

The 1st period at Camp Le-wis-Jer-son has now come to an end. On August 2nd, 277 Scouts invaded the quiet woodlands of camp. This plus our regular staff and volunteer leaders rounded out the total to nearly 340 persons in camp. This is the largest single group ever to be in camp at one time.

This period we were honored to have an entire group come up with their Scoutmaster, Mr. James Horton, and staff, Troop 92 of Antioch spent a full two weeks up at camp using our facilities and advancement opportunities, while doing their own cooking and program planning. We know that their success will induce other troops to come to camp with their own leaders.

This year's permanent staff is headed by two professional scouts - Chuck Gribble as Camp Director and Bill Lanxon as Business Manager. Our program this year is run by Bill Elnard who attends the U. of Miami, Florida.

Dr. Salfut Irion, resident physician at Cook County Hospital in Chicago is our resident Camp Doctor. Full cooperation with the Antioch Hospital and Clinic insure our boys with the best medical care.

Building at Camp this year has progressed because of the success of the Camp Expansion Fund drive carried on in our Council last year. We have greatly improved our facilities at Camp this summer. The dining hall, office, shower house, staff cabins, and department areas were rebuilt and re-equipped. All of this was done through the efforts of the people of our Council. Without their wonderful cooperation we couldn't have begun.

Our Order of the Arrow lodge inducted 17 new members into this National Brotherhood of Scout Power Campers. Candidates to the ideal of cheerful service to others. Those inducted this period by Chief Larry Reuter were: Bob (Bumala), George Boland, Bob Basche, Terry Bessard, Jim Fox, Dr. Salfut Irion, Jim Gottlieb, Jim Gibson, Sgt. John Hemer, Mr. Robert Jordan, Pat McFarland, Mike Sackin, Bill Sachel, Fred Stewart, Steve Swigart, and Cliff White. The example for these candidates was Brotherhood member Jack Smith.

Called out for the Brotherhood or second honor of the Order of the Arrow were: John Fleming, Jim Goltard, Lita Kupier-nick, and Mr. Ettore di Barone. They have continued in cheerful service to our youth and to the Arrow and the staff deserve this high honor.

Program this period has attempted to outdo itself with this period's theme - The Arabian Knights. This theme provided many unusual games and activities for the campers. The period ended in a blaze of Persian glory complete with Pasha, harem, turban, sedan chairs, hookahs, etc. We, and the like at our huge Persian feast and regner.

Our profit departments have been busy both with advancement and recreation. Nature, for example, has been busy tabulating the points from the Trail Duck "Bring 'em Back Alive" Contest. Studentcraft has been busy with its proper contest. Field Sports held its award in riflery to the best marksman who was "King of the Kyber Rifle". Prizes were also awarded to the best archer and to the best Scout in hookah. This period's hookah winner scored a record by hitting 5 out of 5 clay pigeons. He is "at the helm" of Blackfoot Village.

Although our usual Water Carnival was rained out, the waterfront was the next active place in Camp these afternoons when the heat took a 100 degree turn they made us all want to get cooled off. Of course the Scouts also worked on the waterfront Merit Badges.

All in all, this period was quite successful, and will be remembered by the returning Scout. We also hope that some more sportsmasters and their troops will begin picking up the idea of charter troop camping up here at Camp Makdawan. I am speaking for everyone on the staff when I say what we enjoyed having your son this period and that we are looking forward to seeing him again next year.

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