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The Eagle & Queen Scouts!

Calendar of Events:

September 1	Happy Bday T. Niedzielski
September 12-14	Canoeing Campout
September 15	Explorer Officer Meeting
September 26	ExpNews Deadline
October 10	Exploring Fall Adventure
October 15	Youth Protection Training
October 20	EOA Meeting
October 24	ExpNews Deadline
October 24-26	Campout
October 28	Halloween Party
November 1	$15.00 Registration dude
November 17	EOA Meeting
November 28	ExpNews Deadline
December 12	ExpNews Deadline
December 25	Merry Christmas
December 25	No Meeting
December 30	No Meeting
December 30	Leave for Australia
December 31	Happy Bday R. Maurer
January 2-10, 1998	Australian Jamboree
January 12	EOA Meeting
February 11	Happy Bday Joe Harvey
March 16	EOA Meeting
March 24	Happy Bday Andy Drake
May 9	Happy Bday Steve Weller
May 18	EOA Meeting
July 14-18	National Explorer Leadership Conference
July 28	Happy Bday DJ Gregor
July 30	Happy Bday Michael Turner

Why this topic:

James D. Corder

The other day I sat with a young lad of 21 who is about to embark on a powerful road of enlightenment and fulfillment. Not his own, but that of those that follow him. For he is going to be a Teaching Assistant at OSU as he works on his Masters Degree in CIS. As I spoke with him I found to my dismay that he was not excited about this endeavor.

“I don’t like teaching.” he stated.

“What am I going to get from this?” came the remark.

It is not what we get from our services but how we improve others through them!

Therefore, I asked some of the Scouts that I know to write an article about achieving their Eagle or Queen Scout award, and what it meant to them.

It has always amazed me how such a small act of kindness or a smidgen of our time is so immensely important to others and their development!

Quote of the Month

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!‘

Web Status, For August

TABLE 1.

Items	*Pages Served*	*Title*
385	89	exploring
3543	847	ExpNews
1632	148	links
6861	892	post
186	72	1997.calendar
2739	281	members
1312	125	Adults
335	90	Toadies
473	81	Youth
715	127	program
64	49	project

The Explorer Code

As an Explorer-

I believe that American’s Strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellowmen and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

I will acquire the exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

The Unknown Scout

The Boy Scout Hand Book

How good must a *good* turn be to be good? The answer is best given by telling you the story of how Scouting came to America. It shows it isn't the size of the Good Turn that counts. What is important is the spirit with which a Scout does a good turn

Good turn to an American

One day in 1909 in London, England, an American visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in the dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they go to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

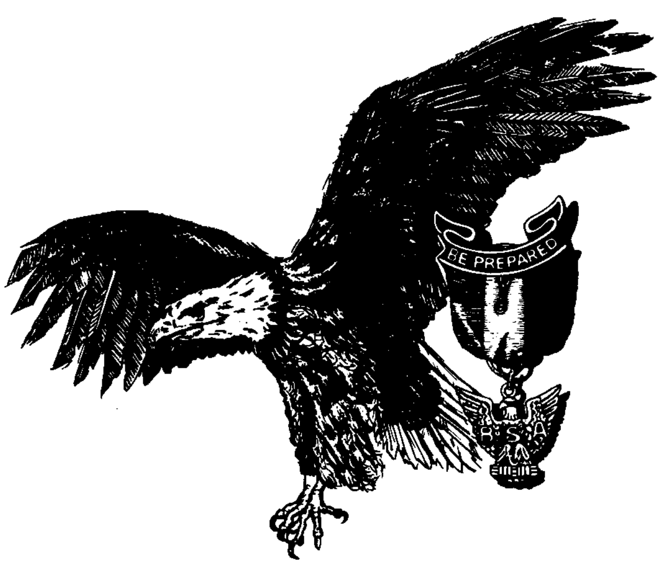
The boy told the American about himself and his brother Scouts. Boyce came very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him in the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Steven Smyth Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the Scouting movement to our country.

In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown Scout. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.



One Hundred Scouts

unknown

Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Two of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders in this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

This story will never end. Like the "Golden Pebble" of service dropped into the human sea it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending time.

My Eagle & Gold Scout

Melody Channell

What my Eagle means to me? My Eagle means a lot of hard work, a lot of arguments over getting badges done and turned into the Scoutmaster in a timely manner. My Eagle Scout means waiting until 4 months before the deadline of the dreaded "18" before getting the report written and sent in even though the project and all the badge work has been done for 6 months. But, most of all my Eagle means the world to me because that Eagle is my Son, Lee, and I know that he can do or go anywhere he wants. An Eagle's boundaries are limitless.

What my Gold means to me. My Gold means two things. You see, I have 2 Golds. My first Gold is not in Boy Scouts but is in the Scouting movement. My Gold runs full speed ahead at any challenge given. My Gold likes to argue points and give love even at a loss. My second G.O.L.D. is willing to jump hundreds of feet for the thrill of being free. My G.O.L.D. will put off to the last minute getting the paper work done to be submitted for the award even though the project was done last December. But, put together, both GOLDS equal my daughter, Martha. In Girl Scouts or in Explorers, being at the top is only a beginning. By setting her goals higher than GOLD, she will obtain greatness that only a superior Scout can.

My Eagle Scout

John Klapp

To me, being an Eagle Scout represents what I believe in. Hard work is a common phrase, but more importantly, well planned work. The Eagle project is itself an exercise in planning. I've found that most people are quite impressed with eagle scouts as a group and expect more from us individually. For me, the journey to the top has thought me a lot about planning and people.

The Queens Scout Award

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To me the Queen's Scout Award is the pinnacle of achievement for the Venturer Scout. It is a long period of work, enjoyment, but most of all, improvement. I say that it is a period of improvement because the Venturer Scout really learns a great deal about him or herself during there strive to attain the award, and by learning about themselves, it teaches them to be better people.

To me, the Queen's Scout is a huge goal in life. I set to myself when I was just a Cub-scout, and now I am just two badges away from realizing my goal. I believe that by undertaking this task I have made myself better both physically and mentally. Physically I have learned many new skills, and mentally I have formed new ideas and opinions on a variety of issues. It is a way in which we as Venturer Scouts can enrich our lives, and those lives around us. It is also a position of great honor and esteem. It is a position that I will be proud to assume.

I'm an Eagle

James D. Corder

The founding fathers of America choose the Eagle to represent them for its majestic quality in flight and the heights it sores above the rest. It is, therefore, only fitting that Boy Scouts of America choose the Eagle to represent its highest honor.

It has been said that only one in two hundred youth that enter Scouting ever obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. It is understandable, but unfortunate, that so many more choose not to not walk the narrow path.

I am fortunate that I had great men to help me along my Eagle Trail. For I was one of those 17 year & 364 day Eagle Scouts, just barely squeaking under the deadline. I took a minor side trail during High School: Girls, Cars, & Things... But it was an old Scout Master that put be back on the right trail. I was Senior Patrol Leader for my Troop, my favorite Scout Master moved to Souther Ohio a year or two earlier. He drove about 3 hours one way, walked into the church, looked me in the eye, and stated: "Either I will return for your Eagle Court of Honor or I will return for your funeral!" He came to my Court.

Just before I entered the great hall, I asked my former Scout Master how I could ever repay him for all he did, he replied: “You can never pay back, so pay forward!”

I have found my Eagle Scout to be my foundation of my servitude to others!

Up-an-Coming Post Expenses

12/01/97 Post Charter	$30.00
12/01/97 Post Insurance	$85.00
Monthly ExpNews	$75.00

Up-an-Coming Member Expenses

Registration 11/01/97	$15.00

Post Finances

Explorer Post 369 has	-$1,093.00
Floor Fund Need	$1,200.00
Floor Fund In Hand	$820.00
Pledges Outstanding FF,	$200.00
Room Fund Needed	$3,800.00
Room Fund	$0.00
Computer Fund Needed	$0.00
Computer Fund	$0.00

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1) Honor before all else.
2) The difference between a winner and a looser is that the winner tried one more time.
3) K.I.S.M.I.F.

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Exploring: Enthusiasm, Energy, & Excellence.

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