Samoset Councils
HISTORY OF SCOUTING
A Chronicle of the Boy Scouts of America in the Samoset Council.
1910 - thru - 1984

TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM E. HOFFMANN
AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT to the Scouting Fraternity of Older Scouters.

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A Map of Camp Tesomas and Crystal Lake.
A Map of the Boundaries of Samoset Council.
Scouting can make the difference.

Issued June 1985, the 50th year for Tesomas, and the 75th Diamond Jubilee Year of the Boy Scouts of America.

TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM E. HOFFMANN
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
1935 - 1945

It is said that he has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; who has always looked for the beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others, and given to them the best he had to give; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction - yes!

SUCH A MAN WAS WILLIAM E. HOFFMANN, AND IN HIS MEMORY WE HUMBLY DEDICATE THIS HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SAMOSET COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS.

All of us who had the privilege of working closely with him can attest to his outstanding character and his endless achievements in behalf of his Scouts. He had an uncanny ability to understand boys and men.

HE WAS A TRUE FRIEND — what more can one say.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE MEN OF THE SCOUTING FRATERNITY
OF OLDER SCOUTERS

They have spent the better part of two years, meeting intermittently, to bring to this project the best available authenticated records each was able to acquire, so it might be recorded for posterity in this HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN THE SAMOSET COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

It was their wish to give to our Scout Council a wide-ranging record of most of the important and interesting Council-wide happenings. It is our consensus that they have succeeded admirably in achieving this goal.

All are old timers who have served this Council well and responsibly, and whose dedication to the principles of Scouting is unquestioned. This is not only a record, as such, but it is the hope that all interested people in the Boy Scout program, be they Council Executives, Scouters, Scouts, Cub Scouts, yes, and our Explorer Posts, both boys and girls, could be made fully aware of and enjoy reading this legacy of the past and present history of Scouting in our Council.

We proudly acknowledge herewith the names of these "special men" who are responsible for this chronicle of Boy Scouting, and want you to share our joy; for it is, indeed, a proud record of accomplishment.

William E. Hoffmann Wausau, WI - Former Scout Executive of Samoet
Richard Paul Wausau, WI - Present Scout Executive
William A. Marks Wausau, WI - A.S. Ex. under William Hoffmann
Elroy (Doc) Bersh Wausau, WI - A veteran Scouter since 1910
Barney Dehn Wausau, WI
Milton Schmitt Rothschild, WI
William Urban Rothschild, WI
Harold Bessey Schofield, WI
Gerald Ruprecht Merrill, WI
Ralph Schewe Merrill, WI
John L'Abbe Tomahawk, WI
Harry A. Johnson Wausau, WI
Kenneth Schaefner Wausau, WI
Richard A. Eiseman Wausau, WI

COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES

1920 George C. Dreisbach
1926 S. G. Browman
1931 Ford H. Longsdorf
1935 William E. Hoffmann
1945 Ed Schwechel

1948 Sig. W. Kilander
1955 David Agnew
1957 Russell W. Reed
1967 Richard Paul

PRESIDENTS

M. C. Ewing
E. E. Heinemann
Guy Gooding
R. J. Dudley
F. W. Braun
J. F. Schooley
H. C. Blaisdell
Wm. F. McCormick
H. J. Phillips
N. S. Stone
Stanton Mead
L. R. Taylor
Reuben Draheim
David Graebel
Gustav Bonow
Gerald Wergin
Dr. Donald Prehn
Dr. Ray Hanson
Chandler Copps
Edward S. Seim
John Hedquist
George P. Flynn

YEAR SERVED

1920-1929
1930-1931
1931-1933
1934-1936
1937-1944
1945-1946
1947-1949
1950-1951
1952-1955
1955-1959
1959-1961
1961-1963
1963-1965
1965-1969
1969-1973
1973-1975
1975-1977
1977-1978
1978-1980
1980-1982
1983-1985
Prior to the origination of a Chartered Council (in the year 1920), there were several troops of Boy Scouts actively engaged in the Scouting Program. This accounts for the earlier years prior to 1920, and as nearly as we have been able to learn, they are indicated as follows:

1910 - Original Troop #1 at the Universalist Church in the City of Wausau.

1911 - Antigo had their first troop of Scouts associated with the Congregational Church

Ted Dvorak - Scoutmaster
Elmer Luebke - Committee
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club

Another troop operated thru the Methodist Episcopal Church with Myles Treviranus as Scoutmaster.

1913 - Boy Scout Troop #6 - Underwood Memorial Chapel, Wausau, WI. Rev. West of First Presbyterian Church was Scoutmaster from 1913 to 1914.

1915 - Troop #2 - Universalist Church of Wausau, Carl Mathie - Scoutmaster, Charles F. Manson - Patrol Leader.

Following Members:
Ed Thayer
Roy Rodehaver
Spencer Grauer
Charles Corwith
Victor Geisel
Fred Morman

IN 1920, WAUSAU COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS WAS CHARTERED AS A FIRST CLASS COUNCIL. Date of Charter is shown as July 30, 1920.

Scout Executive: Geo. C. Dreisbach who came to us from Akron, Ohio.

Council Officers -
President M.C. Ewing
V. Pres. A.H. Reid
V. Pres. S.B. Tobey
V. Pres. Frank Timlin
Secretary Alfred Zimmermann
Treasurer Harry Berger
Commissioner Cyrus C. Yawkey

TROOPS REGISTERED:

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Merrill (Lincoln County) organized as First Class Council in September 1920, Troop 5 - Merrill

Fred O. Hautsook - Scout Executive
Edgard Heinemann - President
C. G. Torkelson - 1st Vice Pres.
E. A. Krombs - 2nd Vice Pres.
Geo. L. Gilkey - 3rd Vice Pres.
R. C. Ballstadt - Treasurer
Wesley D. Martin - Secretary
Richard B. Runke - Commissioner

1921 - 1/1, 1921 - Wausau second in State in number of Scouts, 25 Troops with 540 Boys.
1/1, 1921 - Office moved to YMCA - Elmer Fohs, Ass't. Scout Executive.

1921 - Charles Helke Sr. donated use for five years of 15 acres of land, including an island in Eau Claire River - Given thru the Rotary Club.

Land leased from state on Carroll Lake for Scout Camp.

Wakelin McNeal in charge of County Troops.
(Was Ass't. S.M. of 1937 Jamboree Troop)
Council's First Camp
Camp Lakota, Carrol Lake 1921

Samoset Council Second Scout Camp
At Road Lake 1922
COUNCIL HISTORY

1922 - Camp Periods - First Season at Road Lake
Adventure Camp - June 15-16-17
Second Period - June 22-23-24
Gypsy Camp - June 26-July 2
Northern Encampment - July 8-22
Northern Encampment - July 22-Aug. 5
Northern Encampment - August 5-19
Clyde Bessey will act as Assistant Executive.

1924 - Tomahawk Troop #3 - Committee:
V. E. L'Abbe - Chairman
Dr. Theiler
C. M. Fardy
Robert Scott
Burleigh Bogie - Scoutmaster
Wm. Gahan
Victor Bellemueer A.S.M.
38 Scouts

1926 - S. G. Browman - Scout Executive - Merrill
Council Boy Scouts (V.A. Vieth had been serving as S.E.).

1927 - Wausau & Merrill Councils merge to become the Lincoln - Marathon Council. Plan to include Langlade County. Progress toward officially making the Council name Marathon-Lincoln Council.

1928 - Council extends services to include Langlade and Oneida Counties 1/31-28.
Lake Clara Camp with 99 boys & Cub Scouts - Total Council Membership of Scouts totals 453 boys.

1930-
4/10/30 - Ford H. Lonsdorf became Scout Executive. (Was Field Executive in Flint, Michigan)
4/29/30 - Name of Council changed to SAMOSET COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS (Includes Marathon - Lincoln - Langlade and Oneida Counties).
10/31/30 - More than 300 boys participated in Area Camporee held at Merrill.
11/3/30 - Council Free of Debt for the first time since 1926.
12/19/30 - Antigo & Rhinelander voted into the Council.
4/1/30 - Office moved to Chamber of Commerce in Wausau.
4/10/30 - Officers for Council:
   Edgard E. Heinemann, President
   C. C. Yawkey, President
   C. F. Smith, Wausau Secretary
   Dr. Joseph F. Smith, Treasurer
   D. J. Murray - Commissioner

1931 -
1/31/31 - Ford H. Longsdorf - Scout Executive.
   Lester Maxon - Field Executive.
1/8/31 - Annual Meeting
   Guy K. Gooding elected President.
   Karl Schmidt - Chairman.
2/13/31 - Troop 9 wins Marathon District Rally.

1932 -
1/5/32 - Guy K. Gooding re-elected Council President.
   Frank L. Gottschalk - Marathon Dist. Chairman.

1933 -
2/2/33 - Frank L. Gottschalk re-elected Marathon District Chairman.

1934 -
1/18/34 - J. H. Healy elected Marathon District Chairman
1/29/34 - 160 attended Annual Council Meeting - Robert J. Dudley elected as Council President.
   Darrell F. Kirk awarded Silver Beaver.
   Ford H. Longsdorf - Scout Executive.
2/27/34 - 200 Scouts mobilized to collect clothing in response to President Roosevelt’s Mobilization Call.
   More than 500 persons heard Gunnar Berg from the National Division of Volunteer Training at Wausau.
2/10/34 - 48 Units (931 boys) 116 Scouters - 98 adult visitors mobilized to hear Pres. Roosevelt’s message to Scouts.
4/12/34 - Boy Scout Office moved to Chamber of Commerce in the Mayer-Lotz Building on Third Street.
5/4/34 - Kiwanis voted gift of $875.00 to Samoset Scout Council toward camp building program.
5/20/34 - Crystal Lake Camp Site donated by L. A. Leadbetter - Deed presented to Joe F. Schooley, Camp Chairman.
8/1/34 - Fred W. Braun elected Marathon District Chairman replacing J. H. Healey who moved out of the area.

1935 -
1/20/35 - Ford H. Longsdorf leaves Council to become Scout Executive at Istrouma Area Council in Baton Rouge, La.
   Immense growth of program occurred during his term as Executive.
2/23/35 - First Annual Midwest First Aid Meet.
COUNCIL HISTORY
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3/11/35 - Annual Council Meeting - More than 200 in attendance held in Wausau. Judge Reid was awarded Silver Beaver. R. J. Dudley re-elected Council President.

1936 -
1/31/36 - Fred W. Braun elected Chairman of Marathon District.
2/14/36 - Wausau Local Scouts take over the City Hall on Citizenship Day.
2/25/36 - Council presented with deed to Crystal Lake Camp Site at our Annual Meeting. R. J. Dudley re-elected President of the Scout Council.
11/18/36 - Membership now 1000 Scouts & Cub Scouts.
12/7/36 - Annual Council Meeting in Wausau - Fred W. Braun elected President of the Council. Eastern Taylor County added to Samoset Council. Includes Medford, Rib Lake and Westboro. Clark County added to Samoset Council. Includes Mayville, Colby, Unity. M. R. Tillisch, Finance Chairman, raises funds in the Tomahawk Area. Joe F. Schooley presents deeds for Tesomas property to R. J. Dudley at the Annual Meeting. Paul Siple spends a week at Camp Tesomas. Speaks at the Annual Council Meeting. It is to be noted that Paul Siple was a former Boy Scout who was chosen to accompany Admiral Byrd on his expedition to the South Pole.
Order of the Arrow was instituted into the Council by our Scout Executive, William E. Hoffmann, with the following charter members:
- Roger Corbeille
- Robert Tank
- Bob Welland
- Orval Peterson
- Clayton Schooley
- Kenneth Bouchert
- Albert Dahl
- William E. Hoffmann
- Jack Henderson
- Charles Horwitz
- Art Schaefer
- John L'Abbe
- George Stumpf
- L. H. Butenhof
- Bert Houns

1/27/37 - Samoset Council FOURTH in State. Number of Scouts, 1160.
6/1/37 - Bill Holm, Assistant Scout Executive, arrives.
11/1/37 - Leo C. Washburn from Alma, Michigan, started as Assistant Scout Executive (Bill Holm resigned 9/1/37).

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- Chairman: Herman Tank
- Co-Chairman: M. R. Tillisch
- Sec'y.-Treas.: Ralph Schewe
- Council V.P.: H. G. Tank and M. R. Tillisch
- Dist. Commissioner: Donald Taylor

4 Units in Merrill
2 Units in Tomahawk
John L'Abbe, A.S.M. of National Jamboree Troop

CAMP TESOMAS HISTORY -
Original tract 12 acres.
- Rhinelander Rotary raised $2500 to build lodge and buy 190 acres.
- Wausau raised $1500 to start payment on additional 1700 ft. of lake frontage.
- Total acreage now 400 acres.
- Wisconsin Rapids, South Wood County built cabins.
- Tomahawk Legion built Sioux Cabin.
- Rhinelander Paper furnished materials.
- Wausau Kiwanis Club built Craft Lodge ($2500).

Scout Office moved to 811 1/2 Washington Street.
Helmut Stubbe first Scout to sign up for National Jamboree.

1938 -
- Transfer to Iron Range Council 5 Northern Townships of Forest County.
12/38 - Membership now at 1723 boys in 81 units.
5/21/38 - Silver Beaver Award to Guy Nash of Wisconsin Rapids.

Alvin, Argonne, Niles and Popple River in Northern Forest County transferred to Stambaugh Michigan Council.
5/30/39 - Transfer North Half of Adams County to Samoset Council (Towns of Adams, Big Flats, Colburn, Leola, Lincoln, Monroe, Preston, Richfield, Rome, Strongs Prairie).

Officers of Council:
- Wm. E. Hoffman - Scout Executive
- Leo G. Washburn - A.S.E.
- Fred W. Braun - President

1940 -
- Council Incorporated
- Fred W. Braun - President
- Wm. E. Hoffmann - Scout Ex.
- Leo Washburn - A.S.E.

Membership - 1590

1941 -
- Council Officers
- Cyrus C. Yawkey - Honorary President
- Fred W. Braun - President
- J. S. McDonald - Vice Pres., Marshfield
COUNCIL HISTORY

CONTINUED

J. F. Schooley - Vice Pres., Rhinelander
Stanton Mead - Vice Pres., Wis. Rapids
H. W. Coleman - Commissioner, Stevens Point
C. J. Larson - Field Com., Woodruff
W. H. Schroeder - Treasurer, Wausau

4/21/41 - Silver Beavers to:
  Cyrus C. Yawkey
  J. S. MacDonald

1942 - Birnamwood added to Samoset Council (9/42)
  Silver Beaver to Fred W. Braun (1/15/42)

1943 - Lincoln District Officers for the year:
  Chairman - Harry Peterman
  Co-Chairman - August Kroplo
  Sec'y.-Treas. - Allen R. Webster
  Commissioner - Einer Segar
  Ralph Schewe
  Wilfred Biard

Executive Board - H. L. Fitze
  Geo. Page
  Frank E. Taylor

Flambeau River Property for Campsite. Phillips Foundation Project adopted.

1944 - Officers of Council:
  Fred W. Braun - President
  Stanton Mead - Vice Pres.
  J. F. Schooley - Vice Pres.
  Frank Taylor - Vice Pres.

William E. Hoffmann transferred to Springfield, Illinois.

Phillips Foundation Plan Instituted:
  Phillips Foundation $5,000
  Samoset Council $7,000

Flambeau River Camp Project held in trust by B.S.A. for Samoset.

1945 - Council receives check for $6,000.00 from Phillips Foundation to help in the addition of 2 additional Field Executives. Council will match the above fund.

10/5/45 - Ed Schwechel becomes Scout Executive.
  Ben Phillips becomes Assistant Scout Executive.
  J. F. Schooley elected President of the Council.

Present total Scouts and Cubs in 97 units - 2,758 boys.

1946 -
  J. F. Schooley - President
  Ed Schwechel - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Assistant Scout Executive
  Hugh Sargent - Field Executive
  Ben Phillips - Field Executive
  Ben Phillips seriously ill.

1947 -
  H. C. Blaisdell - President
  Ed. A. Schwechel - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Ass't. Scout Executive
  Hugh Sargent - Ass't. Scout Executive

Total boys - 2939.

1948 -
  8/48 - Sig W. Kilander becomes Scout Executive.
  Field Ex. Elroy Bersch - Rossmiller - Sargent

1949 -
  Wm. F. McCormick - President
  Sig Kilander - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Ass't. Scout Executive
  Rossmiller (leaving)
  Charles Williams - Field Ex.

1950 -
  Council President - Henry Phillips (1950-51)
  Colby Enters the Council.

  Membership 12/50 - 4988 boys in 151 units.
  1203 Volunteer Leaders.

  Scout Executive - Sig Kilander
  Ass't. S. Ex. - Elroy Bersch
  Field Executive - David Bird
  Town of Mayville into Council.
  41 Scouts on Canadian Canoe Trip.

1951 - Henry Phillips - President
  (finishing term at mid-year)

  Norman Stone - President
  Stanton Mead - Vice President
  Sig Kilander - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Ass't. Scout Executive
  E. R. Paul - Field Scout Ex.
  D. B. Bird - Field Scout Ex.
  Marathon District Round Table chaired by Dick Eiseman.

1952 - Norman Stone - President of Council
  Transferred in from Chippewa Valley Council - Abbotsford and Mayville from Clark County.
  David Bird, F. E. resigned.

6/2/52 - Camp Phillips Dedication
  Gen. Mark Clark, Dedication Speaker.
  Sig Kilander - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Ass't. S. Ex.

OVERVIEW OF CAMPING SITES IN THE COUNCIL:

Camp Tesomas - 760 acres
Flambeau Area - 231 acres
Wabeno Boy Scouts - 212 acres
Camp Chikagami - 40 acres
Marathon Camp Site - 77 acres
Plover Camp Site - 40 acres
Rhinelander Scouts - 160 acres

1953 - Norman Stone - Council President
  Lloyd Taylor - Vice President
  Steve Hopkins - Commissioner
  Sig Kilander - Scout Executive
  Elroy Bersch - Ass't. Scout Executive
  E. R. Paul - Field Executive
  Howard Gibson - Field Executive

9/8/53 - Elroy Bersch resigned to become Scout Executive of Indian Trails Council in Janesville.
9/23/53 - Dick Paul appointed Assistant Scout Executive.

1954 -
- Stanton Mead - President
- Sig Kilander - Scout Executive
McKeebick Lodge at Camp Phillips dedicated.

1955 -
- Sig Kilander transferred to REGION 7.
- David Agnew - New Scout Executive.
- Stanton Mead - President
- Ed Zahn - Assistant Executive
- E. R. Paul - F. Ex.
- Howard Gibson - F. Ex.

1956 -
- Stanton Mead - Council President
- David Agnew - Scout Executive
Explorer Base set up at Tesomas.

1957 -
- David Agnew, S. Executive resigns.

12/4/57 - Russell W. Reed appointed Scout Executive.

1957-58 - Lloyd Taylor - President

1958 -
- Lloyd Taylor - President
- Russ Reed - Scout Executive
- Lee Crail - Field Ex.
- Eugene Spindt - Field Ex.
- Ralph Nieland - Field Ex.
- Vernon Moss - Field Ex.
- Annual Meeting at Wis. Rapids.

1959 -
- Lloyd Taylor - President
- Russell Reed - Scout Executive
- Lee Crail - Field Ex.
- Carl Mews - Field Executive
- Wild Cat Lake Island property accepted.

1960 -
- Lloyd Taylor - President
- Russell Reed - Scout Executive
- Lee Crail - Ass't. Scout Executive
- Annual Meeting.

1961 -
- Reuben Draheim - President of Council
- Russell W. Reed - Scout Executive
- Carl Mews resigned - going to La Crosse.

1962 -
- Reuben Draheim - President
- Russell Reed - Scout Executive
- James Jonen - Field Executive

1963 -
- David Graebel - Council President
- Russell W. Reed - Scout Executive
- Ralph Nyland - Field Executive

1964 -
- David Graebel - Council President
- Russell W. Reed - Scout Executive
- Jack Guden - Field Executive
- Ralph Nyland - Field Executive
- 85 Cub Packs with 2,990 boys - 227 Total Units
- 109 Scout Troops with 2,720 boys - 6,194 Total Scouts
- 33 Explorer Units with 484 members - 2,301 Volunteer Leaders
- Council in top 75 Councils in U.S.A. to exceed 50% of Troops in Uniform.

Samoset Jamboree Contingent -
- 74 Scouts, 8 Leaders
- 5 Scouters at Canoe Base-Wood Badge
- 16 Explorers at Canoe Base

1965 -
- Gus C. Bonow - President of Council
- Russell W. Reed - Scout Executive
- Gary Evjue - Field Executive
- John Polton - Field Executive
- Council Eagle Scout Dinner.
- Wisconsin Rapids -
  - 30 Ad Altare Dei Awards
  - 2 St. George
  - Dr. Weimerskirch, Area Chairman

1966 -
- Gus Bonow - President of Council
- Russell W. Reed - Scout Executive
- Total Scouts, Cubs and Explorers - 6,217.
- Purchased new camp truck.

1967 -
- President, Gus Bonow, '67-'68
- Richard Paul, Scout Executive
- Commissioner, Ray Ohlsen, '67-'68
- Finance Chairman, Richard Dudley appointed
- SME was developed and sold — new to our council
- Walt Prahl — teacher — hired to direct Camp Tesomas
- Two Bean Feed promotional nights held
- 1 Spring for ’67 and 1 Fall for ’68 camp
- Camp debt paid — attendance up 15% for 1967
- Wittenberg area transferred to Samoset

1968 -
- Trust Fund organized and promoted,
  - Judge Fred Fink, Chairman
- Insurance Study by S.E. — package up all policies
- Property study made — insurance out on bids
- Savings $500 annual, and higher averages
- New BSA accounting system installed
- Full employee compensation benefits instituted
- Employers Insurance Co. — First annual meeting,
  - on a new series
- Long Range Plan written — Gerald Ruprecht,
  - Chairman
- Don Colby, Stevens Point, Camping Chairman
  - appointed

1969 -
- President, Gerald Wergin, '69-'72
- Commissioner, John Hedquist, '69-'75
- Budget balanced 3 straight years - Dudley
  - Chairman
- Exploring Committee established by Board
- Foreign Scout program at Tesomas begun,
  - continuous up to present
- Camp Tesomas improvements $16,881. James
  - Hensel, Camp Development Chrmn.
- National Jamboree troop to Idaho —
  - Harvey Mathwick, SM.

1970 -
- Tesomas Developments by Wergin, Colby and
  - Hensel, $100,000 improvements during '69-'74
  - approx. Camp refurbished — turned right around
  - 50th Anniversary of Samoset, celebrated year —
Ray Ohlsen, Chairman
Camp Phillips Memorial Trust established, a gift of Henry J. Phillips
Charter & Bylaws updated — approved
50 Scouts attend Philmont, New Mexico
Bunk Creed is OA Lodge Advisor
1200 attend Council Camporee, Camp Phillips

1971
Camp Tesomas 5 year development plan approved —
Hensel Shower building/chapel/new entrance added, for $44,000
Bart Starr Annual Meeting speaker
Richard Seagren, Camp Director

1972
Operation Reach, drug abuse program launched
Camp Flambeau site cleared, and now owned by Council
Summer camping studies and consolidation finalized
Samoset shoulder emblem Board approved
Larry Marten, Camp Director
Miss Wisconsin visits annual meeting — Don McCutcheon, Chairman
Evelyn May Tracy honored with Silver Fawn

1973
President, Donald Prehn, ’73-’74
Miss America visits Annual Meeting, with 540 in attendance.
Woodbadge Training — an annual priority
Tesomas kitchen (Smith funds) and Lodge rewiring, $16,000
Henry Phillips Night — painting — recognition given
Clyde Schlueter elected President of Area I
Harvey Mathwick, Camping Chairman
Outstanding year for Exploring — Don McCutcheon, Chairman

1974
Helen Scholfield elected to Board — a first
William Hoffmann elected Scout Executive Emeritus
3 Council merger plan rejected
Capital Campaign for new Center, and added camp buildings considered
SME Project Sales begun
Cub Days at Tesomas — 1st year, a huge success
High membership record in E. C. Region — 3 straight
Woodbadge — 1st course at Tesomas
Samoset is host, Hedquist — director
500 Explorers active, send reps to Washington, D.C.

1975
President, Ray Hansen, ’75-’76
Spencer Award 4 straight years — 1st in Region for membership
District Alignment study made
Area I Fall Conference — a first for Wisconsin, held by Samoset in Stevens Point
Capital needs reviewed
UWSP Foundation acquires lease for Chickagami
Forestry Advisory Committee established
Richard LaCerte appointed Exploring Chairman

1976
Commissioner, Erv Romansky, ’76-’80
Op. debt retired successfully — E. E. Roberts, Chairman
Fleet of boats secured for Tesomas — Project Sales — McCutcheon
Camp Phillips Committee established by Board action
Capital Funds needs studied and 3 fund raising firms interviewed
New United Way begins in Rhinelander
Scout-O-Rama at Marathon Park; 2,000 youth attend
Bill Julian Camp Director at Tesomas

1977
President, Chan Copps
Capital Funds Campaign feasibility study made, and $480,000 approved
New required booking system in Computer financial records established with Wipfli-Ullrich Company
120 Day Plan of C/R for Commissioners
Thompson Lake property traded — added to Tesomas acreage
6 new latrines at Tesomas — Brockman & others
National Jamboree Scouts bring home two gold medals

1978
President, Edward S. Seim, ’78-’79
Hospital North office space examined
First Capital Campaign conducted successfully, with Marv Schuette and Ed Seim ($240,000 goal)*
*Capital Campaign/SME Drive for:
$115,000 Tesomas
60,000 SME—1 yr.
17,400 Office equipment
17,300 Exp. & reserve
29,500 Prior exp.
$240,000 Goal
Tesomas Director’s home purchased/opened
District Alignment study — for 5 districts approved for ’79 operations
Woodbadge Course — Tesomas, with Larry Marten

1979
Lutheran Association of Scouters begins
New Scout Service Center negotiated, with Save The Depot Committee
Host for Area I Fall Conference, Wausau
5 District alignment in effect
Religious Relationships Committee established
John Hedquist honored with Silver Antelope by E. C. Region
Council Camporee — Point — Laszinski, Chairman
Tesomas Developments approx. $30,000 for maintenance bldg., main lodge, complete director’s home
Cub leaders training events led by Anita Jagodinski
Cross Country Ski Program launched.

1980
President, John Hedquist, ’80-’82
New Service Center for Council, $220,000 investment, Depot a gift of Wausau Insurance
Building committee of: Don McCutcheon, Chairman, F. E. Bachhuber, Sr., Patricia Glinski, Gary Maples, Donald Prehn, Helen Scholfield, Richard Paul.
Area I — Fall Conference — host
Timber Trust at $36,000
Camp projects include T. P. maintenance & outfitters buildings
Scout Action Retreat led by Sy Krieg
Explorers headed by Jim Marx and Barb Zimmerman
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1981
Commissioner, Don Southworth, '81-'82
Water system installed for 6 campsites — Tesomas
Oak Ridge Boys Show held in Wisconsin Rapids
All capital developments at Camp and office fully paid
Camp attendance 1st place in Wisconsin councils
Program Center constructed at Tesomas
National Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, Jerry Zygowicz, SM
Robert Brockman, Camping Chairman
International Representative, Paul Laszinski

1982
Wood Badge Course at Tesomas — John Hedquist, Director
Religious Awards banquet held, St. Anne's Church
Tiger Cubs join in for 7 year old boys
Truck and copier secured
Tesomas “A” rating, 7 straight years
Program Center at Tesomas dedicated
Robert McDonald, Trustee Chairman

1983
President, George P. Flynn, '83-'85
Commissioner, Bernie Gauerke, '83-'85
Tesomas 5 Year Plan developed/approved
Trust Funds doubled
Prepared for Today program launched

Major Spring recruiting drive successful
Scouts attend Scout Day with the Brewers, Milwaukee
Exploring members up 31%, with 7 new Posts
Tesomas has new hot water system, siren, family showers, and new windows at Schooley

1984
Council Camporee for 1,200 at Camp Phillips
Wood Badge Course, Tesomas, Larry Marten, Director
New boat dock, 3 cabins winterized, 3 additional latrines at Tesomas
Endowment Development plan for $2 million trust fund approved — Jim Kennedy, Chairman
Trust instrument updated & approved
10 new units organized in the summer
Career Awareness Post organized, Three Lakes, WI
Varsity Scouting program launched
Articles of Inc. updated and filed
Prayer Fellowship of Christian Scouters begun

1985
National Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill
Tesomas 50th Anniversary events
Presidents Woodbadge Course, Tesomas
Endowment Development committee organized
BSA Diamond Jubilee year — 75 years

Rotary Lodge Camp Tesomas
From the inception of scouting in this area, camping has been a big part of the program. Samoset, "Where Camping is King", was a fact long before the slogan was conceived or even the council was called Samoset. Early data on the camping program has been sketchy, but the memories of the camp fires and the out of door adventures live on in the recollections of some of the old timers. The council got its name from the camp on Lake Clara. Elroy Schumacker was credited with the choice of the name of an Indian Chief as the designation for the first really council camp. The name Samoset means friendly. I will try to put some sequence into the long line of camp sites that I have investigated.

Many camp sites have been used by the scouts of this area covered by the present Samoset Council. All of the sites may not be mentioned here, but this little history will cover the more important sites. The earliest camp on record was the Tug Lake, sponsored by the Lincoln Council, the Carrol Lake, sponsored by the Marathon Council, followed by Chickagami, sponsored by the Stevens Point Council; Road Lake, Lake Clara, Root House Lake, and Crystal Lake. There were such district camps as Phillips, Gilkey Island, Plover River, Rocky Run, Thompson Lake, Nine Mile Swamp, Eau Pleine slopes, and Flambeau, plus a number of troop camping grounds in various parts of the council. The impressive list of council campsites has been trimmed for various reasons to seven council properties, with a total acreage of 1337; so only the major camps will be discussed here. More time and investigation could bring out many fine stories, so here goes with the available information.

Let's consider each campsite as we are able to get facts. The first recorded camp was at Tug Lake, north of Merrill, for the use of the scouts from Merrill, under the direction of the Lincoln Council's S.E., Warren Blodget. This was in the teens and early twenties. There is some indication that some Wausau scouts attended camp with the Merrill boys.

In 1921, the Marathon Council leased some land on Carroll Lake for a camp. Waleklin McNeel was the camp leader, and the name of the camp was Lakota. A few of the Merrill boys joined the fun at Carroll. Like Tug Lake, the people who were campers at these locations have forgotten the details of the camps. However, according to the newspaper clippings, these camps proved the need and the effectiveness of the outdoor activity.

The Road Lake camp took shape in 1922, with George Dreisbach as the director. On April 7th, camp dates were set for two 3-day camps in June; a gypsy camp for the last week of June, and three 2-week northern encampments in July and August. Although a few Merrill boys attended this camp, most of the boys came from Wausau. The camp remained in use until the Wausau scouts joined the Merrill boys at the Lake Clara site which was about 1925 or 1926.

The story of Chickagami is different in the formation than the camps of its neighbors. While all of the development was going on in the north, the southern council was doing its thing. Back in 1921, June 21st to be exact, the Stevens Point Council leased a piece of land bordering Sunset Lake, for a scout camp. On January 31, 1928 Mr. Nelson deeded the land to a group of trustees, namely G. W. Mead, J. W. Dunegan, E. A. Oberheiser, I. P. Witter, E. B. Robertson, and L. M. Alexander, who were to control the land for civic purposes. This land was on the southeast shore of Sunset Lake. A parcel at the foot of Arrowhead Hill across the lake was donated by Clinton Copps in 1924, which added to the land on Arrowhead Hill, leased to Arthur Jones, then scoutmaster, made up another part of the camp.

By August 30, 1948, the heirs of the original trustees deeded the land to a new set of trustees representing the scout district — one each, Northwood, Southwood, and Portage, along with two judges. One from Wood and one from Portage Counties. The present trustees are Hiram Anderson, Gary Velde, Wm. Wenzel, Judge Jenkins and Judge Fink. Between 40 and 50 acres around Arrowhead Hill were added by a donation from H. Anderson.

Although the land under the trusteeship was never deeded to the Boy Scout Council, it was leased to them for camp and other scout related functions until May of 1975. At this time, the Samoset Council sub-let the lease and stopped the summer program at this scout camp. The scouts of the Samoset Council still use the camp for winter programs from October to April. During the operating years, the camp had five 1-week campouts for 50 to 60 boys. The facilities included a mess hall, kitchen, 7 cabins, office director's cabin and equipment. The camp is now being operated by the Central Wisconsin Environmental Center for their activities. The program is primarily for environmental education and interpretation.

Other camps which have been in use in the Samoset Council area, but received very little recognition, are scattered over the entire area. The 40 acre site on the Plover River was donated by Mr. C. C. Yawkey, and used for meetings and troop gatherings. However, the vandalism was so bad that it could not be kept in repair. The Birnamwood troop tried to maintain the site, but it was a losing battle. Finally, it was sold to the DNR.

In 1978, by court order, the 240 acre Camp Flambeau near Phillips, was acquired for adventure camping. Located on the south branch of the Flambeau River, this site had two cabins, and is used by the scouts of the northwestern part of Samoset Council.

Other camps for local use are the 36 acre site at Rocky Run, which is southwest of Stevens Point. Gilkey Island, in the Wisconsin River northwest of Merrill, is a 4 acre island which is for troop camping and outings. The undeveloped 19 acre site on the Little Eau Pleine River north of Marshfield was called the Eau Pleine Slopes. Nine-Mile Swamp, 40 acres, is an adventure camp located south of Rib Mountain, where there are some improvements such as pump, latrine, and designated camp sites. Troop camping and camporees have been the principal use of the last site. The camp site at Lake Thompson was traded for land adjacent to Tesomas at Rhinelander in 1977.

Camp Phillips is one of the more recent district camp developments. Scouters like H. Phillips, D. Evans, W. McCormick, M. Schmitt and many others were looking for a site close to Wausau so the scouts could hike to the
Council Point Campfire Ring
at Samoset Council Camp
on Lake Clara 1927

Early 40 Camp Staff

Staff of Samoset Council, Camp Chicagami 1962
In 1948, they found 76 acres on the Eau Claire River east of Schofield. $5500.00 was raised by sustaining members, and during September of 1949, the remaining amount was raised to purchase the property. Between 1948 and 1950, $3400.00 was raised by 200 sustaining members for the camp and the lodge. Jess Kohl, a contractor, gave his services for the building of the lodge. By 1950 four cabins, sponsored by Rotary, Elks, Dick Evans, and Ing Horgan and the McCormick Lodge were ready for use.

The Wausau Rotary built the first cabin in January 1950. The first scout event at Camp Phillips was called a Council Rodeo, held May 20, 1950. Thirty-two troops attended, with a count of 1189 scouts and scruters. The many functions such as camporees, meetings, training sessions, troop camp-outs, etc., will be covered in other sections of this report. The success of the first event proved the need for a camp close to town for district functions. The purpose of the first event proved the need for a camp close to town for district functions. The 50th Anniversary of Samoset Council was celebrated at Camp Phillips with a council-wide camporee, which was a huge success.

In 1970, Mr. H. J. Phillips established the “Camp Phillips Memorial Trust” to maintain the property. It was a gift to scouting and the Rib Mountain District. The trust is held by the Wisconsin Valley Trust Company. The purpose of the trust is to generate income for the maintenance; 75% of the income to be used annually for Camp Phillips, and 25% for other council owned property, to be administered by a council committee.

Samoset, at Lake Clara, was the real beginning of the making of “Where Camping is King”. Camping became a big thing as a part of scouting. Recognizing the ‘outing’ in Scouting, the men of Lincoln Council on June 14, 1922 purchased 15 acres on the shore of Lake Clara for a boy scout camp. Camp Samoset got going by the enthusiasm of the men of Merrill. Camping equipment, army squad tents, a mass tent with cooking equipment were ordered, and two days after the arrival of the material, camp was opened for two 10-day periods. There were 18 scouts the first period, and 17 scouts the second period. The Camp Director was Warren Blodget, with Mr. Hartsook camp superintendent. Matt Wood was the cook. Mr. Leslie Kinsel donated the diving pier. This was the real beginning of organized council camping, and the program grew from here to the present Class “A” camp.

In 1925, Mr. Emil Ruprecht, Scoutmaster of Troop 3, was appointed to assist Mr. Blodget. When S. G. Brown was hired as scout executive for the Lincoln Council in 1926, the camp direction went to him. From a truly tent camp, to a cabin type of camp started very soon as floors were added to the squad tents, then short walls were added to raise the tents. Modernization had started. The Merrill Rotary Club collected money for a dining hall, which was the first permanent building. It was built by the combined efforts of the Lions Club and the Rotary Club in time for the 1928 camping season. 227 boys attended camp in 1927, followed by one week for forty Girl Scouts. The first waterfront directors were Bill VanNostrand, and Carl Eklund, who later went to the south pole with Admiral Byrd. One of the impressive programs at camp was the camp fire on a point of land jutting out in the lake with a full view of the lake. Especially the night when, during the Indian ceremony, Mr. Brown, dressed in full Indian regalia would cross the lake in a canoe and lead the fireside program.

By 1930, the camp had 155 different boys. The expansion including the Wausau boys, and the forming of the Marathon-Lincoln Council soon took its toll on the Samoset campsite. The campgrounds became crowded, and the closeness of neighbors created a need for more land.

The camping committee went on the prowl and found the land in the Harrison Hills, offered by the Heinemann family of Merrill. After a visit by H. A. Gordon, National Camp Engineer, the Heinemann family donated 1000 acres for a campsite. That was on June 12, 1931. The Root House Lake property did not last long as a scout camp. Three years of camping had been used in developing the camp when the next big move took shape.

Now for the big camp — Tesomas. The work of Mr. J. F. Schooley and his camping committee pointed the way for Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Leadbetter to donate twelve acres of land on Crystal Lake for a scout camp. On May 12, 1934, Mr. Leadbetter presented the deed to Mr. Schooley, who was the camping chairman. Although some scouts camped on the property in 1934, the camp did not become a reality until 1935. The Rhinelander Rotary Club bought an additional 40 acres. In subsequent years, more land was purchased and traded to accumulate the 931 acres now held.

The Rotarians of Rhinelander, headed by Joe Schooley, Ed Ramsey, and Clid Johnson built the original lodge by working most of the summer. The ground was broken for the lodge on June 1, 1935. Enough was ready so by camp time, the move from Root House Lake to Crystal Lake was accomplished with the help of 12 trucks furnished by Wilson Mercantile Co. of Wausau, and later more trucks from Rhinelander and Wausau. Unpleasant weather made the move rather difficult. (With all of the excitement of the move, poor overworked Bill Hoffmann, the scout executive/camp director, was forgotten at Root House Lake without transportation. In his hike toward the new camp, he got as far as the city of Parish before his wife, Irene, caught up with a very tired Bill!)

With two camp Samosets in the background, Chief Hoffmann thought a new name was in order. Mrs. Hoffmann suggested turning Samoset around and naming the new camp “Tesomas”, which was quickly accepted. Two weeks of camp initiated the new location.

At the annual meeting on February 25, 1936, the camp deeds were presented to the council through the President, R. J. Dudley by Mr. Joe Schooley. The east shore and 200 acres were purchased. 1936 was the year that the lodge fireplace was built by the Rhinelander Rotarians. The Girl Scouts took over the camp for one week, and the Order of the Arrow Chapter was established at camp. July 19th was Paul Siple Day. Paul told about his experiences in the Antarctic with Admiral Byrd. The fact that Carl Eklund, from Samoset, was with the expedition added a special interest to the visit of Paul to the camp. More than 300 boys attended camp. The remainder of the 30’s saw much improvement as the athletic field and the block houses were built by the OA. The craft lodge was built by the Wausau Kiwanians, and the cabins built by Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau, Tomahawk and Marshfield. Also, this was the beginning of the annual canoe trips.
The next decade was much the same, with the tent platforms becoming cabins. The Arrow bowls were improved and the effect of the war slowed things down a bit. Then came the 50's with 50 scouts and scouters at the winter camp. The family week hosted 125. The camp fee was $12.00 for one week, with $1.00 off for early registration. A sample meal took 45 lbs. of meat, 150 lbs. of potatoes, 1 case of green beans, 14 lbs. of cake mix with 8 lbs. of powered sugar for the frosting, 20 loaves of bread, 25 gallons of sky juice, and the day's delivery of milk was 90 quarts. The menu varied with approval of the dietitian, Mrs. Wilson.

Work on the improvements continued through the 1960's — like the re-roofing and refurbishing of the Schooley Lodge by the men of Rhinelander, with the material furnished by the local merchants. The Schooley Lodge had been built in 1948 on the southwest shore of the lake, in memory of Joe Schooley, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Schooley.

During the ten years 1935 to 1945, the number of campers at Camp Tesomas grew from the original 81 campers in 1935 to over 1,000 in 1944. During this period, William E. Hoffmann directed the camp. During that same period, the camp acreage grew from the original 10 acres to 780 acres. Much of the new acreage was obtained thru gifts from Cyrus C. Yawkey of Wausau, Wisconsin.

In 1969, the International Camp Staff program started and continues to this day. The program includes bringing a foreign scout to Tesomas for the summer. Just because each item was not mentioned is no sign that work stopped and things were not accomplished. Actually $16,881.00 was spent on improvements during the year.

The "Long Range Plan" for Tesomas was begun by Wergin, Hensel and Colby to start the 1970's. For a short rundown, we have a shower building, a chapel by the Rhinelander Kwanians, a new entrance, renovation of the kitchen, and re-wiring of the entire lodge by using the funds from the Dr. Joseph Smith bequest. Additionally, a new roof for the lodge as well as new latrines were added. The adding of a Schuette home for the camp director was a huge improvement for the camp. Now the director can live at camp the entire year and do scouting skills during the other half. The camp was improved and the effect of the war slowed things down a bit.

The camp has become a big improvement for the good of scouting. The growth from an open field to a pine forest makes us feel just how fast we are aging. The "Timber Trust Fund" has grown to $36,000.00. The camp has become a big business through careful planning and enthusiastic leadership. My hat is tipped for the foresight and perseverance of the camping chairmen and the executives over the years.

Some mention should be made of the camp on White Sand Lake. Although this was not a council camp, it was in the Samoset area, which was approved for a canoe base and an adventure camp. In 1939, an agreement was re-enacted between the Conservation Department and the Boy Scouts to use the abandoned CCC camp as a project for the older scouts. The camp, as I recall, was the Eagle Forestry Camp on Lost Canoe Lake, for Eagle Scouts who worked half days on clearing trails and general grounds improvement, then did scouting skills during the other half. The camp was moved to White Sand from Lost Canoe after the negotiation with the Conservation Department. Under Ed Schweckel, Scout Executive, Samoset Council, it became the Wisconsin Canoe Base, which is now an adventure camp on the national roster. In the spring of 1940, the Base took shape as a Region Seven project with about $5,000.00 to start. Interestingly, the fee back in 1940 was $14.00 for a seven day period per boy, and a scout leader free for every 10 boys.

From a simple start of the Eagle Scout Forestry Camp on Lost Canoe Lake, to the wilderness canoe base on White Sand Lake, the base received national recognition and became a very popular national adventure camp under the jurisdiction of the national camping committee of the Boy Scouts of America.
Swim Time at a Hot Spring Camporee in the Early Forties
Yes, We Enforced The Buddy System.
ACTIVITIES PROGRAM IN SAMOSET
Prepared by Milt Schmitt

Over the years as the scouting program grew and prospered in the Council area, it became apparent that programs were needed from time to time in order to sustain the interest and growth of the Scouting program. Possibly a celebration of some event, or an anniversary in scouting, or our country. Then there was the matter of competitive events in scout skills; learning and making friends with scouts and scouters throughout the Council.

Nature, unspoiled lakes and woodland were abundant in our council area, and they lent themselves to such activities as camp outs and Camporees, either on a district level or on a council-wide basis.

One of the first camporees in our council was held in Merrill, to the delight of more than 300 scouts and scouters. This took place in October of 1930, just after the council name was changed to Samoset Council Boy Scouts.

Another Council-wide camp-out was held in Merrill the following year — this, too, was in the nature of a Camporee.

The stage was now set for individual districts to hold their own camporees on an annual basis and during which period of time thousands of scouts experienced camping with its camp fires, fun and fellowship as well as advancement opportunities galore. Those were times to remember.

As Samoset Council grew in area and in numbers of scouts and leaders, there began to develop special occasion camporees, each with its own theme. There was a Pioneer Camporee held in the spring of 1950 at Camp Phillips. A Fellowship Camporee held at South County Park east of Wisconsin Rapids. A Show and Tell Camporee was held at the State Council Grounds Park west of Merrill.

In 1966 an American Heritage Camporee took place at the Fair Grounds in Merrill. This was patterned after the American Heritage Jamboree put on by the National Council of Boy Scouts at Valley Forge.

In 1947, Ed Schweckel, Scout Executive of Samoset, organized a Council Canadian Canoe Trip, using Cigar Island in upper Basswood Lake as a base camp. This became such a popular event that for several years thereafter, consecutive periods had to be scheduled.

August 21-29, 1948 saw ten scouts and two leaders, using council canvas canoes, take a canvas canoe trip down the Wisconsin River to help the State of Wisconsin celebrate its Centennial. Scouts throughout the state paddled what rivers were available to them for a rendezvous at Prairie du Chien. There, our Council group converged with scouts from other Councils at Portage, Wis.

We then followed the footsteps of Joliet and Marquette to Prairie du Chien. Our Scouts were led by Bob Rossmiller, Field Executive and Milt Schmitt as voyager.

The campout at Prairie du Chien, with scouts from most councils in the state all there to commemorate the Wisconsin Centennial made many good memories for every scout in attendance to take back home with him.

Samoset Council performed in tremendous fashion on service projects which developed. We were called upon to do many things for our country. In 1934, Samoset Council mobilized 48 units involving almost a thousand scouts and 116 scouters, to hear a message by President Franklin Roosevelt specifically for the Boy Scouts. In the same month — February 27, 1934, 200 scouts along with their leaders again mobilized to collect clothing for the poor and needy, in response to President Roosevelt's message to the Scouts.

During the war years — 1941-1945, Samoset Council became very active in the collection of scrap of all kinds. A complete mobilization was planned and activated. All scouts and scouters, (Executives, Council Officials, District Officials, all Troops of Scouts) were ready for the task ahead of them. Bond Posters were to be distributed, pledge cards were to be delivered to every home in the Council; there was a need for messengers and dispatch bearers, work to be done on emergency service patrols, medical units and preparation for a black-out.

Much of the work done at this time was that concerning our paper drives. Tons upon tons of scrap paper were collected to help in the war effort. The real total tonnage is unknown, but you can be assured that it was astronomical. These drives were organized by the Council but were carried out on a district level. Troop 10, Presbyterian Church of Wausau, collected in excess of 395,000 pounds of scrap paper.

The council was very active in the teaching of proper First Aid to all of our scouts and leaders, and it became one of the livelier and beneficial programs within the Council as it trained and prepared the scouts for the Council First Aid event.

As troop patrols became winners in their units, they would compete on a district level. Those winners would advance to a Council First Aid contest. Occasionally, Region VII of the Boy Scouts would hold the Regional First Aid Contest which brought together Patrols from Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. The year 1941 was a great year for the first aid teams of Samoset Council. Three teams won high ratings at the Regional Meet which was held in Chicago. It was such a remarkable showing that we think those teams should be listed here:

**TROOP 10 — First Presbyterian Church had two teams.**

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The Districts of Samoset Council held many training courses for Scouters, in order to improve their skills so they could better pass them on to their scouts for better troop programs.

Some of these were held by several districts jointly thereby becoming a Council event. Again Camp Tesomas became the location for the weekend training sessions. Scouters were there to learn more.
about the "out" in scouting, so they would go back to their troops and push the camping program.

In 1948, a training program was held at Marathon Park in Wausau which was known as a "Hoe Down". This was patterned after the Region VII Hoe Down held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, which a contingent from Samoset Council attended to see and to learn how the councils from the region displayed scout skills.

Our display of outdoor cooking was Banana Pancakes plus coffee, all done on a grill. The manner in which it disappeared was sure evidence of its popularity, to say nothing of the delicious taste.

Reflector Oven Demonstration at Samoset Council's Hoe Down Training Course Fall 1948
Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement, had a vision following World War I to develop a spirit of peace and happiness in the world. His vision developed into a worldwide Scouting Brotherhood that brought together 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries. The first Jamboree was held indoors at Olympia Stadium, London, England, in 1920.

The words "rally" or "exhibition" did not suit him, and so he chose a new term "Jamboree".

Originally the word meant "A Carousel: any noise celebration". However, Baden-Powell liked the word, and so it has been passed into the language as designating "A National Jamboree or International gathering of Scouts".

The Jamboree, whether National or International, is a great educational experience, where hundreds of thousands of boys and adult leaders live together in fellowship.

Generally, the National Boy Scout Jamboree is held every four years.

A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF EACH JAMBOREE HELD SO FAR

1935 - This was the first scheduled Jamboree and was planned to be held in Washington, D.C. Samoset Council had a contingent of Scouts and Leaders all set to leave. Shortly before the opening of the Jamboree which was to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States, and with many of the boys and leaders already in Washington, President Franklin D. Roosevelt cancelled the gathering because of an epidemic of Infantile Paralysis. (Polio)

1937 - Another Jamboree was planned and held in Washington D.C. A Troop of 32 Scouts, three leaders and Scout Executive, Wm. Hoffmann, represented Samoset Council at the Jamboree.

In place of tents, the Scouts made paper tepees with many Indian designs painted on them. The unit traveled by train and made sight-seeing stops at Niagara Falls and New York City. A change of transportation was made when Bill Hoffmann was able to convince a ship's Captain to take the Scouts on board his ship and take them from New York City to Washington, D.C.

Distinguished visitors to the Jamboree Camp were then President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Chief Scout Executive Dr. West and Dan Beard, Nature Counselor. Helmuth Stubbe was the first local scout to sign up for this Jamboree.

1950 - The second National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. Due to the troubled times of World War II and the unsettled condition of our country following the war, the next National Jamboree was not held until 1950.

This was a tremendous and exciting event for the 47,000 Boy Scouts, Explorers and Leaders who were fortunate to attend the Jamboree held on the historic grounds of Valley Forge, PA.

A terrific pageant, "The Spirit of Valley Forge" was enacted in the arena. This pageant depicted the trials and finally the triumph of George Washington's Continental Army.

Distinguished visitors were the then President Harry Truman, whose friendly smile left its mark on each scout as he waved to them as they filed past him within a few feet of each other; General Dwight Eisenhower was another dignitary attending the Jamboree.

The crowd at the Fourth of July celebration was estimated at 95,000 people.

At a Freedom of Worship ceremony, a sense of awe and quiet fell upon the Scouts as each one lit a candle in the dark.

Samoset Council was well represented at this Jamboree with three troops totaling 104 Scouts and 10 leaders. Sig Kilander headed the contingent as a whole, while the units themselves were in charge of the following Scouter:

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The contingent used three Greyhound Buses to travel, with stops at Niagara Falls, Albany, New York City, Washington, D.C. and historic Philadelphia.

1957 - Fourth National Jamboree at Valley Forge. The fourth National Jamboree was even larger than its predecessor at this location, with 50,000 scouts and leaders in attendance.

On a hillside overlooking part of Tent City with its waves of various types and colors, it was a magnificent sight to behold.

The tableaux held in the arena was extremely exciting and beautiful. The closing ceremony with terrific fireworks displays will long be remembered by the 69 scouts and leaders of Samoset Council who attended.

1953 - Third National Jamboree - Irving Ranch, California

This was the year the Scouts and Explorers decided to go West. The Jamboree was set up at Irving Ranch, California. This Jamboree was attended by 45,000 scouts. The pageantry depicted the Westward Movement of our country, which was very colorful with covered wagons, stage coaches, Indians and Cowboys.

1960 - Fifth National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colorado. It was located on the foothills of the Rocky Mountains at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Most of the troops set up their campsites for a "Skill-O-Rama" demonstration, depicting products from their area. The "Wheel of Cheese from Wisconsin" was, indeed, very popular.

One of the main features was a huge Rodeo performance. Noted visitors were the Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of
America, Dwight Eisenhower, and Sir Baden-Powell from England. Samoset Council sent a busload of about 35 boys and three leaders to this Jamboree. Pikes Peak was a very popular sight for the Scouts and leaders.

This Jamboree celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States.

1964 - Sixth National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

This Jamboree was again held at Valley Forge, and was another opportunity for the scouts to re-live the history of our American Heritage in the Revolutionary days. A highlight of this event was a special day to celebrate “Strengthen America’s heritage”. It began by raising a Betsy Ross flag at each troop site, and reading a “Freedom Proclamation” to each troop.

President Lyndon Johnson visited the Jamboree at that time, and was presented with the SILVER BUFFALO AWARD, the highest award in Scouting’s power to give.

Samoset Council sent a representative group of 74 Scouts, or the equivalent of two troops. These troops were headed by adult leaders Dr. John Keeffe, Walter Nimz, Larry Arnold, Herb Zick, Larry Martin and DuWayne Ryun.

Using two buses, the trip was highlighted by going to Gettysburg, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Highlight of this trip was a visit to the Pentagon and lunch in the Pentagon with Colonel Donald Keeffe, a brother of Dr. John Keeffe, leader of one of our Jamboree Troops.

We had quite a tour of the Pentagon.


This was a more limited Jamboree in numbers - 35,000 boys - however, the enthusiasm of our 41 boys and five leaders was certainly not lacking in the fun and pleasure which all enjoyed. Leaders were Frank Geisler, Harvey Mathwick, Lowell Bobert, John Sweeney and Ted Mochler.

The theme of this Jamboree was Fun, Adventure and Friendship, and you can believe it was something which nobody who attended would ever forget.

By using a bus for transportation, it made matters easy to make extended trips for visits to the Seattle Center, The Battleship Missouri and the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Executives who attended were Russ Reed and Lee Crail - also Dr. John Keeffe using his skills at the Jamboree helping in matters pertaining to Transportation. He did quite a job.

1973 - The Eighth National Jamboree had the largest attendance, however, it was split into two sections - Farragut, Idaho in the West and Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania in the Eastern United States. The theme was Friendship and Fun.

In order to encourage the Scouts and help them meet other Scouts, events such as Skill-O-Rama contests and many fun games between troops of other councils were provided, much to the delight of the participants.

Entertainment for the Scouts in the Western Jamboree were Bob Hope, Colonel Sanders and the Thunderbird Air Show. This entertainment made a profound impression upon the young Scouts, and it was obvious that the adults enjoyed it equally as much.

Samoset sent a total of 49 Scouts split between the two separate sites.

Leaders were Bob Claussen, Harold Werth, along with other assistant leaders.

1977 - Ninth National Jamboree - held at Moraine State Park, PA.

Leaders were Larry Marten, Scoutmaster;
Jerry Fox and Paul Laszinski, Assistant Scoutmasters; James Kofler.
38 boys from Samoset attended this Jamboree.

1981 - National Jamboree held at Fort A P Hill, Virginia. 36 Scouts from Samoset Council attended. Adult leaders were Jerry Zyblowicz, Wayne Gibberd, Ray Giede and Mike Plaszynski. "Scouting Reunion with History" was the theme for the 10th National Jamboree.

If ever the scouts wanted to re-live and visit Early American Historical places and shrines, this was it.

Nearby Fredericksburg went all out to welcome the Scouts to Early American History.

Side trips were made to Washington, D.C. On the home trip an overnight stop was made at Wright Patterson Air Force Base with time spent at the Museum.

ORDER OF THE ARROW - TOM KITA CHARA LODGE
Samoset Council

In the summer of 1915, the directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Camp, deemed it desirable to have a definite system of recognizing scouts who stood out in the exemplification of the Oath and Law of Scouting. Thus the W W was organized and later became known as the Order of The Arrow. Meetings and ceremonies were held away from the general camp activities area. A Scout would be chosen by each provisional troop and inducted into the Order after the Scout followed an ordeal.

From then on, the program centered on camping and spread to many Councils whereby each group took on the name of a Lodge.

In 1921 in Philadelphia, a convention was held with delegates from around the country where Lodges had been formed. In 1933, at a National Lodge Meeting in Chicago, a proposal was made that this program become an accepted part of the National Boy Scout Council program. The National Council approved the program in June of 1934.

In 1948 the National Council of B.S.A. dissolved the National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, and placed administration of the Order in a sub-committee of the National Committee on Camping and Special Events.

Tom Kita Chara Lodge of the Order of the Arrow in Samoset Council B.S.A. had its beginning shortly after Camp Tesomas was operating smoothly. A few meetings were held in conjunction with the Ma Ka Ja Wan Lodge at the Highland Park, Ill. Council Camp located near Antigo, Wis.

In the month of July, 1936, a team came from Ma Ka Ja Wan Lodge and installed the following Scouts and Leaders of Samoset Council into the Order of the Arrow:

- S. Butenhof
- D. Fontain
- W. Hoffmann
- W. Boelter
- A. Freudenberg
- O. Peterson
- K. Bouchier
- N. Haugel
- B. Weiland
- L. Cheney
- H. Henderson
- D. Powers
- R. Corbeille
- C. Horwitz
- G. Quandt
- A. Dahl
- R. Varney
- R. Reynolds
- R. Davids
- W. Houns
- H. Stubbe
- R. Tank
- J. Kerr
- A. Schaeffer
- E. Zender
- J. L’Abbe
- G. Stumpf
- S. Davids
- W. Marks
- C. Schooley
- T. Dernbach
- A. Martin
- D. Wrisley

1936 was a busy year for Tom Kita Chara Lodge. A number of the Lodge members representing Samoset Council participated in a state-wide Camporee held at Madison. They introduced the famous “paper teepees” which they had developed and which were roughly tested by a cloud burst and a tornado which hit the Camporee. Later that fall a carload of Lodge officers attended an “Officer Training Conference” put on by the Owassippe Lodge of the Chicago Council. At this meeting the Acting Lodge Chief Bob Tank of Merrill and the Scout Executive Bill Hoffmann received the Brotherhood Honor. They in turn organized the first Brother Honor ritual team for Tom Kita Chara Lodge.

During this year the first set of Lodge Bylaws were compiled. Tom Kita Chara (the Leaping Buck) was chosen as the Lodge name and the buckskin thong with white deer antler bead instituted as the Lodge Totem.

The first formal Tom Kita Chara Lodge meeting was held early in 1937 in Wausau at which time the new by-laws were adopted and the following Lodge officers were formally elected: Robert Tank of Merrill, Lodge Chief, Art Schaeffer, Merrill as Lodge Secretary and Jim Kerr of Wausau as Treasurer. That Spring members of the Lodge held two ‘work camps’ at Tesomas to develop an athletic field.
Order of the Arrow
Ordeal Team

Order of the Arrow
Calling Out Team

Order of the Arrow Paper Tee’Pee
Samoset Council’s Paper Tee’Pee Camp
at Order of Arrow National Conference, Camp Twin Echo, PA 1940
That summer the First National Boy Scout Jamboree was held in Washington, D.C. on June 30. The Samoset Council contingent consisted of 35 Scouts and Leaders, most of them members of the Order of the Arrow. The contingent was set up as an Indian Village with suitable decorations and the housing in the now famous Samoset Paper Teepees which had been designed and made by the OA members. The twelve 16 foot buckskin colored teepees with the authentic Indian design decorations became one of the sensations of the Jamboree and earned a tremendous amount of favorable publicity for this Council. After the Jamboree due to a tremendous demand from all parts of this country and abroad over a hundred “Teepee kits” were made and sold by the Lodge. At the close of the Council summer camp season a Lodge Fellowship Conference was held at Tesomas after which our ritual team installed a new Lodge at the Oshkosh Council Camp.

The National order of the Arrow Conference in 1938 was held at Camp Irondale in the Missouri Ozarks and was attended by twenty members of the Tom Kita Chara Lodge (the third largest contingent at the conference). This was the first National Order of the Arrow Conference held West of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and the largest National OA Conference held to date. Our members were active in the Conference program, with our Lodge Chief, Robert Tank as a member of the National Nominating Committee which was instrumental in the election of J. A. Brunton, Jr. of Wilkinsburg, PA as national Lodge Chief, George Mozelous of Chicago as National Treasurer and William E. Hoffmann of Wausau as a member of the National Executive Committee (in which capacity he served for 14 years). This gave our lodge ready access to the activities and resources of the Order of the Arrow on the National levels.

During 1940 Tom Kita Chara Lodge Assisted in the organization of four new lodges in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Twenty eight of our members made a nine day tour East during which they visited the New York World’s Fair and participated in the 13th National Lodge meeting held at Camp Twin Echo in Pennsylvania. At this time there were 164 chartered lodges with 13,165 members. New regulations for the operation were developed at this time. A “Winter Camp Reunion” attended by many OA members was held, instead of the usual Fall conference.

In 1941 the Second Biennial Area OA Conference was held at Camp Tesomas which brought delegates from ten lodges and three councils (who were organizing new lodges). The first Region 7 Fellowship Conference was held in Wausau in October of 1944 with 200 Arrow men from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan in attendance. This event set the pattern for our own Fall Conference held in 1945 which then became an annual event in the lodge program.

In 1946 the lodge was honored by a visit by General Eisenhower who was made an Honorary member of the Lodge. In turn, he presented the lodge with a letter and a Presentation Sword which now is passed on by each Lodge Chief to his successor.

During the summer of 1946, twelve of our Arrow men participated in the 14th national OA Conference held at Chanute Air Field near Rantoul, Illinois. It is interesting to note that Herman Brandmiller, who had been our Regional Camp Inspector for Camp Tesomas received the Vigil Honor at this Conference. William E. Hoffmann, now Scout Executive of the Abraham Lincoln Council in Illinois was awarded the National Distinguished Service Award for his services to the Order on the Local, Regional and National levels. At this time he was Editor of the National Bulletin of the Order and Arrangements Chairman for the 1946 National Conference.

30 members of the lodge attended the Area OA Conference held that year at Camp Sinawa, home of the Wazyuta Lodge, near Manitowoc.

The 1947 Area Conference was held at the Indian Mound Scout Reservation Camp of the Milwaukee County Council at which our Bill Hoffmann was the “Guest of Honor”.

Our First Christmas Lodge Banquet, which now is an annual event, was held in Wausau and was attended by 30 members of the Lodge. In January of 1947, Kurt Krahn wrote our version of the dramatization of the Leni Lenape Legend used in the “Calling Out Ceremony”. That same year the National order of the Arrow Bulletin published this dramatization as used by the Illinik Lodge No. 132 and gave full credit for its original development by Tom Kita Chara Lodge.

The principal lodge activities of 1948 included participation in the National OA Conference at Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, the Lodge Fall Conference and our annual Christmas Banquet.

During the 1950s, the lodge continued to grow and improve its various activities. It was during this period that Myles Treviranus served the brotherhood of our Lodge and the Area with his wise and able counsel. The Lodge Conferences and Christmas Banquet Reunions continued to unite and inspire our Arrowmen to continue and expand their services to our Scouts and Scouting. High spots during these years were the Area Fellowship Conferences and the National Conferences held every two years all of which were attended by a sizable number of our officers and members. Dick Salzer, one of our Lodge Chiefs, rendered yeoman service to our Area Conferences and also served on the National Conference Committees.

1961 was our 25th Anniversary year. At the National OA meeting held in Illinois we were inspired by E. Urner Goodman, Enforcer of the Order with his message which closed this Conference. Our Christmas Anniversary Banquet was attended by 200 of the Arrow Brothers at which time we acquired the Eagle Feather Bonnet which is now worn by each Lodge Chief.

In 1962 the annual La Crosse Tournament was instituted. The Area 7-A Conference held at the Gardner Dam Camp in 1964 was dedicated to the memory of our own Myles Treviranus who had passed away in 1963.

The Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow was suitably honored at the National OA Conference held at the University of Indiana in 1965. In 1966, the Lodge participated in the dedication of the Myles Treviranus Health Lodge at Camp Tesomas. A large delegation of Tom Kita Chara Lodge members participated in the 1967 National OA Conference held in Nebraska.

During the final years of this decade the policies, rules and regulations and activities of the lodge were better defined and refined and updated and an annual budget procedure was instituted.

During the 1970s, some reorganization of the structures of our lodge and of the OA Areas took place. We regretted the termination of some of our old associations but look forward to new challenges and opportunities. High spots during this period include participation in the National OA Conferences of 1975 at Miami, Ohio; 1977 at Knoxville Tennessee; and 1979 at Fort Collins, Colorado. Excellent training opportunities
were had at the Area A Conclave in Hiawathaland in 1975; Tom Kita Training Conference at Camp Phillips that same year and the 1977 1-A Section Conclave at Camp Tesomas.

The Tom Kita Lodge Christmas Banquet demonstrated the tremendous spirit and loyalty of our Arrowmen to the ideals and traditions of our Order, Camp Tesomas, and the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Under the able and enthusiastic leadership of our current officers and advisors, our Lodge now moved forward into the 1980s with courage and determination for greater service to our brother Scouts.

TOM KITA CHARA LODGE CHIEFS and ADVISERS

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EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

The Eagle Award in Scouting is the highest rank a Boy Scout can work for and achieve.

To earn this award, it is necessary for a scout to meet all of the requirements thru Tenderfoot; Second Class; and First Class ranks. He then approaches the field of Merit Badges which lead, in order, to the rank of Star Scout, then the rank of Life Scout, and finally the prestigious rank of EAGLE SCOUT.

In addition to the above, a scout aspiring to earn the Eagle Award shall have served within his troop as an Assistant Patrol Leader, a Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster or other offices which may prevail within that troop of Scouts.

He also will serve some time in the service of his school, the community and his Church.

Samoset Council had many scouts who have achieved this distinguished rank of Eagle, and we can be confident that they made great impact upon their fellow Americans.

Following is a listing of Council Eagle Scouts of whom we have record. If we have missed any scout in this listing, we are very sorry. We did our best with the available records.
1922 Norman Gahnz
David B. Smith
Myles Treviranus

1928 Charles Erdmann

1930 Ronald Malzahn
1931 Arden Malzahn
Robert McDonald, Sr.
Paul Murray
Alex Perrodin
Raymond Stafford
Donald K. Gooding

1932 Darwin W. Alverson
Elroy Bierce
Lloyd Brown
William Fisher
Roger Maas
Ralph Schewe.

1933 Cecil Anderson
Donald Hughes
Martin L. Peterson Jr.

1934 Glenn Urban
James Pfiffigner Sr.

1935 Richard Laurel

1936 Robert Abb
Robert Lampman
Donald Lewis
James McDonell
Grantley Ronak

1937 Joe Kresch
Donald Ziebell

1938 Jack Henderson
Robert Johnson
James Caldwell
Jack Phillips

1939 Michael Liss
Robert Rowland

1940 Allen Barrows
Frank Coldwell
Don Colby

1942 Donald K. Gooding

1943 Rabi Schew
1944 Richard Abb

1945 Robert Anderson
Wallace Akiola
Fred Barwig
Rev. Arthur Becker
David Butler
Richard Caldwell
Horace Coleman III
James Coleman
Stephen Coppa
Frank DeGuire
James Dubinski
Roger Ebbe
Wilson Biharn
Keith Fluegel
Glenn Mobert, Jr.
Wm. Goetz
Wm. Grode
Merlyn Hanke
Henry Franklin
Dick Herbert
Hubert Hoffman
Jack Holmes
Jim Jagler
M. J. Kalaher, Sr.
Wallace Kane
Edwin Kauth
John Kruger
Roger E. Lamprecht
Roger Lange

1946 Neale Johnson
Peter Johnson
Jack Raska
Erwin Kitzerow
Gerald Kitzerow
Roland Kohibeck
Jim Kruger
Richard Larsen
Sheldon Lipshutz
Richard Marsh
Ralph Meyer
Jack Molsberry
George Morrison
James Sivlev
Daniel Teas
Robert Vidal
Erich Wisio!

1947 Fred Brand
Dick Brodag
George Butler
Robert Camrath
Wayne Gibberd
John Goodland
Roger Goodland
Donald Gustan
Robert Gustan
Richard Hoffman
James Kleinehein
William Roed
Robert Marsh
Alfred Schlecht
Keith Schorr
Wallace Winter
Edward J. Zahn
James Zurfluh
Theo. Grassi

1948 Victor Anderson
Robert Buchanan
William Cook
Larry Eggars
Ronald Hoffman
Jim Kluetz
Hugh Marsh
Andrew McEachron
Burton Natarus
Gerald Praschak
Dick Schroeder
Ned Seim

1949 James Anderson
John C. Behrendt
Lloyd Berner
Tom Brand
Jack Crook
Camp Tesomas Meal Time

Winter Camp Out Campfire Program
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SILVER BEAVER and SILVER FAWN AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Silver Beaver and the Silver Fawn Awards are given for noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood by registered Scouters in Samoset Council Boy Scouts of America.

It is the highest award to be given by a local council. The candidate is chosen by a special committee appointed by the President of the Council. Individuals to be considered by this committee are submitted to them from among previous recipients of this award, as well as other Adult Scouters within the Council. Whomsoever is submitting a possible nominee must send with it a full history of the Scouter within the

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

1931 Edgar Heineman
   Richard Eiseman
1932 B.D. Bradley
1933 Darrell Kirk
1934 Judge A. H. Reid
   Guy Nash
   C.C. Yawkey
1939 J.F. Schooley
1940 Dr. J.F. Smith
1941 Fred W. Braun
   J.S. McDonald
1942 Horace Coleman
1943 August Lueck
1945 W.A. Marks
   Del Rowland
   Frank Taylor
   H.C. Blaisdell
   John Parkin
   C.G. Larson
1946 W.H. Schroeder
   John L’Abbe
1947 Herman Tank
   George Becker
1948 Ed Bixby
   Harry Johnson
1949 Joe Feil
   John Crook
1950 Stanton Mead
   Henry Platt
   Zeiman Josephs
1951 Dick Evans
   Dana Stevenson
   Tom Strojny
   Christopher Tozier
   Michael Umland
   Stacy Wagler
   Scott Waldhart
   Eric Wangen
   Louis Wasniewski
   Lance Wasniewski
   John Welsh
   Clark Yolitz
   Michael Zielke
   Brian Ziegenhagen

No year receiving
Eagle shown
Fred Reich
Earl Brandt
Russell Theisen

Lawrence Marten
1970 William Marquardt
   William Wenzel, Sr.
   Donald Colby
   Francis Huber
1971 Rev. Edmund Kot
   Dr. J.J. Weimerskirch
   Roland Martin
   Robert Claussen, Sr.
   Evelyn May Tracy
1972 Rev. Fred Babcock
   Gilbert Pophal
   William Gross
   Gerald Wergin
   Marjorie Konopacky
1973 Charles Knox
   Harvey Marten, Sr.
   Harold E. Lowe
   Gregory Shafranski
   Ramona McCabe
   Evelyn Kot
1974 Leland Knudson
   Fred Fink
   Robert Dickerson
   Glen Teskey
   Helen Scholfield
1975 Dr. R.L. Hansen
   Don McCutcheon
   Dr. Donald Prehn
   Bruce Fischer
   Harvey Mathwick
1976 Joe Tiffany  
Gerald Fox  
Charlotte Plante  
Paul Laszinski  
Forest Bever  
1977 John Rice  
Richard Dudley  
Robert Brockman  
Orinne Kerske  
1978 Ervin Romansky  
Herbert Post  
John VanDreese, Sr.  
Anita Jagodinski  
1979 Edward Seim  
Lewis Fox  
Richard Zagrzebski  
Kenneth Merwin  
Donald Southworth  
1980 Harry Macheichok  
Harold Werth  
Ralph Holmes  
James Marten, Sr.  
1981 Raymond Giede  
Richard LaCerte  
Russell Wiskowski  
Jerome Zygowicz  
John Joswick  
Dennis Dahman  
Wilbert Brockman  
1983 Julius Ptaszynski  
George P. Flynn  
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The NATIONAL COUNCIL, Boy Scouts of America, awarded the Silver Antelope to two honored Council Presidents for outstanding service and dedication to the Scout program nationally as well as within our Council. The men are:  
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No mere words could express our thanks.
“LOOKING AHEAD”
SCOUTING PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE

In looking ahead, we begin first with a word of thanks and appreciation on behalf of our board and scouts, to the Patriarch's Committee, past and present, all noted in the acknowledgement herein. They, and the scouters they represent, have given us the heritage and rich program of these 75 years in Samoset. They represent the quality of leadership which built a great council. Leadership is hard to define, but without it there is no successful program. Leadership means dedication, giving time, having answers, and never quitting on a job. It means asking for the help of your friends, and supporting them with kindness and patience. Samoset has been blessed with many great scouters. Thank you to all of our outstanding leaders from the past.

The future will be great for our youth with the continued support and commitment of interested caring adults — our future leadership. Ben H. Love, National Chief said, "how well we meet the needs of young people will prove how strong America will be in the future".

The genius of Baden-Powell also is our heritage. His concern for the development of young people is as important today and tomorrow as ever. While the out-of-doors, and the patrol system are essential vehicles for learning about life, we must keep in mind that we are preparing youth for a new corporate world of tomorrow. There will be program changes.

However, our bottom line for the future will remain the scout oath, just as it has been for the past 75 years. This is the value system we as scouters teach and strive to exemplify. This is the great lesson of scouting which can serve well each boy for a lifetime...a code for living.

The scout oath is forty words, forty words that can teach anyone to be a decent human being. Those words have not been altered for three quarters of a century, and will be consistent in the years ahead.

"Shaping Tomorrow" is the national council, BSA program for the future of this movement. This includes a nationwide study in 1982 to find out how scouting can be more effective — "be prepared" — for the years that lead into the next century.

"Shaping tomorrow" has now diagnosed the issues, collected and analyzed information, and made recommendations. As we implement the plan, the future will emphasize the leader selection process; retention of chartered organizations; new relevant and innovative programs; build quality units, districts, and councils, and instilling values through program.

Samoset Council has excellent capital facilities, fully paid, in its camp and office. They are of size and condition to serve well for many years to come. The new endowment development efforts, with wide support, can assure the future financial stability for scouting in our area.

The future of scouting is bright, it is needed, and it will serve youth successfully with new leaders, using the values of the scout oath, and having a strong "commitment". Let us pledge OUR commitment with them, to the future of this movement. Good scouting.

Richard Paul
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
SAMOSET COUNCIL, BSA
Celebrating 75 years of scouting and 65 years of Samoset Council shows a rich heritage of dedicated leaders — those in the past, the present and those being prepared for the future to carry the heritage to those yet to come.

Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent, become a living heritage because leaders have cared ... cared enough to give of their time and talent to share the greatness of scouting.

A very special salute to those who faithfully lead during this 75th anniversary of scouting and this 65th year in the land of Chief Tesomas where the Ahdawagam, Mushkodany and Ojibwa gather at the Headwaters in the view of Rib Mountain.

Good Scouting.

George P. Flynn
President
Samoset Council

SCOUTING CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Scouting has a proven track record in the area of Leadership development.

For 75 years, the Boy Scouts of America has played a vital role in affecting the lives of boys through its program. The need for able, dedicated, moral leaders for tomorrow is drastically clear in America. A nationwide survey of high schools and colleges has revealed:

1. Of Student Council presidents, 85% were Scouts.
2. Of Senior Class presidents, 89% were Scouts.
3. Of Junior Class presidents, 80% were Scouts.
4. Of school publication editors, 75% were Scouts.
5. Of football captains, 71% were Scouts.

Scouting's Alumni record is outstanding also:

1. 64% Air Force Academy Graduates
2. 68% West Point Graduates
3. 70% Annapolis Graduates
4. 72 Rhodes Scholars
5. 85% F.B.I. Agents
6. 26 of the first 29 Astronauts

Scouting reaches into the lives of youth through fun-filled educational activities. The results are a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

Scouting is definitely an educational program. It is the chief function of the Scouting movement. The advancement programs are designed to achieve. We cannot, of course, put any quantitative measurement on such abstract concepts as character and citizenship — and so it might be said that we don't know whether youths are truly advancing. But we can offer a progressive series of learning experiences aimed at character development and citizenship training, as well as strengthening body and mind. We can assume that the youths have learned — or progressed — if they have had those learning experiences. In 1984, 4,016 Cubs and Scouts advanced one rank, and 3,093 merit badges were earned by Boy Scouts, and 51 young men earned the rank of Eagle in 1984, which is the highest rank in Scouting. The learning experience was provided.

The Cub Scout promise, the Scout Oath, and the Explorer Code, which must be learned by each member, stresses "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country, and help other people at all time".

Is Scouting relevant in today's time? If we believe in the values that this country was founded on — then Scouting is in tune.

In the 1980's Scouting is a lot more than camping and hiking, although these are important to the overall program of Scouting.

We cannot promise that every Scout will be a perfect citizen, or that they will do no wrong. We can promise you that a good Scouting experience could make the difference.
CAMP TESOMAS CAMPSITES:

1. SEMINOLE
2. CHOCTAW
3. SHOSHONI
4. PAWNEE
5. EAGLE'S NEST
6. SENeca
7. CHEROKEE
8. HOPI
9. BLACKHAWK
10. DELAWARE
11. TOWER RIDGE
12. POTAWATOMI
13. ARAPAHO
14. CHippEWA
15. INDIAN POINT
16. PIONEER CABINS
17. MINNOW LAKE

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CRYSTAL LAKE

MAIN GATE

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MINNOW LAKE
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