SCOUTERS' DIGEST

JAMBOREE QUALIFICATIONS. Recent changes in the qualifications for jamboree participants are: Scouts must have received the Second Class progress award and skill awards in Camping, Cooking and Hiking; and must also be at least 12 years of age. Both new requirements must be met by July 1.

The new size of the 1977 National Scout Jamboree to be held at Moraine State Park, Pa., Aug. 3-10, is 28,500 participants. Of these, 24,000 will be Scouts and leaders in troops.

YOUNG ADULTS WIN HONORS. Ten young adults were singled out to receive the National Exploration Awards at the National Explorer Presidents' Congress, April 11-15. Basis for the honors is the interest and competence shown by these young people in the natural and physical sciences. Receiving the recognitions are: Daniel H. Craft, Atlanta; Douglas L. Eng, Palo Alto, Calif.; Patrick H. Rayermann, San Marino, Calif.; Bradley S. Thomas, Timonium, Md.; Larry A. Meyer, Marshfield, Wis.; Tracey L. Stambaugh, York, Pa.; Larry W. Kwak, Lawrence, Kans.; Andrew E. Phelps, Encinitas, Calif.; Harris R. Buttz, Minot, N. Dak.; and Ann E. Brasselle, Metairie, La.

The Explorer congress will also be the scene of the presentation of the Young American Awards. Nine young adults between the ages of 15 and 22 were chosen as having achieved excellence in a variety of fields like science, religion, government, athletics and others. The honorees are: Allen M. Hughes, Salt Lake City; Beth S. Dochinger, Delaware, Ohio; David G. McKenney, USAF Academy, Colo.; Mark D. Worrell, Clairton, Pa.; Ruth L. Bonaparte, Portland, Oreg.; Robert H. Perkins, Jr., University, Ala.; Richard D. Thomas, Malad City, Idaho; Douglas L. Bandow, Mountain View, Calif.; Lee Z. Maxey, Houston.

Local Scout council service centers have instructions, applications and deadlines for submitting applications for next year's awards.

DIGEST-BSA SPEECH FINALS. Twelve young men, six Scouts and six Explorers, competed in the annual Reader's Digest-BSA Public Speaking Contest finals held in mid-February. First place winner in the Scout division, Kevin R. Armstrong, Washington, Ind.; in the Explorer division, Todd K. Duke, Wichita, Kans. Their prize: a $2,000 scholarship.

Other Scout scholarship winners, from second to sixth place, were Thomas Bishop, Albany, Ga., $1,250; Alexander Kiy, San Diego, Calif., $800; Alan Lindsey, Laredo, Tex., $650; Keith A. Ware, Belleville, Ill., $550; and Keith I. Garsson, Yorktown Heights, N.Y., $500.

Explorer winners of like amounts: Lee Z. Maxey, Houston, Tex.; John F. Murphy, Hingham, Mass.; Alan Young, West Allis, Wis.; Reid Murray, Oxon Hill, Md.; and Jeffrey C. Ward, Ephrata, Wash.

Their speech title was "The New Spirit of '76—America's Horizons." This year's contest is the seventh of its kind. News of these speech contests is spread through *Scouting, Boys' Life,* Scout council bulletins and local news media.

IMPORTANT DATES. Here's a list of events during 1977 where Scouting for the Handicapped will either be represented by displays or presentations. Interested Scouters are invited to attend. For more details, write to: Scouting for the Handicapped, BSA, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

May 4-5-6, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Hotel Hilton, Washington, D.C.; May 21, Delaware Handicapable Camporee, Fenton, Del.; May 25-29, White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.; June 3-5, New Jersey State Handicapped Camporee, Brookville Scout Camp, Toms River, N.J.; June 18-19, Southern California Jamborette, Camarillo State Hospital, Camarillo, Calif.; June 25-27, State of New York D.A.V. Convention, Swan Lake, N.Y.; July 10-15, National D.A.V. Convention, Hilton, Las Vegas; July 31-Aug. 7, Jewish War Veterans Convention, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Fla.; Aug. 5-6-7, East Central D.A.V. Camporee, Ottawa, Ill.; Oct. 12-15, American Association for the Education of the Severely/Profoundly Handicapped, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco; Oct. 14-23, National Association of Occupational Therapy, Puerto Rico; Nov. 2-5, National Association for Retarded Citizens, Fairmont-Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans; Nov. 8-12, Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, St. Louis.

FITNESS CONTEST WINNERS. You may recall reading the cover story in last May-June's issue of *Scouting* about Pack 411 winning the National Cub Scout Physical Fitness Championship. For a second time, the gang from Pack 411 sponsored by the "Mormon" Church in the southern Arizona town of St. David won the laurels. Rodney Merrill copped the eight-year-olds trophy; Drew Clerc, the one for nine-year-olds and Brian Murray, that for 10-year-olds.

Pack 131, Aurora, Nebr., won the national second-place title while Pack 511, Austin, Tex., took third.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. Thanks to the Railway Progress Institute, Scouts Edwin L. Clopton, Lawrence D. Cohen and John H. Douglas have a part of their future education paid for. The three were winners in RPI's annual essay contest on the importance of railroads to the nation. Clopton of DeWitt, Iowa, won a first place $2,000 scholarship; Cohen, Wilmette, Ill., a second place $1,500 scholarship; and Douglas, Essex Junction, Vt., a third place $1,000 scholarship.

This year's competition requires contestants to submit a 600-word essay about the nation's railroads. For entry blanks, write to: Railway Progress Institute, 801 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. Essays must be submitted by October 1, 1977.

Besides scholarship awards, winners also get an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for themselves and one adult to receive their awards on October 27.

Boys' Life's March issue also carried the announcement of the next essay competition.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDS. One pack, troop and Explorer post each won an encased George Washington Honor Medal for prize-

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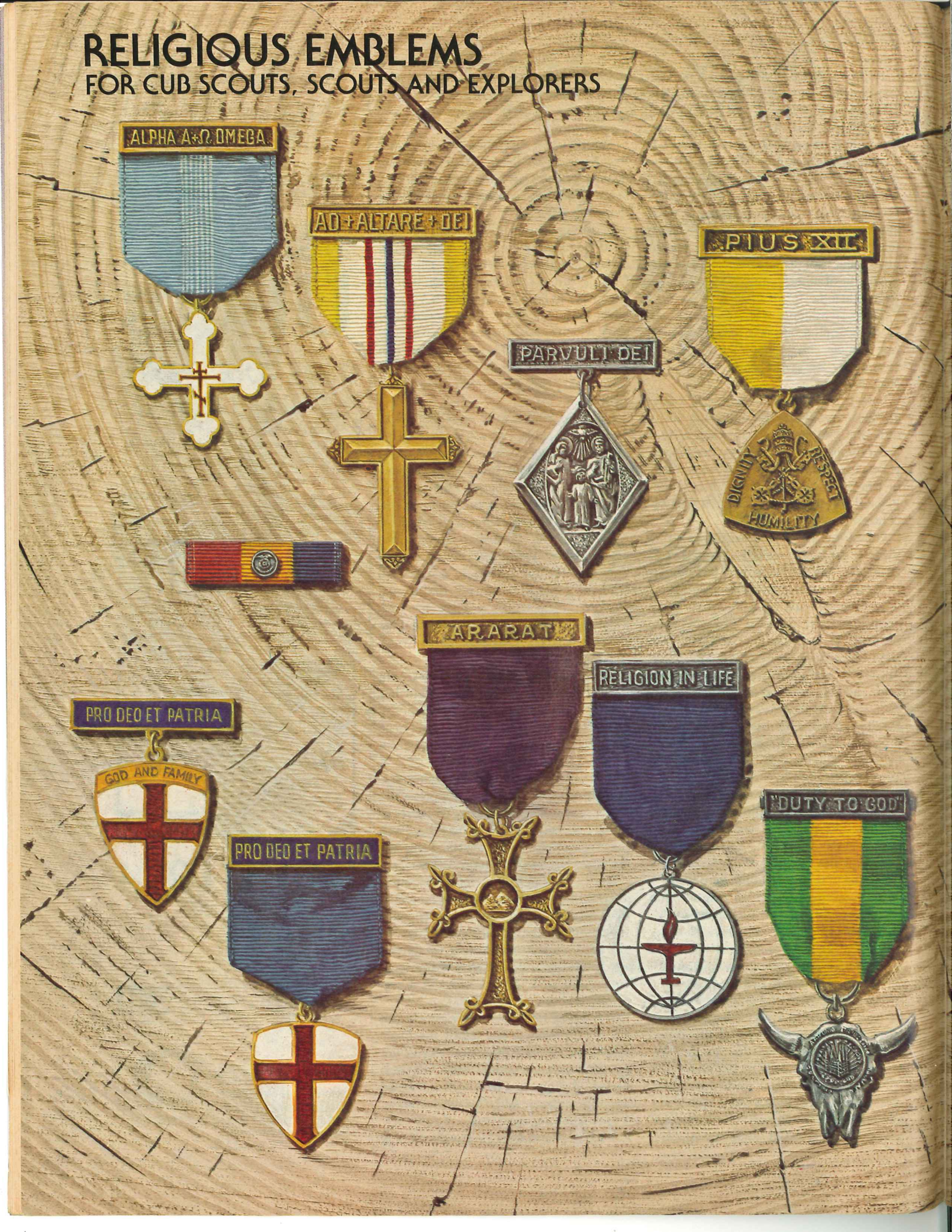
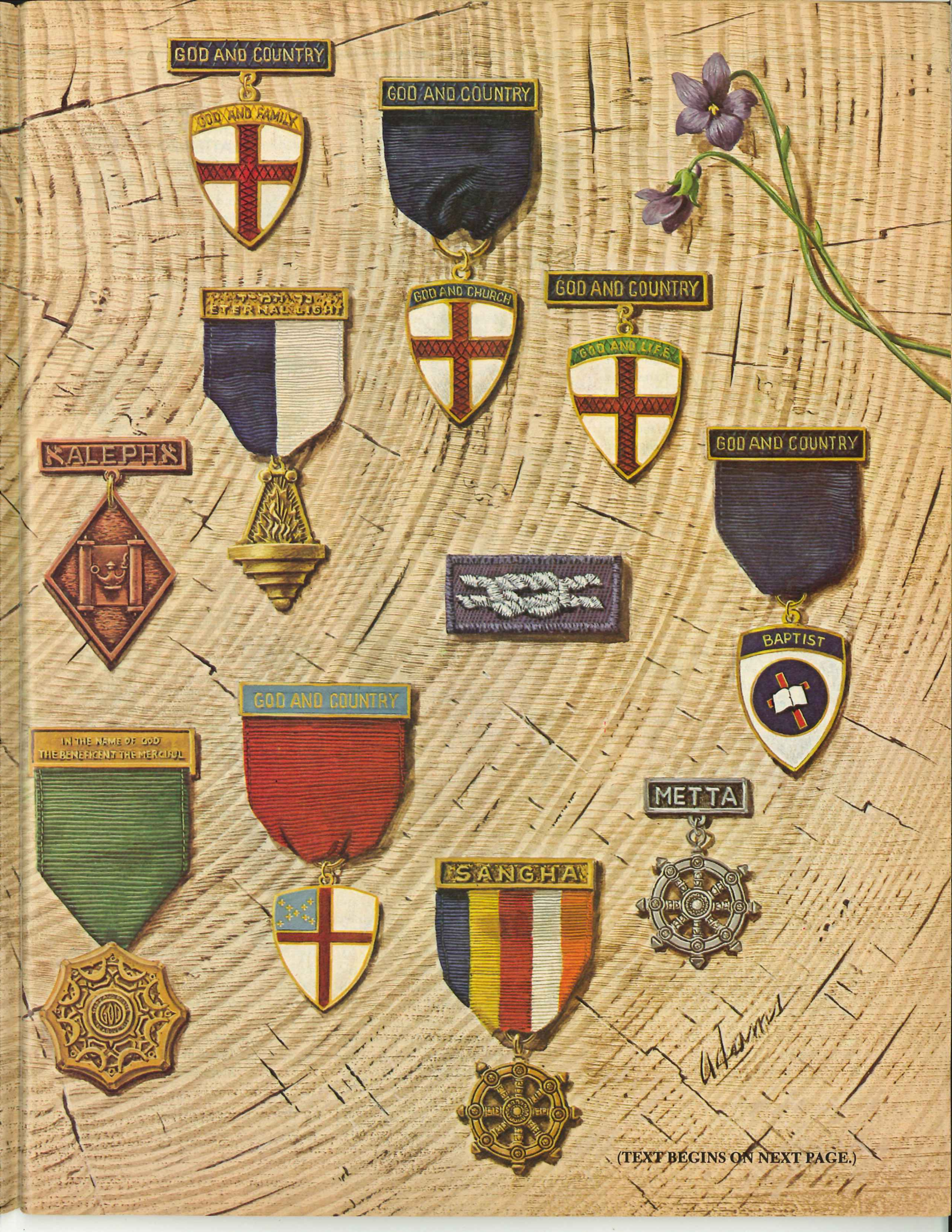
RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS
FOR CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS





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From its beginnings, the Scouting movement has encouraged its members to be faithful in the practice of their religions. The Cub Scout Promise, Scout Oath or Promise and the Explorer Code all call upon boys to pledge themselves to do their duty to God.

But Scouting espouses no creed and favors no faith over another. Rather, it provides programs and ideals that complement the aims of all religions, with the result that religious bodies are the single largest category of chartered partners for packs, troops and posts.

All of the major churches and other religious bodies in the United States have programs to recognize Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorers who demonstrate faith, observe their creeds or principles and give service. The emblems for this recognition are shown on pages 20-21.

The emblems are not Scouting awards. They are presented by religious groups to boys (and, in some cases, to young women in Exploring) who work with their religious leader or counselor on a fairly demanding program of requirements which often takes a year or more to complete.

In most cases, a youth member may start work toward a religious emblem as soon as he joins a unit. However, some religious bodies require that he achieve a certain rank or progress award, or have been in the unit for a minimum period, before he can receive the emblem.

A religious emblem may be worn on the uniform shirt centered above the flap of the left pocket.

The Universal Religious Emblem, shown at bottom right on the opposite page, may be worn by anyone who earned a religious emblem as a youth. It is catalog No. 5014 and is available from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA. It is worn on the uniform shirt centered above the left pocket, or to the wearer's left of the Eagle square knot.

A summary of the requirements for each emblem and the address to write to are given here. (The full address of the Religious Relationships Service is: Religious Relationships Service, Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.)

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

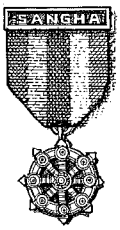
ARARAT. For Scouts and Explorers who have earned the First Class progress award or have been in Exploring at least a year. Requirements cover church practices and history, Christian witness, world outreach, citizenship, fellowship and service. Requirements are available free from the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 630 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

BAPTIST

GOD AND COUNTRY. For Scouts and Explorers. Requirements call for working with pastors in such areas as faith, witness, outreach, citizenship and service. A service record book and requirements are available for 25 cents from the Association of Baptists for Scouting, 2000 Richard Jones Road, Suite 162, Nashville, Tenn. 37215.

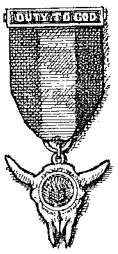
BUDDHIST

METTA. For Cub Scouts with at least three months service. Requirements cover the Buddhist shrine, ways of a Buddhist, Buddhist holidays, childhood and teachings of Buddha and the search for Buddhahood. Requirements are available free from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.



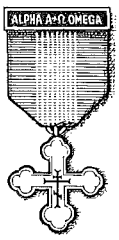
SANGHA. For Scouts and Explorers who have earned the First Class progress award or have been in Exploring for at least a year. The requirements cover observance of the Buddhist faith and service. Requirements are available free from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (MORMON)



DUTY TO GOD. For Scouts and Explorers. Requirements are available for 10 cents from the LDS Church Distribution Center, 1999 West 17th South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH



ALPHA OMEGA. For Scouts and Explorers who have completed seventh grade or reached the age of 13 but are not over 18. Requirements cover personal life, parish life, church organization and service. The requirement book, No. 17-133, is available for 75 cents from the Orthodox Scouting Commission, 1345 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, Conn. 06430.

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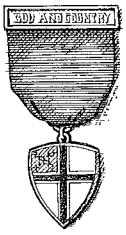


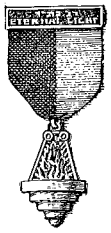
GOD AND COUNTRY. For Scouts and Explorers. For information about the requirements, write to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, 815 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

ISLAMIC

IN THE NAME OF GOD. For Scouts and Explorers who have earned the First Class progress award or have been in Exploring at least a year. The requirements cover experiences and service in the Islamic faith, practices, brotherhood and participation. The printed requirements are available for $1 from the Federation of Islamic Associations in the U.S. and Canada, 7016 Heather Heath, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48033.

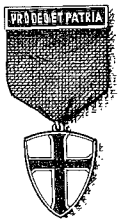
JEWISH

ALEPH. For Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who have earned Bear rank or five activity badges and have been registered at least six months. Requirements cover knowledge of the Torah, prayer, religious holidays, the synagogue, a Bible hero, American heritage and Israel. Requirements, No. 3184, are available for 15 cents from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.



NER TAMID. For Scouts and Explorers. Requirements cover Jewish home life, synagogue worship, Jewish studies, the American Jewish community, world Jewry and service. The Ner Tamid Record Book with requirements, No. 3182, is available for 30 cents from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

LUTHERAN



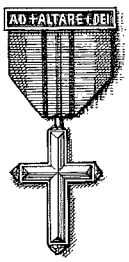
PRO DEO ET PATRIA. For Scouts and Explorers who have earned the First Class progress award or have been in Exploring at least a year. Requirements cover projects in the Scout's faith, worship, witness, the church's ministry and service. Handbook with requirements is available for $1 from the Office of National Youth Agency Relationships, Lutheran Center in the U.S.A., 360 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10010.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA (God and Family). For 9-and-10-year-old Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. The requirements cover substantially the same areas as the emblem for Scouts and Explorers. A workbook with requirements may be obtained by sending 75 cents to Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

PROTESTANT

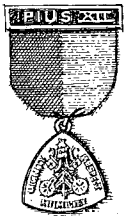
GOD AND COUNTRY. This award is presented by various Protestant and independent church bodies. The three emblems, shown at the top of page 21, are: "God and Familyn" for 9- and 10-year-old Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts; "God and Church," for 11-14-year-old Scouts; and "God and Life," for 15-20-year-old Scouts and Explorers. Requirements vary by program and denomination but include emphasis on relationships with God, family, the church, community, the world and service. Workbooks with requirements are available from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA, as follows: "God and Family," No. 3597, 75 cents; "God and Church," No. 3599, 75 cents; "God and Life," No. 3601, $1.50.

ROMAN CATHOLIC



AD ALTARE DEI. For Scouts who have been active in a troop for at least a year. Requirements are based on the sacraments and cover knowledge and observance of the faith and service. The Ad Altare Dei Record Book with requirements, No. 3095, may be obtained for 35 cents from your diocesan Scout chaplain or from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

PARVULI DEI. For Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Requirements cover understanding Christian love, knowledge of the church and the home parish and service. The requirements book, No. 3086, may be obtained for 15 cents from your diocesan Scout chaplain or from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.



POPE PIUS XII. For Explorers and high-school age Scouts. (Scouts must first earn Ad Altare Dei.) Requirements call for readings, discussions and commitment to Christian life, vocation, responsibility to self and society, citizenship and response to faith. The requirements, No. 3076, are available for 40 cents from diocesan Scout chaplains or the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

SALVATION ARMY

SILVER CREST. (The emblem is the ribboned bar at left center on page 20.) For Cub Scouts with at least six months service. Requirements cover Salvation Army doctrines and history, prayer, Bible reading and service. Requirements are available free from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

RELIGION IN LIFE. (Also awarded by other liberal religious groups.) For Scouts and Explorers from 12 through 17 years old who have earned the First Class progress award or have been in Exploring at least a year. Requirements cover readings and discussions of liberal religious background, reverence for life and religion in the life of the world. Requirements are available for 50 cents from the Religious Relationships Service, BSA.

UNIVERSAL RELIGIOUS EMBLEM. (Square knot at right center on page 21.) May be worn by a Scout, Explorer, or by a Scouter who earned a religious emblem as a youth. ■

For 40 years, Scouters have worn a path to this year around training ground.

Anytime anybody has asked me to go to Schiff, I've gone . . . gladly . . . even on a weekend previously dedicated to mowing my lawn. The only time I ever left Schiff with real eagerness was after my 45-day stint at the National Training School for Scout executives. But I came back, again and again—partly because it was part of my job, partly because it was always my pleasure. I come back now as a volunteer.

People don't just "come" to Schiff; they are sent there, sent by someone who expects that what happens there will not just affect that person, but will rub off on the others with whom he labors in behalf of Scouting.

I was being sent to Schiff once more, to audit "Winter Programming," one of the many volunteer weekend training conferences held each year. I chucked my cold-weather gear in the wagon, shoveled out the drive, and headed south.

As I breezed along Interstate 287 nearing my goal, my mind slid back through the years, and I remembered what a long and tortuous trip my first one had been, and how my routes had changed over the years. Now only three traffic lights lie between my New Hampshire farm and the rolling hills of New Jersey where Schiff Scout Reservation lies like a jewel, barely an hour from Times Square.

That first trip had been in a commissioner-crowded station wagon that rollicked along with raucous camaraderie. We had bewildered a waitress or two, got lost in Morristown and suffered 12 hours of cramped legs and hoarse voices happily, for we were on The Road to Schiff! It was a sacrifice, going, but once in uniform and under way, we could see in the distance Camelot, Lhasa and Asgard all rolled into one—Schiff. Our district executive, not long out of NEI, regaled us with horror stories about the grueling ordeal by which professionals gained their exalted status and insights into the legendary personalities at whose feet we should sit. Schiff was the source and we would get the word and the skills and the Scouting spirit—and we would bring it back to our less-fortunate fellow Scouters. *Then* what a district we would have! Matter of fact, we did.

I can't believe we were naive, and I seriously doubt we really heard anything that was not in our books or did not reach us eventually in *Scouting* or *Boys' Life* or our council bulletin—but, to have actually heard it from the lips of men whose names and faces were familiar from well-thumbed pages—well, that was thrilling. We bought red jackets and patches and neckerchiefs and slides and became name-droppers, but, by Jerry, *something* sustained us for a long time in the real world of floundering units, lackluster leadership, and short-lived enthusiasm that commissioners live in. The magic of Schiff was at work.

Do not be cynical and say that magic is mere hocus-pocus, or that the spirit of Scouting lives only in songs—you will only expose the shallowness of your experience. Be, if you must, a skeptic—say "Let it happen to me and I will believe." Then try to catch, somewhere, a glimpse of something to make you believe. Unbelievers have a poor track record.

Schiff is one of those power centers of the world of Scouting that one can plug into, just as you recharge the battery of a cordless appliance for use hundreds of miles from the actual generator.

Magic? Power center? Don't be silly—what you have are four walls, a bunch of strangers tired from a long trip, a few books, a packet of handouts, some gimmicks, an old course outline and two or three executive types giving up another weekend after a hard week at the office or on the road. Right?

Well, let's see what happens when they get together inside the gates of Schiff. The setting seems right for good things to happen: strangers start becoming new friends . . . the faculty gets the old Schiff spirit and clicks as a team . . . the course outline makes sense . . . the gimmicks and jokes draw the usual grins and groans . . . the songs fuse nostalgia with new revelations. The Stars and Stripes seem brighter and the flames leap higher. Old men see visions and young men begin to see the way more clearly. Magic!

For me, the magic began to work as the car drifted off 287 and into the wooded suburban roads of Basking Ridge and Ber-

nardsville and twisted over the highlands through estate country where the deer and the fox hunters play. Washington's miserable troops once scoured these woods for a stray Tory hen, with an eye on the hills where patriot tar barrels stood ready for the torch should the British move from New York, a day's march away.

New snow gleamed in the woods as I came through the night as I had so often. The metropolitan sprawl makes an eerie aurora eastward, but the dark countryside disclosed only an occasional window or gate lantern. Then down the curving road to Pleasant Valley Road and the old iron road marker that says "Schiff Camp" very discreetly. Across frozen Lake Therese I saw lights dotting the pale hillside opposite. Schiff! Through the gates, past the spillway, and there were Schiff Hall and the Manor House looming bright before me. I was "home" again.

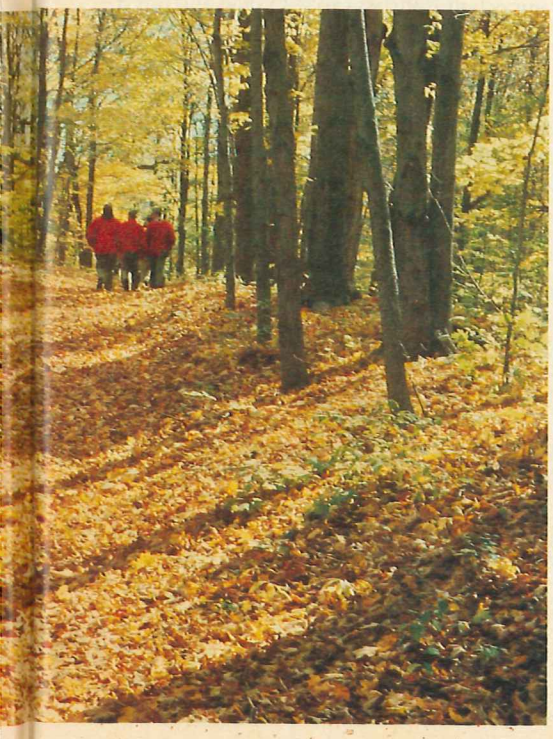
Schiff radically changed my life, and with that change came many opportunities to return to it in many roles. I have slept on its ground in all seasons, in its tents and lean-tos, in dormitories and cottages, in the old-time elegance of its Manor House. The quarters, wherever, have been comfortable, clean and tidy. The food, aside from a few burnt offerings from Scouts, has usually been wholesome, generous and appetizing. A family feeling pervades the dining hall, as wives and children of resident staff are usually present. Though the staff changes, there are always some old familiar faces along with the new.

Change is constant, if gradual, at Schiff

THE MAGIC OF SCHIFF

BY BOB MINER

(Top left) Ken Cole (on right) teaches survival lore to group of Scouters. Indoor session (left) shows how to pick sleeping bag. Edible plants (from top): sumac; wild onions; violets; rose hips.



as it is in Scouting. After all, it is not a museum, it is a work place, and only the crustiest nostalgia freak could carp. The very ivy that mantles venerable walls will crumble them if allowed. Schiff was once a wealthy man's delight put to a nobler use, but the burden of keeping it worthy is nonetheless. What makes it worthwhile is what has happened here in the past, as well as what goes on day after day.

Here is a stone marking where Lord and Lady Baden-Powell received homage from Scouts and Scouters on a rare visit to America. There, the bronze Scout by R. Tait McKenzie, familiar to millions. Yonder, the Wood Badge ax-in-log sundial, gift of British Scouters, among the many visitors from nearly every nation where Scouting flourishes. Way up on the hill is the Wood Badge hut, where the spirit of Scouting truly dwells. Nearer, the Dan Beard and James E. West camps where thousands of boys and men have learned to accept leadership roles gracefully and effectively. And, everywhere, mementos of the prime mission of Schiff—the old National Training Schools and the succeeding National Executive Institutes.

It was this task of preparing professional Scouters that brought Schiff into being. Mortimer L. Schiff was an early leader in the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the national Executive Board, International Commissioner, and President at the time of his death in 1931. He had felt strongly that there should be a national center for the training institutes. To further his unfinished work, Mrs. Jacob Schiff gave funds to establish such a center in memory of her son. Extensive search found the Richard Williams estate in Mendham, N.J., and the magnificent gift was dedicated October 18, 1933. Land acquisitions and many improvements have since made it even more useful.

In this idyllic setting, books have been written, films produced, theories tested, programs proven, equipment evaluated, policies established; and men, women, boys and girls have served in every facet of Cub Scouting, Scouting and Exploring. Other organizations sometimes use these superb facilities, but mainly Scouting/USA keeps the place humming.

Schiff, of course, is not the source, as I had been told, for information flows two ways there, and immediate feedback is an invaluable product of the courses. Such is the case with the volunteer weekend courses—and "Winter Programming" proved no exception.

The task was to examine ways to get boys outdoors in winter, to provide excitement and adventure, and to ensure comfort and safety during winter pursuits. Course Director was Ken Cole, director of volunteer training at Schiff, incorrigible Maineac and cold-weather camping expert. Bill Wadsworth, national director of high-adventure programs and a wise winter camping veteran, would assist.

Few people are more organized than Ken—if there are surprises in his courses, he wants to spring them. So after breakfast Saturday, he trotted around checking the trail and his prepared resources while I chatted with old friends and watched the course members come in. They were from Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Other conferences were meeting, and there was a steady stream of Scouts and leaders hiking the historic Jockey Hollow Trail that passes through the reservation.

We lunched at Schiff Hall, had a quick go-around at the trading post, and moved to East Hall, the modern educational facility where indoor sessions would take place. After introductions and a welcome to Schiff, Ken moved right in on the subject—or moved right out, for we soon were trudging snowy trails, finding animal tracks and winter edibles. We felt, smelled, chewed or tasted leaves, roots, bark, nuts and berries most of us would have overlooked even if starving. Ken demonstrated techniques for improvising shelters with only a knife and pocket saw. We wound up on Lake Therese to examine the ice and check safety rules—of great interest to the tidewater Virginians who had never been on ice.

Warmed with a coffee break in the rec room, we trooped upstairs again to follow up on our guided discoveries with films, slides and demonstrations on the uses of edible plants, shelters, ice and snow in program development as well as survival in emergencies. Ken used some of his own slides, some out-of-print Scout movies, and a more recent film on ice safety and rescue made on Lake Therese itself. The gang got a kick out of that. Ken gave his famous droll exposition on survival. The ever-present danger of hypothermia was treated in an excellent film. All these were received with many observations and questions from the group—particularly regarding regional differences in applicability. This is where Schiff shines—reconciling diversity with fundamentals.

After dinner Bill Wadsworth joined us. He introduced the old voyageurs' Shoe Game which produced as much hilarity here as in the smoky snowbound cabins of the Far North. He gave us new scoop on the national high-adventure bases, then switched to many possibilities for enlivening troop, district and council winter program . . . klondike derbies, operation zero, survival camps and sports. He stressed practical and low-cost alternatives in winter gear for growing boys who don't get out enough to justify expensive special equipment . . . things leaders need to know to get the whole troop out into the fun of winter. Bill's enthusiasm and savvy reawakened the group to boys' needs for excitement and the unusual.

Ken closed the session with problems for each cottage group to work on during the wee hours—to promote fellowship as well as to stimulate thinking about back-home application of principles and techniques. This fireside mingling with Scouters of various backgrounds is a real bonus.

The Virginians got their skate in before breakfast, and after religious services (in town and in the beautiful Memorial Room), we took our now-familiar seats in East Hall for the last session. The cottage groups reported on their projects on putting new zip in winter activities and effectively promoting them. There were a couple of new twists that sounded worth trying. They'll probably crop up in future *Scout Program Helps.*

Ken had made a "contract" with the gang the day before, listing on the board all the important aspects of winter program. Now only a few remained to deal with and, conscious of the clock, we tore into them. We examined sleeping bags, apparel and boots and considered alternatives with new critical interest. Then the knotty problems of food for cold weather: energy needs, menus, packing, utensils and preparation got everybody in the act. Then suddenly it was time to go! We had cleaned the board. It was not enough. It was too much. The important thing was to get home and put it to work!

Pale sun streamed over the red carpet of Schiff Hall as we went into dinner. Portraits of Scouting greats looked down on us as we unwound and realized we were in our final minutes at Schiff. Some were making plans to meet at the jamboree, a few hoped to see each other at regional events, but most of us knew the good-byes were final. Names and faces might grow dim, but we had been at Schiff together. A few sported bright new patches on their jacket pockets already. The hall was thinning out as groups left. Through the big picture window I could see a cluster of red on the ice . . . the Virginians were having one last picture taken!

Schiff! The very name is magic to Scouters who have been there, a shibboleth, a secret password. The place *is* a power center. You don't *have* to go there to bring good Scouting to boys. But if anybody asks you to go, go! You just might bring better Scouting to boys. ■