# JUBILEE FOR YOUR

**The Boy Scouts of America's golden anniversary will make 1960 an extra-special year for all Scouts -- with your help.**

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR will be more than the celebration of fifty years of service to America and the introduction to our second half century. This jubilee will be a yearlong series of special achievements and activities by and for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers—something they can tell *their* boys about during the 1985 diamond jubilee.

Months ago we started planning for Scouting's fiftieth year. A jubilee committee of the National Executive Board, headed by Ellsworth H. Augustus (now president) led in the development of a colorful, significant program. Unit leaders, backed by all other Scouters, will want to be sure that their boys get the utmost values from the Jubilee Year.

Individual and group awards and emblems are ready for recognition of Scouts and Scouters who join in the jubilee activities. Some of the events will be international, national, council-wide, or district-wide in scope; but they will be staged so all members can take part in most of them and receive the awards or emblems.

In addition to these events your boys are likely to enjoy most the special activities they do in their own pack, troop, or Explorer unit. For example, a jubilee open house, reunion, or parents' night can honor your unit's early leaders, re-enact high lights of its progress, and forecast its future.

The color and significance of the jubilee, with the theme "For God and Country," will receive nationwide coverage by television, radio, motion pictures, newspapers, and magazines. Most local station directors and editors will help you turn the spotlight on your unit activities if you ask them.

UNIT GUIDEBOOK 1960. Detailed suggestions about jubilee participation are given in this sixteen-page booklet. A copy was mailed early in September from the National office to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Explorer Advisors.

ANNIVERSARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. Qualification for the fiftieth anniversary awards on the part of every boy, leader, unit, district, and council can begin at the crack of dawn next New Year's Day. The sooner you start the better, because the individual awards (see illustration) can be ordered and worn as soon as 50 per cent of the members of your unit have achieved them.

The individual award is an embroidered emblem, gold on red, to be worn on the uniform over the service stars. It will be a recognition and reminder of the boy's personal achievement in recruiting, advancement, fitness, and service during the jubilee. Qualifications are detailed in the guidebook.

The group award is a red, white, and blue streamer (see illustration) presented by President Eisenhower. A streamer will go to every unit that has at least half its members earning the individual award and to every district and council that has 60 per cent or more of their units earning a streamer. Leaders whose groups win a streamer may wear the individual award.

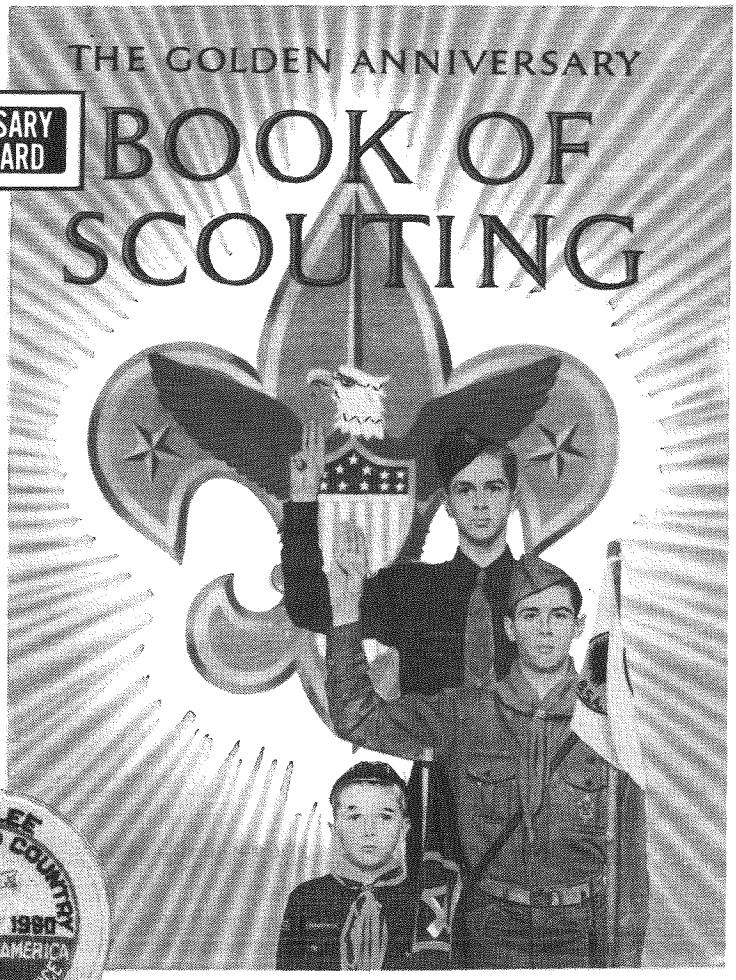
FOUR OUTDOOR EVENTS. On the third weekend in July, 1960, more of our members will be participating in camping and other outdoor activities than at any one time in Scouting's history. All of your boys should have an opportunity to attend one of the following four types of outdoor events and receive the related emblem that will tell his friends, "I was there."

- Fifth National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 22-28, for more than 50,000 Explorers, older Scouts, and leaders.
- Jubilee camporee by council or district, possibly in council camp, July 22-24, for Boy Scouts.
- Explorer jubilee field day by council or district, at or near site of camporee, during July 22-24, for Explorers.
- Cub Scout jubilee by packs, July 23, for Cub Scouts.

GET-OUT-THE-VOTE. In the fall, Scouts will be modern Paul Reveres and rouse the voters to one of their most precious privileges and obligations. To bring home the meaning of this Good Turn to the boys as well as their parents and neighbors, many units will feature citizenship programs at open houses before the election.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS. Our jubilee will recognize the international origin and relationships of Scouting. The project of units sending friendship scrapbooks to units in other countries is explained in this magazine on page 18. Many councils have signed up to act as hosts to Scouts from other lands who will be in America for the national jamboree. Your unit may entertain one of these visitors, inviting him into your homes, camps, and meetings.

# BOYS




FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*For personal achievement in recruiting, advancement, fitness, service.*

*Golden book, containing story of fifty years of Scouting, now available.*

*Jamboree, Cub Scout jubilee, Explorer field day emblems are like this.*

*President's streamer is for recognizing units, districts, and councils.*

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTE. This tribute, honoring all who have been in Scouting since 1910, particularly the eight million leaders, will be erected in Washington, D.C., during the Jubilee Year. You and your boys can contribute to it and have your names on scrolls in the base of the tribute. As announced in the September SCOUTING, unit leaders have received instructions on how contributions are made and the scrolls signed.

SPECIAL MAGAZINE EDITIONS. Special anniversary editions of BOYS' LIFE and SCOUTING magazines will be published in February. Both will contain extra pages and feature historical subjects as well as a look at the next fifty years of Scouting.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BOOK. Boys, leaders, parents, all will thrill to the fifty-year story of our movement in *The Golden Anniversary Book of Scouting*. It will make an appropriate gift or award for any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer, or leader. Published by the Golden Press and the Boy Scouts of America, the book is now available.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. The Post Office Department will issue a four-cent commemorative postage stamp honoring Scouting's fifty years of service to America on February 8, 1960.

BOY SCOUT WEEK 1960. The annual Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, will mark the high spot of the Jubilee Year. What a golden opportunity this offers for impressing the values of Scouting on the lives of boys and the minds of the public.

Begin your planning now to make the Jubilee Year especially significant in program as well as in number. You'll want to make this once-in-fifty-years opportunity count with your boys.

# Proving for

ANYONE WHO DOUBTS THE FUTURE of our republic should sit with one of the thousands of Explorer cabinets meeting every three months across the country. There he will see young citizens gaining confidence in the democratic process by applying it to their own activities.

These council and district cabinets, a distinct feature of the new Exploring program, have caught on quickly. Within six months they have been organized and immediately gone to work in well over three-fourths of the 531 councils.

Explorer cabinet representatives and their advisers take their responsibilities seriously and with enthusiasm. Like men in service clubs and other adult organizations, Explorers enjoy the challenge, the variety, and the prestige that go with occasional big interunit activities. These are provided by the cabinets each planning and conducting no more than three district or council Explorer activities a year to supplement post, ship, and squadron events. Thus, cabinets deal with a real need, not with play or make-work situations.

In structure, too, cabinets have been linked with the units so that there is two-way traffic of man power, ideas, and activities. Cabinet representatives are unit officers elected to a job that gives them prestige when they do the job well.

All this operates democratically — American plan. Cabinet structure provides that Explorer members have twice as many votes as adult members do. Yet adult experience is at hand when needed, and cabinet plans must be a cooperative part of the total district and council annual schedule.

Let's look at a few examples of what was done in various councils to establish cabinets during the first half year of the new Exploring program.

CHOCCOLOCCO COUNCIL, ANNISTON, ALABAMA. Explorers and Advisors met for a two-day conference where each unit elected its district cabinet representative, the ten district cabinets elected their officers, a wide range of activities was suggested, and the council cabinet meeting schedule was announced.

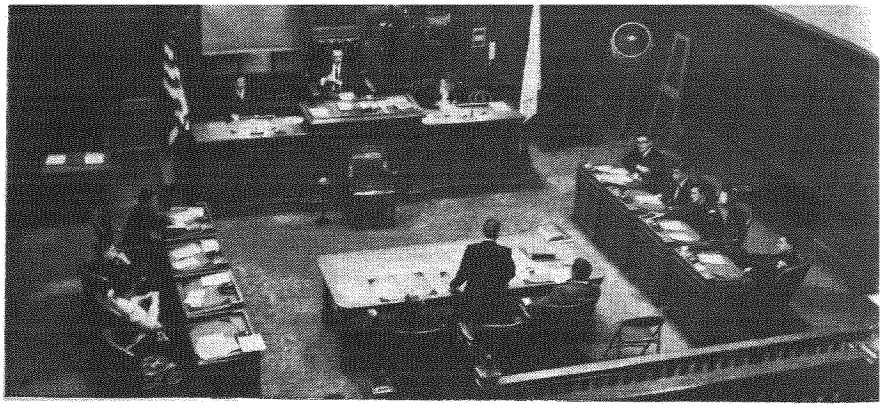
The first council cabinet meeting of thirty-one representatives and Advisors planned these events:

Camporee service; social at Guntersville Yacht Club (aquatics, dinner, square dance); Explorer camp (canoe trip, picnic, square dance).

Scout Executive DeWitt P. Thompson says, "We are happy over the start of our cabinets and want to give full rein to the imagination and leadership of our Explorers."

PINE TREE COUNCIL, PORTLAND, MAINE. The Council cabinet first met at Bowdoin College. After officers were elected, three activities were recommended for consideration by the district cabinets—air encampment, "Citizens Now" conference, and vocational day.

At the first meeting of the Casco Bay District cabinet the sixteen representatives and eight Advisors planned a radio course (with Air Force aid), a Valentine ball, a rifle contest, and a rendezvous at a state park.



*Dignified, impressive surroundings, such as the city council chambers in Worcester, Massachusetts, lend much prestige to the meetings of Explorer cabinets.*

# Ground Citizenship

JIM BRIDGER COUNCIL, ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING. The first council cabinet meeting included the planning of a Green River fishing trip in rubber rafts, the Mountain Men Hike of five days in the wilderness, a winter camp, and participation of Explorers in the Wyoming Youth Conservation Camp.

TOLEDO COUNCIL, TOLEDO, OHIO. The Council cabinet held three meetings starting in January with eight of nine districts attending. The first activity was an Explorer hoedown (field sports and fun booths in the afternoon, barbecue supper, and Western square dance). Tickets and promotion were handled through the district cabinets.

For the year starting September 1, the council cabinet proposed a whirl and twirl social, "Citizens Now" conference and "mayor for a day" event in each community. These were for consideration in the districts and approval by the council camping and activities committee.

At the first meeting of the Turkeyfoot District cabinet the agenda covered the cabinet representatives' responsibilities, officers' duties, election of officers, report of council cabinet meetings, hoedown promotion and ticket sales, and selection of district activities from suggestions made by posts.

MOHEGAN COUNCIL, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS. The council cabinet rotates its meetings among the five districts. The first activity run by the cabinet was an "Exploring" day at Worcester Academy. It opened with formal installation of the cabinet officers and combined a sports tournament, dinner, and dance with a political convention for the election of city officers—Explorers who were to take over the city on Citizenship Day a week later.

The cabinet's next event was Explorers' day at college when Explorers and their girls visited the University of Massachusetts.

Cabinet plans for the 1959-60 program year include an Explorer ball, Valley Forge days (winter sports weekend), and jubilee field day.

James A. Moller, council Exploring director, says, "The cabinet organization needs a great deal of build-up to attract the best possible representatives from the units —little things like an engraved gavel presented to the chairman, suitable installation ceremonies for officers, and a special activity annually for the cabinet members. Unit leaders and district and council Scouters have to be sold on the effectiveness of the cabinet."

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. This council pioneered in the Explorer cabinet idea. Deputy Scout Executive William J. Schumacher says, "We believe the meeting place of the council or district cabinet should be one of dignity and impressiveness. We therefore have arranged to have our council cabinet meet in the Milwaukee city hall aldermanic chambers.... Each of the nineteen cabinet representatives has his own desk complete with microphone. The three officers occupy raised desks."

District cabinets meet in two other city halls, an industrial board room, a recreation center, and a high school.

The council cabinet planned for 1959-60 an Explorer ball at Marquette University, a winter survival trek, and a "Citizens Now" conference at a university. Among the activities planned and already run by the districts are a swim meet, roller skating party, Chicago-land trip, block party, hobo dance, splash party, and spring campout.

OF EXPLORERS, BY EXPLORERS, AND FOR EXPLORERS. The genius of the cabinets has been caught by the adult members—Advisors and camping and activities committee chairmen. They treat the young men with dignity and

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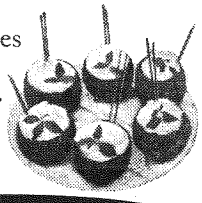
## Here's **STUNT** and **REFRESHMENT** idea **FOR OCTOBER**

You know how boys enjoy strange customs. Well, this stunt stems from the exotic West Indies and the refreshment is inspired by a Jamaican tropical fruit drink. As for the stunt: natives, to calypso music, show off their agility by dancing under a pole while it is being lowered notch by notch until only few inches off ground.

**What your group** does is borrow high jump standards with pole. Start pole at level boys can just stoop under. Each time everyone passes under pole, lower a notch. Whoever knocks pole down is eliminated. When pole gets almost to the ground, excitement mounts.

**Voodoo Brew** is the refreshment. Each boy concocts own. In a tall paper cup or coconut shell, beat together ripe, mashed banana and scoop of vanilla ice cream. Pour bottle of 7-Up, inside, down sides of cup or shell for mystic froth.



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# Proving Ground for Citizenship

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urge on them all the responsibility they seem able to shoulder. The results are surprising, both to Explorers and adults.

A deputy regional Scout executive attended two council cabinet meetings and three district cabinet meetings. In every one he was amazed at the extent of leadership by the Explorers. One example he cited was the detailed work schedules he saw them preparing.

The self-leadership goes far beyond the pleasant tasks of planning. The payoff of cabinet operation is in the success of activity committees appointed by the cabinet to carry through the plans. Here the Explorers are the committeemen with whatever adult guidance is needed.

By firmly establishing this interest in self-government of council and district Explorer activities, the Boy Scouts of America is setting up a deeply significant proving ground for citizenship. Explorers' experience in the tasks of citizenship now is their best preparation for the responsibilities of adult citizenship.

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Details of cabinet organization and operation are given in the *Exploring* manual, Chapter 13, and in *District and Council Explorer Activities*, a guide to Explorer cabinets.