

SCOUTERGRAM

The Eleventh World Jamboree will be held at Marathon, Greece, August 1-11, 1963. Councils are taking applications for the 504 boys and leaders allotted the Boy Scouts of America. Qualifications to attend: age 14 through 17; at least a First Class Scout, with Camping, Cooking, and Personal Fitness merit badges; or an Explorer with qualifying experience in these fields. Fee: \$990 plus transportation within the U.S. to and from New York, uniforms, spending money, personal equipment, and sleeping gear. Total time span, including travel time, pre-jamboree training, tours, and the jamboree: July 18 to August 21.

The National Audubon Society has asked the help of Scouts and Scouters in protecting the bald eagle - our national bird and the symbol of our highest rank. Bald eagles less than four or five years old closely resemble golden eagles; while the bald eagle is protected by federal law, the golden eagle is sought by hunters for plumage used in Indian costuming, and young bald eagles are shot by mistake. We can help by discouraging the shooting of eagles. If eagle plumage was no longer used for Indian costuming, the market would end, and there would be no reason to shoot eagles.

Work on the site of the commemorative tribute in Washington, D.C., has begun. The text that will appear on the memorial is:

In grateful tribute to the men and women whose generosity, devotion and leadership have brought Scouting to the Nation's youth and to honor all members of the Boy Scouts of America who in days of peace and times of peril have done their duty to God and their Country

This memorial was authorized by the Congress of the United States and erected in recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

The Scout Oath will appear on the base of the monument.

Explorer Norman E. Fretwell, Joplin, Mo., is a 1962 winner of the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest and a \$1,000 U.S. savings bond. Besides his school studies and church youth work, he is active in Junior Red Cross, holds two part-time jobs, is president of Post 11, and holds Eagle rank and the God and Country Award. He was Region 8's representative for the 1960 Report to the President.

The Asociacion de Scouts del Paraguay is the newest member of the Boy Scouts World Bureau.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges were commended by resolution of the National Executive Board on their centennial for contributions to the welfare and education of the nation's youth and support and assistance to the Boy Scouts of America.

Badge of Honor, true story of a Los Angeles street gang's conversion to Scouting, will be rerun on television by the General Electric Theater on Sunday, September 9, 9 P.M., EDST, C.B.S. channels.

Kiwanis International has a 15-minute 16 mm. color film entitled "Freedom, Our Individual Responsibility." It has a section on Scouting worth Scout leaders encouraging their local Kiwanis Club to see the film available in their Kiwanis district.

National Explorer rifle champions in sixth annual matches are (below) individual match winner James McCourt, Squadron 359, Kansas City, Mo., and team match winner Post 6, Springfield, Ohio, with members and their places in individual competition (left to right) William McKenzie, second; Lemar Ridgway, fourth; Charles R. Walthall, coach; Jerry Graham, fifth; David Peters, third.



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STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

OUR EXPLORER NATIONAL CHAMPION RIFLEMEN in 1961 had to outshoot 10 per cent more competitors than the year before. Participation has increased steadily in the six years of the national rifle matches sponsored by the National Rifle Association and the Boy Scouts of America. The last contest involved 511 teams and 3,461 Explorers.

The individual champion for the first time turned in a perfect 300 score—30 bull's-eyes, 10 each in prone, kneeling, and standing positions. Champion James McCourt, also runner up in 1960, is a member of Squadron 359, sponsored by Trans World Airlines in Kansas City, Mo. He has earned the Eagle with palms and Ad Altare Dei Awards and is a NRA Lifetime Master.

Members of the championship team also won the next four places behind McCourt in individual competition. They represent Post 6 sponsored by the American Legion in Springfield, Ohio. Their team score was 1,166 of a possible 1,200. Associate Advisor Charles R. Walthall is their coach.

Despite its high caliber, riflery is only one part of a well-rounded schedule for Post 6. All members are eligible to try out for the team, but this does not interfere with other activities.

Started in 1946, Post 6 has developed proud traditions and *esprit de corps*. Anything with the post number on it has to be well done. But this is no exclusive fraternity. Open house for prospects and their parents is held every fall. Membership averages almost three dozen Explorers. Advisor Harold E. Clarkson uses many consultants and a large number of associate Advisors and post committee-men, some of them charter members.

It is an outdoor post with facilities for travel to far places, including a bus, two trucks, and several canoes. They do lots of wilderness hiking and camping. Every other year they go to Canada on a canoe trip.

Another specialty is precision marching. Three or four times the post has won the state American Legion junior marching competition.

Post 6 is always ready to render service, the more rugged the better. They are trained and equipped to assist Civil Defense with mass feeding for five hundred people.

The seventh annual rifle matches will begin on October 1 this year and close January 15, 1963. All firing is done locally. Again local, regional, and national winners will be selected and awards made by the NRA. Information folders and entry forms will be available in September from your council office.