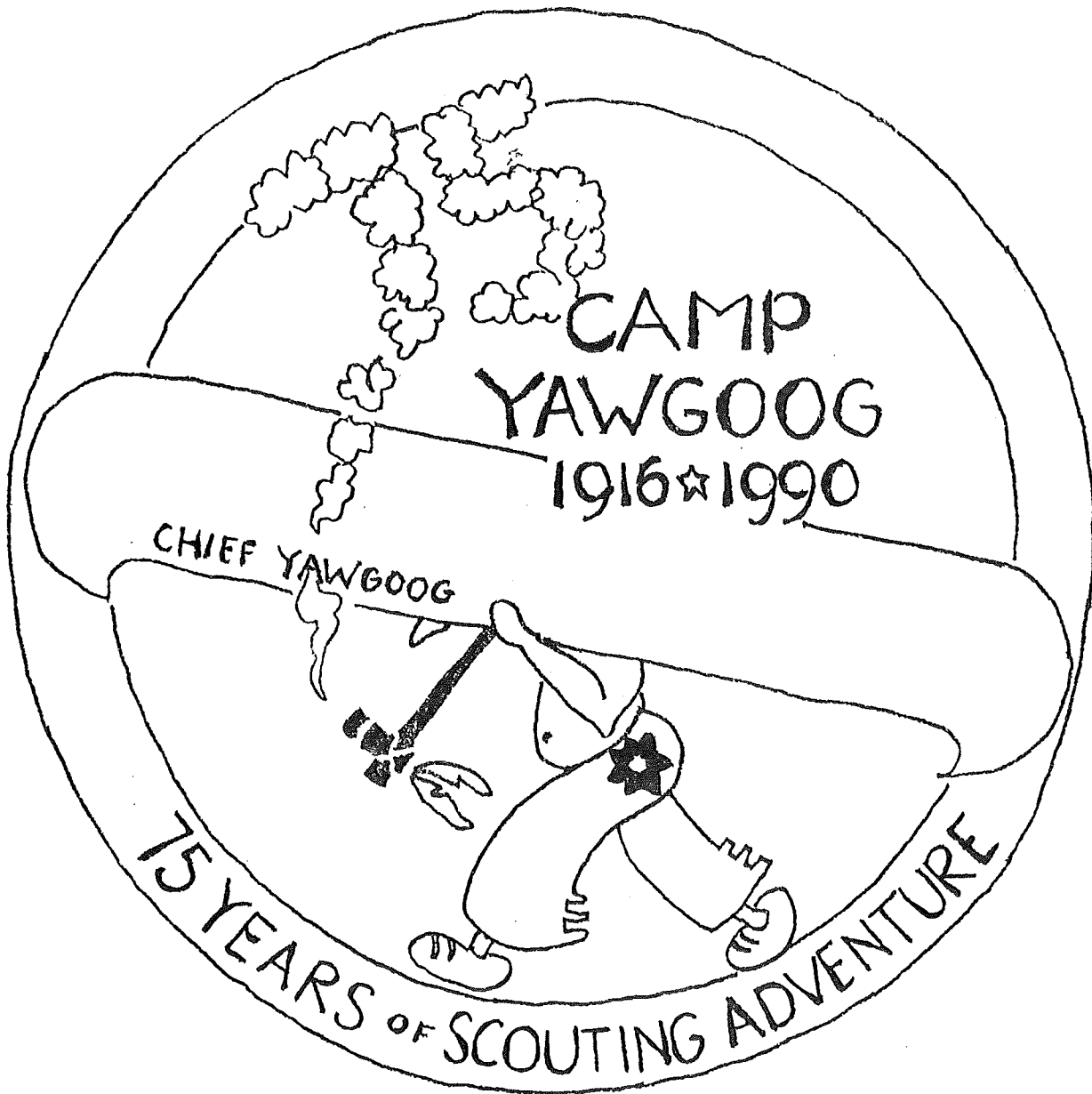


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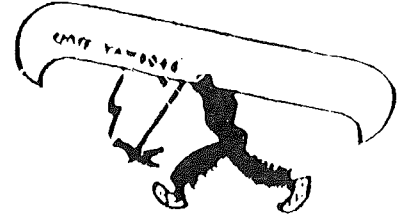
DIAMOND JUBILEE DAY

AUGUST 4, 1990

Yawgoog Alumni Association



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Dear Alumni:

You are cordially invited to attend the BIGGEST CELEBRATION ever in Yawgoog's history. That's right - THIS SUMMER - SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, starting at 1 p.m.

Yawgoog opened back in the summer of 1916, and now she celebrates 75 years of memories as "The Adventureland for Scouts of All Ages!!!"

We are pleased to announce the DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION REUNION and you are invited to attend. We have received notification from Alumni throughout the United States that they are planning on joining us on August 4th for this historic occasion, and we hope that you will plan on attending as well.

Our Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Ben Love, has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker. The preparation for the DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION has been ongoing for the past 4 years and now those plans are about to become reality.

This special mailing will highlight some of the activities scheduled for this celebration. Please read this over carefully and MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

To adequately plan for a celebration this large in magnitude, we need to know how many Alumni are tentatively planning to attend. Our Logistics Committee needs to work out the details of feeding, seating, parking, activities, materials, etc. For this reason, we need to determine a 'ball-park' figure of projected attendance. We can't wait until next spring to make these plans, so we need your help NOW. Attached is a 'pre-paid' post card which we ask you to fill out 'today'. Please return this survey post card to us no later than NEXT WEEK so that we can make some intelligent projections for planning purposes. Are we talking 500 Alumni? 600? 800? 1,000? in attendance. We need your help now - so please read on and send the reply card back today. (It's PRE-PAID and we really need to know what numbers will be attending.)

Twenty-five years ago we celebrated the GOLDEN JUBILEE of Yawgoog. I remember that year as a Camper at Yawgoog - I was there!!! I still have my 50th year segment and GOLDEN JUBILEE PATCH, plus many fabulous memories. Now 25 years have passed and the ALUMNI is ready to make this day a memorable one for everyone. If you MISS the DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION, a similar event will NOT take place again until Yawgoog's Centennial in the year "2015"!!!

Also, help us spread the word to the thousands of Alumni that may not be aware of the Reunion and ask them to join us as well. So, please, fill out the post card and mail it back to us today. We'll see you on August 4th, 1990. Be There - and be part of Yawgoog's History. Being 75 Years Old happens only once in a Lifetime!!!

Sincerely,


JOSEPH J. HERBOLD, Chairman

P.S. We'll keep you updated on more details in future mailings, so please be sure your address is correct for our records. Thanks.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout our planning, we have been guided by a single overriding thought--that Yawgoog's Diamond Jubilee Day should be above all a CELEBRATION! A celebration first and foremost of our Yawgoog fellowship and the spirit that joins the generations of Yawgoog campers, leaders and staff together. A celebration, too, of Yawgoog's wonderful history and tradition and of the physical place itself - the site of Yawgoog Adventure. Here's what the Diamond Jubilee Day Celebration looks like. We've divided it into four parts:

Registration begins at 1 p.m. in Donald North Court

Part I: Jubilee Festival (1:30 - 4:30)

Come one, come all! We are planning an afternoon of fun, entertainment, and Yawgoog-style Scouting Adventure. We will provide you with a written program of festivities when you arrive; the choice of what to do will then be up to you. Among many options, there will be:

- * Special guided "History and Program Tours", including demonstrations of the latest in Yawgoog Scoutcraft
- * Indian Lore Demonstration (including presentation by former Crafts Director and Camp Director Mark "Hoppy" Hopkins)
- * Audio-Visual Presentation of Yawgoog
- * Yawgoog Heritage and Memorabilia Display
- * Music and Fanfare on Donald North Court, Tim O'Neil Field and J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre

Part II: Alumni Dinner in Donald North Court (4:30 - 6:00)

Dinner will be preceded by traditional picture-taking of Alumni by decades, as well as of our special Diamond Jubilee guests. We will salute Yawgoog with a Diamond Jubilee toast, eat heartily in fellowship and conclude with a 75th Birthday tribute to dear old Yawgoog.

Part III: Diamond Jubilee Alumni Commemorative Ceremony (6:00 - 6:45)

We are planning a ceremony in tribute to Yawgoog that will include greetings from special guests, an Alumni presentation to camp and an address by guest speaker and Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, Ben Love. We invite you and any other Yawgoog Alumnus to contribute a memorabilia item or written thought about camp for use in the ceremony or as part of a Diamond Jubilee "Time Capsule" to be presented to camp.

Part IV: The Diamond Jubilee Saturday Night Show (7:15 - 9:00)

A grand pageant in honor of Yawgoog's 75th! Since it was dedicated in 1946, the J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre has been the site of most of the major celebrations of Yawgoog. In keeping with this great tradition, we will conclude the Yawgoog Diamond Jubilee Day with another tradition -- the Saturday Night Show -- planned expressly in honor of Yawgoog's first 75 years.

Scouts will start the action with traditional pre-show, inter-camp singing from their camp sections. An Opening Ceremony, which will include an all-amphitheatre salute to Yawgoog, presentations in honor of the Jubilee, and brief remarks to the Scouts by Chief Scout Executive, Ben Love, will follow, leading right into the opening scene of the Show. As for the Show itself -- enough to say that it will fit the spirit of the occasion in the best Yawgoog dramatic tradition! The Closing Ceremony promises also to be fitting and grand.

All in all, we hope this will conclude a celebration worthy of the wonderful spirit and history of Yawgoog, one that will resonate the tradition that we all know and love and that has meant so much to so many Scouts and leaders. We do hope you will be there to share in it!

ATTENTION: PROGRAM NOTES FOR ALL ALUMNI!

1. We encourage all Alumni to come in Scout uniform (according to your Yawgoog era). Dig out those old uniforms and give them a try!
2. We likewise encourage all Alumni to bring a Yawgoog memorabilia item or written thought about Yawgoog for our Memorabilia Display. You may send these in to the Scout Center or Yawgoog beforehand if you would like (care of the Alumni Association), and we'll see that they are displayed.
3. If you have an old skit that you would like to 'dust off' for the Show, let us know -- we'll pass this along to the Show Committee.
4. Let us know of any way that you feel you can contribute to the Diamond Jubilee Day.

THIS WILL BE A GREAT DAY FOR ALL ALUMNI -- SEE YOU THERE!

SPECIAL GUEST

BEN H. LOVE, CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE



Ben Love currently serves as the Chief Scout Executive of the National Council Boy Scouts of America. In his role as Chief Scout Executive he is responsible for the overall administration of the National movement. Ben has served in many capacities in the Boy Scouts of America. He is an Eagle Scout from Tennessee; he has served as a District Executive and Scout Executive. His service as Scout Executive of the Sam Houston Council in Houston, Texas, saw great development in finance and program in that council. He became a Regional Director serving the Northeast Region, including the Councils in New England.

From the Northeast Region, he became the Chief Scout Executive in 1985 and continues in that role to this date. He will be an important part of Yawgoog's 75th Anniversary.

COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO BOOK

Route 146 between Providence and Worcester has seen extra traffic since late August. Couriers race back and forth, both night and day. Phone lines are heavy with midnight calls as three bleary-eyed defenders of truth and knowledge, tradition, and the Yawgoog Way attempt the impossible (or at least, the complicated!)

It is a labor of love that has Tom DelPrete, Steve Dolan and Jim Hall seeing almost more of each other than they ever did while on the Three Point Staff. Their task? To try to squeeze into 40 brief pages 75 years of memories and Scouting Adventure! Due at the printers in January, this commemorative volume will attempt to celebrate our beloved Camp Yawgoog in predominantly photographic format. Through both black and white and color photos, we aim to achieve something of what Chief and Gus have accomplished through the words of THE YAWGOOG STORY. We've tried to cull photos and other memorabilia from throughout Yawgoog's 75 years, to record for posterity some of the beauty, tradition and fellowship which so many Scouts, leaders and Scouting families hold dear. The book will also feature reprints of rare old photos and postcards making it a valuable historical document!

We plan to focus on five major aspects of the "Yawgoog Experience":

THE PLACE -- Yawgoog's 1500+ acres of natural beauty from rugged Smugglers' Cliffs to tranquil Hemlock Ledge, and its unique rustic architecture. It's a place that Donald North knew was special when he first visited it -- a place whose beauty couldn't be destroyed even by the great fire of 1930.

A MISSION -- to offer to generations of boys a vast back yard where they could learn to be friends to all and grow into leaders while living by the Scout Oath and Law.

ITS HISTORY AND TRADITION -- a heroic story that dates back to the earliest years of the Boy Scout movement in the United States and which has made Yawgoog the jewel of Narragansett Council and a model for other Scout camps across the country.

THE PEOPLE -- who fostered those traditions - the friends we made, the leaders after whom we modeled ourselves, as well as those famous characters who made Yawgoog FUN!

THE SPIRIT AND FELLOWSHIP -- the thing we remember most about Camp and the most intangible. There's nothing to compare with Yawgoog Spirit!

Remembering that a picture is worth a thousand words, this book promises to be a collector's item for every Yawgoog Alumnus. It will be available next spring. Watch for details in future mailings!

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