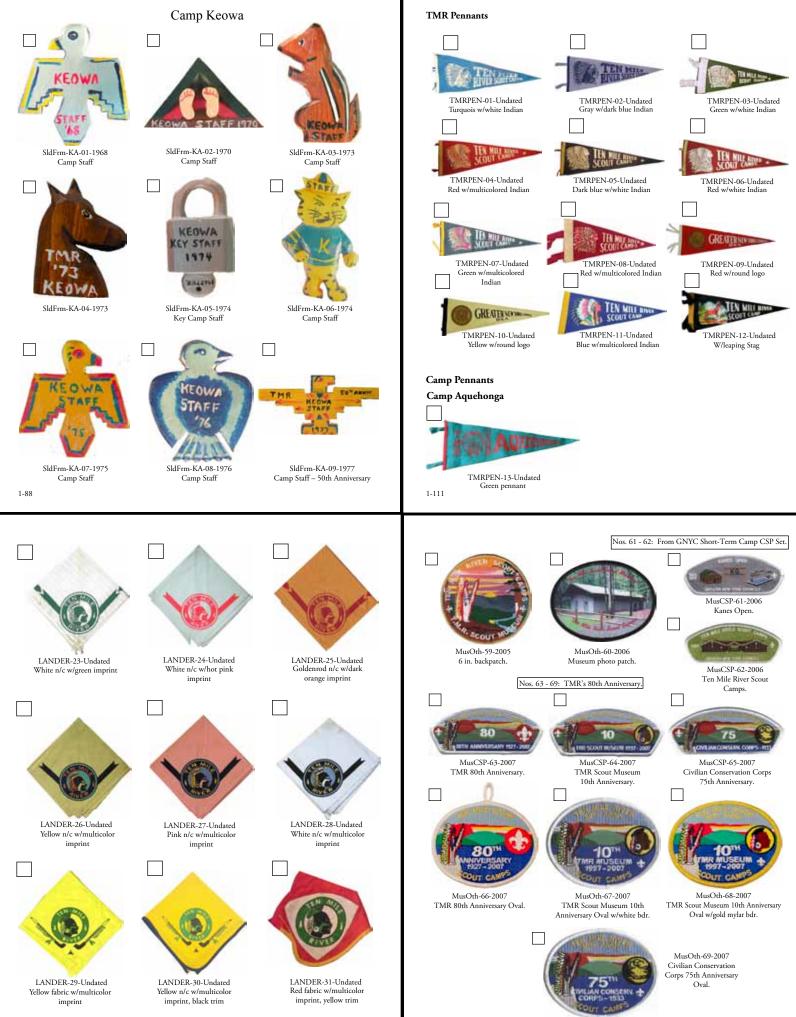
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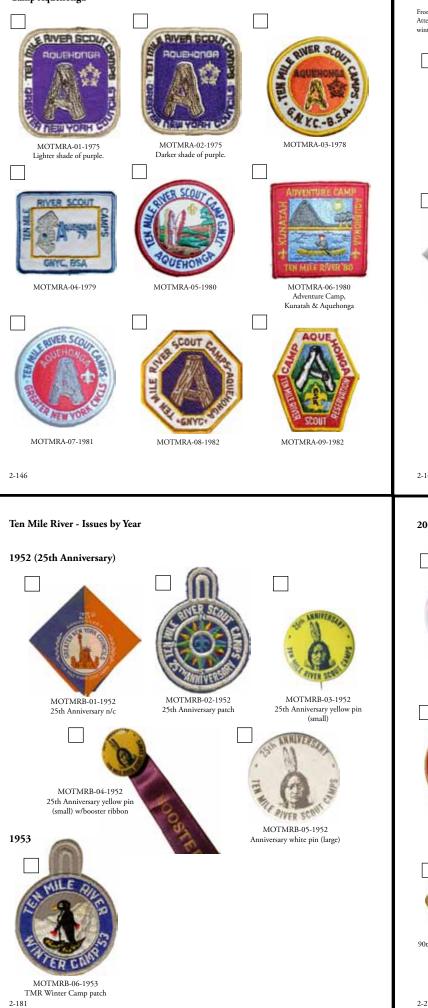
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Camp Ranachqua (Greater New York Councils) 1929-1956

From J949-1952, Bronx Council offered 8-9 day Winter Camps at the Ranachqua Blockhouse, starting the day after Christmas. Attendance was limited to sixty-two Explorers, First Class Scouts and five adult leaders. The program included Explorer skills and winter sports. Food, lodging and bus transportation were included.





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Hunter's Island Camp - The Bronx, N.Y. (1911-1916)

Organized Scouting started in New York City in 1910 when Lorillard Spencer obtained the first charter for New York City Council. The fledgling organization had nominal jurisdiction over the entire city, and Spencer organized a summer camp in 1911 accommodating 50 boys on Hunter's Island in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Thomas W. Whittle, Bronx Parks Commissioner and the first President of Bronx Council made the site available. The camp bordered on Pelham Bay, today's Orchard Beach parking lot.

During the second week of July, 1913, seventy Scouts from about ten different Troops from throughout New York City camped at Hunter's Island, under the supervision of Commissioner Spencer. They stayed in twenty-five tents, ate their meals in an enclosed mess tent, and had access to rowboats and a floating dock. All garbage was burned in an incinerator. The Scouts patrolled Hunter's Island day and night and were authorized to prevent the landing of unauthorized individuals.

By 1916, camp capacity increased to 100 persons. In 1917, the five New York City Borough Councils operated summer camps on the Kanohwahke Chain-of-Lakes in Harriman State Park, N.Y. and the Hunter's Island Camp became obsolete.



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Six Scouts in Tent - Hunter's Island Camp - Bronx, N.Y. New York, N.Y. Madison Sq. Station. Dated: August 3, 1916.

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Camp Post Cards

Camp Aquehonga/K-4 - Staten Island Council (1917-1922)





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POST CARD

Among the Tents, Camp Aquehonga, B.S.A. Interstate Park, N.Y. Published by: Richmond Borough Council, B.S.A., New Brighton, N.Y.



Swimming Time, Camp Aquehonga, B.S.A. Interstate Park, N.Y. Published by: Richmond Borough Council, B.S.A., New Brighton, N.Y.

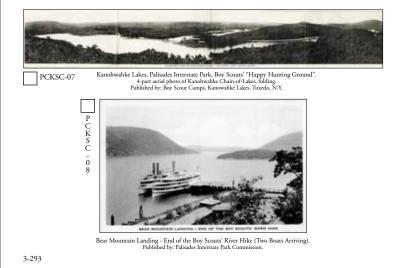


Generic - Borderless



Palisades Interstate Park (Scouts Signaling). Fort Montgomery NY. Dated: June 5, 1920.

Generic - With White Border





81934 - Greetings From TMR: A Troop Council Fire. Published by: Pendor Natural Color, Box 33, Part River, N.Y. Made by Deter Press, Inc, West Nyack, N.Y. Narrowsburg NY. Dated: August 22, 1955.





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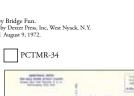
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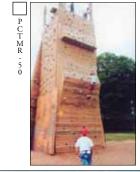
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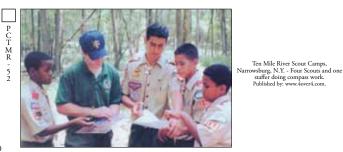


Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Narrowsburg, N.Y - Climbing Wall. Published by: www.4over4.com.





Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Narrowsburg, N.Y. - Dock and Scouts. Published by: www.40ver4.com.



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Stage is Set" - Brooklyn Scout Camps, Ten Mile River, N.Y. Published by: Eagle Post Card Co., New York. Ten Mile River NY. Dated: August 12, 1929. 130533 *Th



"Welcome" - The Trail Ends and Fun Begins, Brooklyn Scout Camps, Ten Mile River, N.Y.

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A Popular Spot, Brooklyn Scout Camp, Tusten, N.Y. (Trading Post). Published by: Artview Post Card Co., 225 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. Tusten NY. Dated: July 13, 1939.

Camp Post Cards Camp Aquehonga (1929-1967)

For the 1929 summer camp season, Harvey Gordon built Camp Aquehonga on Half Moon Lake for the Staten Island Council. The buildings were ruggedly and handsomely built to withstand the elements for fifty years or more

Camp Aquehonga contained the Red Jacket cabins, which were winterized, with chimneys and lockers; the Shelter Cabins, Adirondack lean-tos, with reflector fireplaces, and tent sites. There was an enclosed non-kosher dining hall/ recreation hall, washhouse, waterfront, camp director's cabin and trading post. Lumber was obtained from Saw Mill No.1, more than a mile away from camp, and was carried to the site over railroad tracks. 70 Scouts and Scouters first occupied the camp over the 1928 Columbus Day weekend.

From 1929–1954, Old Camp Aquehonga was operated by Staten Island Council, and then by the Greater New York Councils (1955-1967). In 1968, it was replaced by "New" Camp Aquehonga on the opposite side of Half Moon Lake.



Block House and Entrance to Aquehonga, the Staten Island Scout Camp, Ten Mile River, N.Y.





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Block House at Entrance to Aquehonga, S.I. Boy Scout Camp, Ten Mile River N.Y. Published by: Artview Post Card Co., 225 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

William H. Pouch Scout Camp - Staten Island, N.Y. (1949-present)

Named for William H. "Uncle Bill" Pouch, Scout Commissioner of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York (1937-1941), Council President (1942-47) and Honory Chairman of the Greater New York Councils Executive Board. The property was acquired by the Greater New York Councils in 1949 from the estate of Ernest Flagg (1857-1947), designer of the Singer Building on Broadway, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The new property was adjacent to the Staten Island Short-Term Camp. Scouts attending Short-Term Camp used to swim in Flagg's Pond, today's Lake Ohrbach. The plan was to combine the two properties and name it after William Pouch. Announced plans to run an expressway between the two properties made this impossible, so the Short-Term Camp property was sold and reopened in 1952 as the 50-acre Camp High Rock Girl Scout Camp.

On March 12, 1954, William H. Lantham, chairman of the GNYC Camping Committee, announced that grants from the Jacob R. Schiff and Irving Berlin funds and other gifts would enable doubling the Camp Pouch property before the summer of 1954. This was the northwest section of the camp, which includes the Camporee Field.

Weekend facilities includes: tent sites, lean-tos, 14-man and 22-man cabins. Stuart Area was named for Major Stuart who was Staten Island's first Scout Executive. He also served under Baden-Powell in the Bohr war.



Entrance Gateway - Wm. H. Pouch Scout Camp, Greater New York Councils, B.S.A., Staten Island, N.Y. Published by: Pendor Natural Color, Box 33 Pearl River, N.Y. Made by Dexter Press, Inc, West Nyack, N.Y.





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92412 - Totem Poles - Wm. H. Pouch Scout Camp, Greater New York Councils, B.S.A., Staten Island, N.Y. Published by: Pendor Natural Color, Box 33 Pearl River, N.Y. Made by Dexter Press, Inc, West Nyack, N.Y.