Insignia and Uniform Changes

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD met in Cincinnati during the Annual Meeting in May and approved a number of changes in Scouting badges and uniform. You may put these into effect in your area as soon as possible.

Contest Medals The general (plain wreath design) medal with a blue ribbon will be eliminated when existing stocks are gone. Nos. 5114-5-6.

Den Mother's Training Award A new Den Mother's Training Award was authorized. It will consist of a Boy Scout badge superimposed upon a cutout square and suspended from a ribbon of white with a green stripe in center.

Patrol Medallions and Flags The following patrol names on medallions and flags will be discontinued when existing stock is gone: Elephant, Hound, Hyena, Kangaroo, Mongoose, Penguin, Seal, and Swallow. Diminishing sales of these items indicate very little use in the field.

Fourth National Jamboree Neckerchief The design of the Fourth National Jamboree neckerchief containing the 1957 Valley Forge badge design was approved.

World Jamboree Badge A new world jamboree badge used for identifying American Scout personnel overseas was adopted.

Press Club Pin and Gold Quill Award The local council press club pin and Gold Quill Award were discontinued.

Buddhist Award The title of this award was changed from "Buddhist" to "Sangha" and the ribbon was changed from purple and gold to a ribbon of five colors: royal blue, yellow, red, white, and orange. The "wheel" medallion has eight spokes, and there will be perforations between spokes.

Region II Badge The words "Puerto Rico" were authorized to be added to the Region II patch.

Miniature Silver Beavers The Executive Board authorized miniature Silver Beavers in the form of tie chains, and cuff links for Scouters who have received the Silver Beaver Award only. The Supply Service will make this material available as soon as possible. It should be ready by September.

Jamboree Flags Several regulations were adopted concerning jamboree flags. Scouters who need this information may obtain it from the national office.

WE'RE SENDING A BOY

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As you recall, last time Mr. Selden had prepared score cards on which each of us rated each boy on several factors.

CHAIRMAN SELDEN: In fact I have one of the cards right here. The items on which we scored the boys were: (1) advancement, (2) camping experience, (3) leadership ability, (4) Scout spirit, (5) friendliness, (6) teamwork in the patrol and troop, (7) maturity, and (8) ability to bring back values to troop and community. Each of us scored each boy on the basis of one to ten. While we were filling out our score cards we had to ask Louis and Hugh a lot of questions about the performance of the boys. Then we totaled each boy's score. Finally we discussed the three boys with the highest score and agreed on one of them. Our second choice became an alternate.

ADVISOR GRIMES: We had some other awards too, you remember. Two boys got half their expenses to Philmont and two boys on a canoe trip. The alternate for the jamboree trip went to Philmont, if the first choice boy went to Valley Forge. Then the rest of the money we had earned went into our summer camp fund, so everybody benefited.

SCOUTMASTER SIMS: I think we ought to emphasize the fact that this doesn't change our basic troop program or the boys' basic interests. It just adds some specific objectives. All year we are busy earning troop funds. As summer approaches we move into several wide adventure experiences with some boys going to Philmont, some on a canoe trip, and the whole troop going to camp. The biggest adventure won by a Scout or Explorer is the national jamboree. The individual earns it through his Scouting record, and if we follow the plan on which we have all agreed, he would have to earn a third of his ex-

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