

**OLD HICKORY COUNCIL, BSA/CAMP RAVEN KNOB  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
6600 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106**

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 1996

As Association Historian, I have continued to follow the direction of the Historical Association's bylaws which state that the job of the Historian "...shall be to prepare and to arrange the publication of a history of the Old Hickory Council and Camp Raven Knob." The work and the activities of the Association during its third year of operation have added material to the Association's base of information and have further stabilized Old Hickory's role in preserving Boy Scout history in North Carolina.

The Association renewed its membership in the North Carolina Federation of Historical Societies. As part of the Council's large fundraising campaign, which ended in 1996, the Association was able to obtain a \$100,000.00 grant from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. The grant is being used to renovate the Association's museum space at Camp Raven Knob, to develop exhibits for the museum, and to complete other related projects. The museum space was open for public inspection on each Wednesday evening of the 1996 summer camp season. Approximately 93 individuals visited the museum, which is located underneath the Dining Hall. Visitors were able to view construction-in-progress; exhibits were not in place because the construction environment was not suitable for the preservation and the protection of valuable materials.

The Executive Committee of the Historical Association met each month either for a regular meeting or for a combined meeting/workday. Volunteers were able to dismantle a wall in the museum space, to pull dirt away from the walls of the expansion area, and to spread gravel so that a concrete slab could be poured. Camp Ranger Dave Whitfield coordinated the volunteer labor and arranged for professionals to perform necessary construction jobs.

The Association set up exhibits at the Old Hickory Council's Annual Banquet in February and at the Council Camporee in October. The Association sponsored a mobile memorabilia display at the Council Camporee as well. The third annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree was scheduled for December 28, 1996, at Summit School in Winston-Salem.

Approximately 50% of the historical materials that were donated to the Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill have been photocopied and transferred. A current inventory of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, OLD HICKORY COUNCIL RECORDS, is available for inspection and for public use. A list of items that were donated to the Association in 1996 is held by the Historian and can be obtained by any interested individual.

It has again been a great honor to serve as Association Historian.

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Association Historian