

# MUSEUM DISCOVERIES

The Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum is operated by the Old Hickory Council, BSA/ Camp Raven Knob Historical Association.

## **Why They Wanted to be Eagle Scouts (Second Dose)**

In honor of Jack Pepper, who became the Old Hickory Council's first Eagle Scout in 1927, and in honor of all of Old Hickory's Eagle Scouts in the year 2000, personal statements from Boy Scouts who applied for the Eagle Scout rank during the 1950s and 1960s were presented last month. Additional statements are being presented this month.

These statements should encourage Eagle Scouts, young and old, to think about their distinction and the award that they hold in common.

"...I am an American on whom the future of this wonderful country depends....The Scout uniform which I wear over the rock, hill, storm, shelter, and rain stands for the forest and the field. The Scout slogan is 'Do a Good Turn Daily.' It means so much to me. I was able to show my ability and willingness to be of service."

**Eagle Scout, Winston-Salem, 1964**

"It assures me that I am capable of taking care of myself and others. It gives me a sense of completing a big task. It gives me a knowledge of several responsibilities that will stay with me as long as I live. It proves that I am able to take part in sports and other activities with other people. I feel that it would be a great help to me if I was ever called into the armed forces of our country."

**Eagle Scout, Kernersville, 1961**

"If nothing else, being an Eagle Scout would give me self-satisfaction. As long as I have been in scouts, I have always dreamed of being an Eagle Scout. An Eagle Scout doesn't always receive much public acclaim or recognition; but he knows, and his parents and friends know, that he has done a very difficult job. I know that I would always treasure my Eagle badge."

**Eagle Scout, Boone, 1960**

"I would like to be an Eagle Scout because it would give me confidence to help other Scouts. It would put great responsibility on me to live up to the Scout laws, promise, motto, and slogan. It would also oblige me to be a 'big brother' to others as expressed in the French term *noblesse oblige* which means that the nobility is obliged to help all others. These things will help me be a good Scout at all times."

**Eagle Scout, Winston-Salem, 1960**

"...In the past [,] when I have had problems of any origin [,] my Scouting experiences and knowledge have aided me immeasurably in solving them. I have also gained many friends in Scouting, as well as useful skills...My anticipation of this...award is greater than any I have ever known..."

**Eagle Scout, West Jefferson, 1959**

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