

Here's High

base camps and a dozen outcamps from which Explorations, Expeditions, Wagon Trains, Cavalcades, and Kit Carson and Pioneering Treks operate. These trips, each with a different type of program, range from seven to 25 days and the cost from \$15 to \$65. Reservations for the June 13 to September 2 schedule must be made through your Local Council. For details ask to see the booklet "As Philmont Goes."

This year every Region will have at least one Air Encampment. Formerly for Air Scouts, these events are now open to all Seniors. Participants live in barracks at an Air Force or Navy Base, use the regular facilities for technical training and recreation, and often climax the week with an orientation flight. On



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Air encampment party at March Field, California.

SENIOR SCOUTS want and need special activities on the young men's level if they are to stay in Scouting and recruit their friends. Senior membership has grown rapidly in the last two years, including an increasing number of fellows who have never been Scouts. One reason for this growth is the attraction of more and better high adventures run by Local Councils and Regional Offices.

High adventure covers a wide range of activities such as Rendezvous, Regattas, Bivouacs, Cruises, Expeditions, and Encampments. Always it means getting away from home, sometimes a distance of several hundred miles, frequently into the wilderness, and mingling with Seniors from other communities and Councils.

The programs are of two general types. One is the wilderness experience like a canoe trip, pack horse expedition, or Philmont Ranch trip. The other is a gathering of Senior Units for technical training, friendly competition, and a social good time, as at an Air Encampment.

Ask Your Executive

Every one of the twelve Regions has planned a series of high adventures for 1948, and many of the 544 Councils have, too. Most of these special events are coming up during the summer. Ask your Scout Executive what's on the Senior Scouting calendar in your Council and Region. The Regional events described below suggest some that your Unit or Council may take part in. Reservations and information are handled through the Local Council.

Open to all Senior Scouts who make their reservations early enough is Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. It covers 127,000 acres, over 200 square miles of mountain, plain, mesa and canyon, populated with buffalo, elk, deer, antelope, bear, cougar, wild turkey and trout. Ready for use are 225 saddle horses and 110 burros.

Besides regular ranch operations, there are six

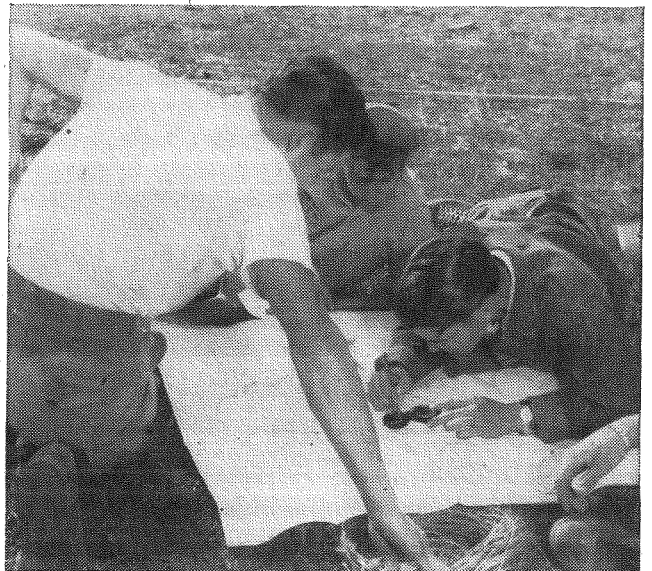


Photo by Frank Bartlett

Explorers work out orientation problem at Senior Bivouac, Camp Strake, Texas.

the final evening there is a formal party. Long hours, strenuous training and wonderful recreation make it a rugged week. Ask your Council about the dates and location of your Region's Encampment.

Wilderness Canoe Explorations in Maine will again feature Region 1's Senior summer program. Also on the calendar are Sea Scout Rendezvous and an Air Encampment.

Region 2 has 29 Senior events scheduled from June to August, most of them run by host Councils for divisions of several Councils. Included are cruises for Sea Scouts on Coast Guard vessels, eight one-week cruises along the coast and two five-week cruises to waters off Iceland and Greenland. Eight Councils are conducting Philmont trips at a cost to individuals of about \$150. Ten Councils will serve as hosts for sectional Regattas and Rendezvous.

Regional Air Encampments will be held at West

Adventure For Seniors

Point's Stewart Field August 7-15 and at Mitchell Field August 21-29.

The annual Chesapeake Bay Cruises of Region 3 will start June 7 and run till September 4. A different group of Seniors will embark each week on the Schooner Catherine under the direction of Capt. Robert J. Shores, veteran sailing master. Local Council plans provide several Philmont trips, three Canadian canoe trips, and several Explorer Scout Expeditions along the Appalachian Trail.

The Region 4 Senior Scout Sky Meet will be held at the Sullivan Avenue Airport in Columbus, Ohio, August 20-22. Flying models will be the center of attraction, but there will be Sea and Explorer Scout demonstrations, glider flights, a ball and recognition ceremony. Also the Region will have an Air Encampment in Kentucky and Regattas on Lake Erie.

Region 5 Flies

Region 5 has two Air Encampments on the docket, probably in August, one at Maxwell Field with the Montgomery, Alabama, Council as host, and the other at Barksdale Field with the Shreveport, Louisiana, Council as host. August 9-14 the Great Smoky Mountain Council will be host for an Explorer Expedition into Smoky Mountain Park. There are possibilities of a Sea Scout Rendezvous at the Naval Air Base at Pensacola, Florida, and a Senior Scout canoe trip on the White River in the Ozarks.

Regional events in Region 6 include a Mountain Expedition for Senior Scouts July 17-23; Senior Scout



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Air Scout takes orientation flight with AAF Captain at Air Encampment, Williams Field, Arizona.

Rendezvous (two periods) June 20-26, June 27-July 3; Mountain Camp for Negro Senior Scouts August 4-10; Air Encampment at an Air Force installation, to be announced later.

Region 7's Scout Landing is the base for canoe trips in the heart of the northern Wisconsin and Michigan lake country. Local Council parties of five to 20 outfit and train there under the direction of Voyageur guides. Numerous Philmont expeditions are being organized by Region 7 Councils at a cost of about \$120. Air Encampments will be at Selfridge, Chanute, and Scott Fields, and Great Lakes Station.

Badgers Go Canoeing

All Wisconsin Seniors will converge by canoe on historic Prairie du Chien for a Rendezvous, August 27-29. Gathering first by sections, they will travel down the Chippewa, Mississippi, and Wisconsin Rivers. The annual State Rendezvous at Fond du Lac will be on Labor Day weekend.

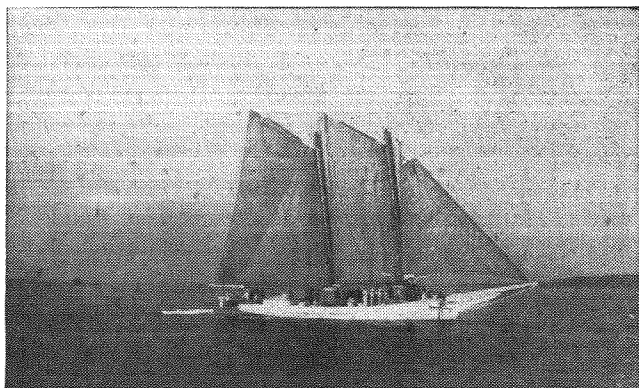
Sectional events in Illinois include the Chicago suburban Councils' Great Lakes Aquatic Rendezvous (sailing, rowing, swimming) in July, and Field Meet (archery, skeet, fly casting, etc.) on Labor Day weekend; Chicago Council's Rendezvous, Regatta, Wilderness Base at Big Blue, moonlight cruise on Lake Michigan, and Senior Scout Ball; North-Central Illinois Councils' Starved Rock Field Expedition (featuring an ox roast).

Region 8 has seven Senior events posted, plus Council-planned Philmont trips and canoe trips from neighboring Region 10's canoe base. June 13-20 are the dates for the Explorer Expedition and the Sea Scout Regatta, both on Lake of the Ozarks. The Expedition (exploring, fishing, boat ride, barbecue, barn dance) will cost \$3.50 per man, and the Regatta (fea-



Photo by Tom W. Little

New Orleans Sea Scouts pipe the Skipper aboard for a ten-day cruise with the Coast Guard.



York Adams Area Council, Pennsylvania, Seniors on a Chesapeake Bay Cruise.

turing moth, snipe, and X-boat races) \$15.

Sea Scouts from Regions 8 and 10 will hold the Iowa-Nebraska Sectional Regatta, July 11-18, on Lake Okoboji. The Mississippi River Sailing Regatta, August 8-15, will start from a base near Muscatine, Iowa, and stop at a different camp each night. Region 8's Air Encampment will be at Salina, Kansas, August 21-28. Seniors also will take part in the State Fair Scout Service Camps in Missouri (August 22-29) and Iowa (August 25-September 3).

Region 9 has two Air Encampments set up at Air Force bases. The first is "Operation 509" at Roswell, New Mexico, with Eastern New Mexico Council as host. On the program is a two-day Bivouac high in the Capitan Mountains. The other encampment will be at Fort Worth, Texas, Longhorn Council as host, June 12-20. Besides competition for gas, jet, and radio controlled model planes, there will be a visit to the Consolidated Aircraft plant, home of the B-36, and—deep in the heart of Texas—an arctic survival course.

The regional Senioree will be at the Senior base, Camp Constantin, on the shore of Possum Kingdom Lake, near Mineral Wells, Texas, August 16-20, with Circle Ten Council the host. A main event will be a lugged two-day survival problem.

A limited number of Seniors will go on a New Mexican archaeological expedition, June 21 to July 3. Another group will form sailplane service crews for the Southeast Soaring Meet at Grand Prairie, Texas.

Region 10 invites Seniors from all Regions to use its Wilderness Canoe Base on Moose Lake near Ely, Minnesota. In its twenty-fifth season, the base now allows Local Councils to run independent trips with their own leadership and equipment at a charge of \$3 per person. Other seven, ten, and 14-day trips are operated with equipment and guides furnished by the base at a cost of about \$3 a man a day. All parties are trained and inspected before they leave the base.

The Air Encampment of Region 10 will be at Weaver Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, June 18-26. On the program are gas, jet, and radio-controlled model contests, a party at the officers' club, and possibly orientation flights.

Region 11 has booked an Air Encampment at McChord Field, June 13-23, a Sea Encampment at Whidbey Island, August 21-31, four sectional Bivouacs; four National Forest camps; and wilderness trips at Melita Island, Flathead Lake, Montana.

On Region 12's calendar are an Aquatic Camp at Catalina Island, August 16-25; a Bivouac for inland southern California Councils with Old Baldy Council the host; an Air Encampment; several Regattas; and a trip down the Colorado Canyon by one Council.

Bigger, Better Programs

The advantages of high adventures being set up by Regions and Councils are many. Broad programs are possible because of a saving on overhead expenses. Often the costs would be prohibitive without participation of whole Councils or Regions. Government agencies and other organizations cooperate more readily in furnishing facilities to big groups than they would to small ones. Further advantages are the enthusiasm and morale of large numbers, pooling of leadership, and experience gained from association with fellows from distant areas.

From this experience gained at a Regional or Council event, Senior Scouts and Scouters back in their own District may build similar high adventures, cut to fit local circumstances and wishes. Of course these activities are more expensive than routine features on the Unit program, but this fact gives young men the object lesson that worthwhile things demand work, even sacrifice.

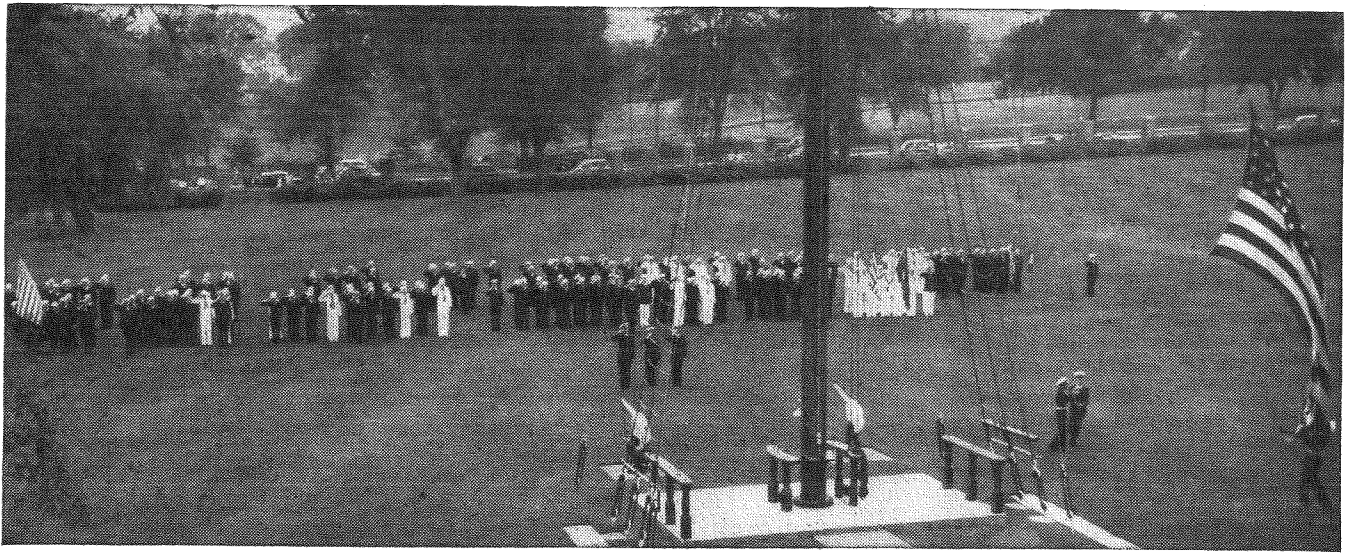
SENIOR PROGRAM HELPS



A June Ceremony

JUNE is a month for more than wedding ceremonies. It is the time for Senior Scout recognition ceremonies to terminate the advancement and honors begun during the school year. Some fellows will finish a few requirements standing between them and the next rank when they are reminded now that a Court of Awards or Bridge of Honor is due in June.

A change of setting will sharpen the impressiveness of the ceremony and prevent it from becoming dull routine. Move the affair outdoors to a scenic or historic spot. Whether on public or private property, when you get permission to use the site, be sure you have the right to keep away outsiders who may cause a disturbance. Temper showmanship with good sense; for instance, avoid standing in formation on a hot day when a brief ceremony is followed by a long



Coast Guard Photo

Sea Scouts hold flag ceremony at Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

program. Instead, after the ceremony, move into the shade and sit down.

Where to go? Well, a Bridge of Honor fits the deck of a Coast Guard, Navy, or Merchant Marine ship or a yacht. When properly approached, the officer in command or the owner often is glad to have Sea Scouts aboard for their ceremony.

If the landship equipment is portable, set it up on an ocean beach, a lakeshore, or river bank. These water sites are also appropriate for Air or Explorer Scout Courts of Awards. Others are a forest clearing, a hilltop, a mountain side or peak, a cave, and a waterfall vicinity.

Get the weatherman to guarantee a sunny afternoon with warm breezes or a starry or moonlit night. Otherwise set an alternate date or indoor site.

Although Senior recognition ceremonies are regularly on a Unit basis, once in awhile it is stimulating when the whole District or Council gets together. The large numbers in such a group may make an outdoor location necessary. Awards may be made to each Unit in succession or according to the three branches of Senior Scouting. Let one Unit be the host, but have representatives from all Units on the work committee. When these big formal affairs are run off smoothly and before a large crowd, they are first-rate recruiting machinery.

Canoe Trip Tips

When school's out, many a Senior Scout's canoe will come out of storage, and then away into the wilderness waters. For the long trips, here are a few tips selected from *A Guidebook for Canoe Trails* used at Region 7's and 10's canoe bases. Some of these ideas also apply to pack and saddle trips.

Plan early and as much as possible before leaving home. Take time at the base or shoving-off point to get everything set.

Carry an extra paddle in each canoe.

Have a repair kit and know how to use it.

Long pants and long-sleeved shirts are protection against sunburn and brush. Sun glasses and head gear prevent headaches from glare on water.

Moccasins should fit snugly or be tied on so they won't come off when you land. Wear stout shoes on portages.

Have a dentist check your teeth before you go; an aching tooth is a bad companion in the wilderness.

Practice cooking at home, using the menus and utensils you'll have on the trail.

Going fishing? Know the laws and buy a license.

Sharpen your knife and axe, check your compass, and study your maps thoroughly.

In camp put your fires OUT — completely, totally, all OUT. A fire is dangerous to the last spark.

Study the storm signs, always keep an eye on the weather, and don't be ashamed to be windbound.

Start now to toughen up with exercises to strengthen your grip, shoulders, back, and wind.

Soak up some sun, so the sun won't have a tender hide to work on when you hit the trail.

Work out a division of camp and trail duties among the members of your party; then rotate them from day to day so everyone gets a break.

Don't trust unknown drinking water; carry Hala-zone tablets or Aqua-Tabs, or boil water five minutes.

In the north country even if days are hot, nights often are not cool but cold; take enough blankets.

Protect unused fishing rods by removing reels and plugs, and lashing to inner gunwales of a canoe.

Take care of your canoe and paddles, and they will take care of you.

As a Senior Scout you represent over two million men and boys belonging to the same organization. You will find the Scout Oath and Law work as well in the wilderness as back home.