



New Jersey Scout Museum

"All the news that fits"

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The New New Jersey Scout Museum

The New Jersey Scout Museum was created in early 2004. Although it was first envisioned as an adjunct of Monmouth Council BSA, the organizing committee quickly realized that broadening the scope of the museum to the whole state of New Jersey, as well as including Girl Scouts, was more desirable. However, the ties with Monmouth Council BSA were not severed — in fact, the council graciously provides the museum's exhibition space. The council has also donated to the museum its extensive and important collection of historic photographs and other records of Scouting in the Jersey shore area.

Coincidentally, the New Jersey Scout Museum is about 14 miles from New Brunswick, the location of the BSA's Johnston Memorial Museum from its 1960 opening until 1986 when it moved to Kentucky and was renamed the National Scouting Museum.

Morganville Grand Opening

The museum's grand opening was held in conjunction with the grand opening on July 14, 2004 of Monmouth Council's Morganville, NJ service center. Several former members of the council's professional staff were present, as well as dignitaries from the Northeast Region of the BSA. The special guest of honor was the BSA's official artist, Joseph Csatari.

Scouting Anniversary Week 2005

The BSA's 95th birthday is February 8, 2005. The museum will be open for extended hours the second week of February 2005 to celebrate this milestone. See the ad on the last page of this newsletter. A by-invitation reception is also in the works.

Hittin' the Streets

In September, the museum loaned Pack 32 three uniforms for their "Time in a Bottle" pack meeting.



On October 16, John Bruns and Dave Wolverton manned a display at the ninth annual Monmouth County Archives and History Day at the county library. This event is a major gathering for 75 historical organizations from across the county and state. Contacts were made with several groups including the David Sarnoff Library.

Memorabilia Donations

The honorary "first" artifact in the museum is a BSA campaign hat like the one worn by the scout in our logo, donated by Dave Fiedler. The hat dates from the 1950s and has a Second Class pin attached. It is currently displayed on our (nameless) mannequin. If you have anything to donate, contact Dave Wolverton at 732-758-6470.



Mr. Csatari autographs a print at the Grand Opening

Recent Memorabilia Donations

Ken Bonnell – framed BSA Congressional charter
Carlos Buchbinder – quantity of BSA literature
John Cavanaugh – Brownsea Double-Two certificate, 2 early MCBSA certificates
Barry Cruikshank – neckerchiefs, whistle, photographs
Gloria Dargue – Wood Badge and other training items from Brad Dargue (Monmouth council scouter)
Bob Donner – 1930s membership cards from Elizabeth, NJ
Dominic D’Orazio – mugs, pamphlets, camping gear
Dan Drogin/Lee Wintersteen – 1910s Eisner uniform coat with insignia and misc. items
Margaret Errickson – scrapbook and certificates from Marshall Errickson (first Eagle Scout in Point Pleasant)
Marna Feldt – items from Harry Feldt (Monmouth council scouter)
David Fiedler – campaign hat, mess kit
Mike Fornino – 1946 Handbook
Frankel family – several boxes of memorabilia from Herbert Frankel (Monmouth council scouter)
Bart Halpern – CSE Circle briefcase, Boys’ Life tote, Cub day camp patches
Chris Hughes – Philmont shoulder patch
Orland Johnson – philatelic items
Tom Kononowitz – collection of Ten Mile River and 1957 Jamboree memorabilia
Kwon family – 23 mugs
Ingrid Lucas – items from Bill Lucas (Monmouth council scouter)
John Malcolm – items from Chet Fromm (Monmouth council professional and first Quail Hill ranger); 1930 patrol record book
Mary Mazzucco – camp and activity patches
McCue family – 8mm home movies and other memorabilia from Bob McCue (Monmouth council scouter)
Ward Miles – Jamboree flags, District 4 flag, OA filmstrip
Monmouth Council BSA – council archives

Bob Morley – Indian costume and Na Tsi Hi “life member” plaque from Tom Morley (Camp Housman and Forestburg ranger).

Cyndy Nelson – 1969 scout fair items

Wes Olson – photo of Tom Morley (Monmouth council scouter and Forestburg ranger)

Bill Pearce – 35mm slides of Forestburg

Joe Restaino – 2 masonite plaques

Louis J. Russo – 2 1930s headdresses

Tom Sheehan – 1960s Cub Scout uniform from Atlantic Highlands Pack 97

Sievers family – items from William D. Sievers (Far East council professional)

Grace Tetley – items from Russell Tetley (Monmouth council scouter)

Dave Wolverton – items from Richard Capo Sr. (Raritan council scouter), photo of Darlington Falls, collection of Diocese of Trenton patches, misc. NJ council items

2004 Friends of the Museum

The “Friends of the Museum” program is our way to encourage members of the public to provide financial support for the museum. There are currently 3 levels: Patron (\$250), Century (\$100), and Friend (\$50). Details on this program are available at the museum. We are pleased to recognize the following people who are Founding Friends of the Museum. **It is not too late to become a Founding Friend of the Museum! Just sign up before the end of 2004.** The form is available on the museum web site.

Founding Patron

Steven Buckley	Laurie McClellan
Barry Cruikshank	Frederic C. Pachman
Dominic D’Orazio	David Wolverton

Founding Century

Edward Weickel

Founding Friend

Ken Bonnell	Kurt Kalafasky
John Bruns	R. Steven Lang
William Burket	N. Ward Miles
David Crow	Robert Spadaro
Jeff Goldsmith	Jodi Stark



Field Trip: World of Scouting Museum, Valley Forge, PA

by Dave Wolverton

On a brilliant weekend in June 2004, I drove out to Valley Forge, PA to explore the World of Scouting Museum (WOSM), and perhaps get some ideas for our museum. The WOSM is located within the Valley Forge National Historical Park on the grounds of the Washington Memorial Chapel. The museum is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation organized in 1994. The museum opened to the public on July 4, 1995. It is housed in a relocated log cabin set back from the road, and you will have to look carefully to find it. The exhibit space is about 1,000 square feet, which also includes a display of 314th Infantry items. There is *a lot* of Scouting memorabilia packed into this small museum, including many items that you are unlikely to see anywhere else. Most display cases have a theme, such as “Jamborees” or “Girl Scout cookies.” The walls are packed with posters, flags, and framed memorabilia. They also have a variety of uniforms displayed attractively on mannequins.

The WOSM’s collection covers the whole range of Scouting in the US, including both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. When I visited, roughly 30% of the exhibits were devoted to Girl Scouting. The museum’s strength is unusual and one-of-a-kind items, such as the original Mortimer Schiff painting from Schiff Scout Reservation, and the pen used by President Roosevelt to authorize the 1935 National Jamboree. There were few OA flaps or CSPs on display, although there were some early felt OA sashes. They also have a good assortment of early uniforms and unusual insignia on display, and have strong holdings of materials from Scouting’s founders. Note that the exhibits are changed periodically.

There are few explanatory labels, so most visitors will want to have a docent give them the tour. Allow one hour to view the collection at a leisurely pace. There are no hands-on or interactive exhibits, but a

“scavenger hunt” activity is available. Light refreshments are available at the nearby gift shop.

Due to its location, the museum gets several thousand visitors each year, particularly during the annual Valley Forge Pilgrimage.

I had the pleasure of chatting at length with Rob McCarter, the museum’s curator. He noted that the log cabin needed extensive renovation to be suitable as a museum space, and they still have ongoing pest issues (a common museum problem). Besides the cabin, the WOSM also has office space in a nearby building, and a secure artifact storage area off-premises. The museum’s holdings include a lot of memorabilia, such as an extensive collection of original Dan Beard artwork, which is not currently on display due to limited space. The WOSM board is actively working to secure a new, much larger exhibition space, which would make this terrific museum even more impressive.

Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5

Location: Valley Forge National Historical Park, ¾ mile west of the main visitor center on Rt. 23. Use the parking lot for the Washington Memorial Chapel. The museum is in the log cabin past the Betty Washington gift shop behind the chapel.

Admission: \$2 adults, \$1 youth and senior citizens

Web Site: www.worldofscoutingmuseum.org

NJSM Financial Report

As of December 7, the year-to-date financial position of the museum is:

- Income from Friends of the Museum and other donations: \$1,498
- Expenses: \$1,233 – categorized as follows:
 - ❖ Set up exhibition area: \$349
 - ❖ Repair showcases: \$418
 - ❖ Repair storage cabinets: \$93
 - ❖ Business & recordkeeping: \$373

We need to raise roughly \$2,000 more to finish the initial set-up of the museum.

Equipment and Services Donors

We appreciate the assistance of these companies and individuals who made in-kind contributions to jump-start the museum.

Kevin Keiser – computer system

Barbara and Joe Scalzo – three showcases and fixtures

Gatsby's Florist & Gifts (Jerry Greene) – showcase

Antique Station (Joe Restaino) – eleven showcases

Dr. Cohen – five showcases

Mr. Keys Inc. (Daniel W. Skoog) – locksmith services

W. F. Sherman & Son Inc. – millwork

Monmouth Council BSA – office furniture

Bill Burket – table

Lucent Technologies – bookcases

Jan Wouters – legal services

“Want Ads”

- Mannequins – any size and both genders
- Fire-rated (1 hour) 2- or 4-drawer file cabinet
- Vacuum cleaner (prefer Miele model S314i w/ HEPA filter)
- 30 “UV filter” sleeves for T8 fluorescent tubes

How to Contact the Museum

Currently we do not have a dedicated phone line, so to get in touch with us, please call museum chairman Dave Wolverton at 732-758-6470.

Operating Hours

The museum is currently open Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm except holidays. If we can get more volunteers, we would like to expand our hours — perhaps to be open on weekends.



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Anniversary Week Open House Boy Scouting's 95th Birthday!

Wednesday Feb. 9, 6 – 8 pm

Friday Feb. 11, 3 – 8 pm

Saturday Feb. 12, 9 am – 3 pm

- * A nice day trip for Cub dens and Scout units
- * Always **free admission**
- * See patches, Handbooks, uniforms, posters, flags, and other unique items from 95 years of Scouting in New Jersey
- * Special BSA Anniversary Week exhibits

The New Jersey Scout Museum is located at the Monmouth Council BSA service center in Morganville, NJ. Regular hours are Wed. evenings, 6 – 8 pm.

Web Site: www.NJScoutMuseum.org

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