

MUSEUM DISCOVERIES

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

After more than six years of collecting and preserving historical materials related to Scouting in the Old Hickory Council, the Historical Association is ready to begin explaining the relevance of the items that it has obtained and to prepare a written history of Scouting in North Carolina.

Members of the Association are preparing a series of articles which will describe the activities of Scouts and Scouters, professional and volunteer, beginning with the organization of Winston-Salem's first troop of Boy Scouts at Fairview Moravian Church in 1911 and extending to the action of the 2000 Council Camporee. These articles should give readers an idea of what the Association believes to be important in Boy Scout history. Criticism and comment about the content of the articles should be directed to Ken Badgett; as Historian of the Association, he is responsible for writing a history of the Council. He would like to know what Scouts and Scouters want and expect to see and to read in a history of local Scouting.

The Association hopes that most Scouts and Scouters have had an opportunity to visit the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum since its grand opening in 1998. The items on display connect all of us with past Scouting experiences. The generous donation of thousands of items has created an almost limitless exhibit potential. The design of the Museum is such that exhibits can be changed on a regular basis and modified to meet the needs of different Scouting groups.

The Association also maintains temporary exhibits at the Wachovia Scouting Center. An **ancient** bug juice pitcher from Camps Lasater and Raven Knob and copies of early photos of dining halls at Raven Knob are currently on display.

Scouts and Scouters are welcome to become members of the Historical Association. Membership costs \$7.00 per year, includes opportunities to attend the meetings of the organization and insures the reception of the Association's newsletter, the "Fleur-de-lis." Lifetime membership is available for \$125.00. Lifetime members receive a special patch segment - truly a collector's item - and pay no annual dues.

The first two sections of the Association's *Scouting Memorabilia* book were printed in December 1998 and provide top quality color images of Camp Raven Knob's patches from 1957 to 1998 and of Wahissa Lodge's fellowship patches -Spring, Fall and Area/Section - from 1956 to 1999. All patches are shown in original sizes and colors. The sections sell for \$20.00 each and include a notebook that will hold the two current and three future sections. Current sections will be available at the Scout Shop and at the Museum until the supplies are exhausted. As new patches are produced, new pages will become available to keep the book's sections up-to-date.

Almost all of the *Slide-of-the-Month* articles from *Boy's Life* have been scanned and electronically stored by the Association. Ben Hunt, also known as "Whittlin' Jim" and "Lone Eagle," began writing and illustrating these useful woodcarving articles in the 1930's. Individual reprints of Hunt's classic neckerchief slide patterns are available. Interested Scouts or Scouters can review the available patterns and select images to be printed while visiting the Museum at Raven Knob.

If you have questions, need information or want to make suggestions, please contact Ken Badgett, Association Historian, by e-mail at sckbadgett@surry.net or via regular mail at 884 Rockford Road; Dobson, North Carolina 27017.