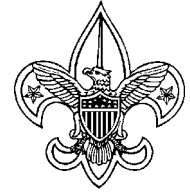




MUSEUM COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES



Old Hickory Council, BSA/Camp Raven Knob
Historical Association

General

Museums are defined as repositories of interesting subjects connected with a single subject. A museum, connected with Scouting as a subject, would be a noble focus for the Old Hickory Council. Our Council is rich in historical memorabilia dating back to our origin in 1919 when Scouting in America was still young. Establishing a storehouse and showplace for this important memorabilia is most important to the preservation of our Council's past.

Scouting has gone through many levels of growth in the Old Hickory Council. Scout troops in our Council were first established in larger towns and cities. As these troops grew, so did the need for group outings, camp-o-rees, uniforms and patches. The council's many scout camps, *Lasater*, *Camp Douglas Long*, *Camp Robert Vaughn* and *Raven Knob Scout Reservation*, were key, year-round attractions. These camps collectively have been the interest of Old Hickory scouts for three-quarters of a century. With growing troops and growing scout interest came an Order of the Arrow lodge, *Wahissa Lodge #118, W.W.W.* This national trend fostered many Scouting events such as Jamborees, O.A. Conferences, Explorer Conferences, training events and church Scouting retreats. Many of these events started long ago and with many events in the past, it would be a shame to loose track of these experiences.

Historical items such as uniforms, patches, books and documents are still in tact and are available for museum display. Much of this memorabilia is in need of a stable environment and should be cared for before it's worth decreases. The proper care and display of such valuable items needs to be the interest of the Old Hickory Council. Building a structure to house such a bulk of displays and care for the preservation is a necessary and worthwhile project. Establishing a committee for the acquisition, documentation, promotion and display of these items will bring Scouting's past to future generations of scouts.

Many years of hard work and dedication will be required to make this dream a reality. Our Council has several Scouts and Scouters that are willing to help with this effort and will be generous toward getting the project started. The Scouting Museum will not only help preserve many valuable items of memorabilia that represent the various stages of our Council's growth, but will provide a firm historical guidepost to the scouts of the future.