

Museum Discoveries

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

Stars

July 3, 1976 was a dark and moonless night. Three mysterious figures crept into Raven Knob by way of an old back road, which ends near the Hilltop campsite. Their mission was to add a very special decoration to the camp for the nations bicentennial.

The waterfront staff awoke early the morning of July 4 and were the first to see their beloved T-dock adorned with 76 blue stars. Soon other staff members and troops of Scouts passed the dock on their way to the dining hall and by breakfast the stars were the talk of the camp.

By lunchtime Camping Chairman Herb Candle had arrived in camp to survey the situation. He proclaimed it an act of vandalism and swore the perpetrators would be caught and punished. The waterfront staff was instructed to paint over the stars before the Wednesday night campfire. The Raven Knob special bicentennial decorations disappeared.

The stars are still remembered by staff members and Scouts who were in camp that week. This summer, 25 years later, the stencils used to paint them are on display at the Raven Knob museum. A photo disk is for sale in the museum, which contains over 1,000 pictures of events from the past 25 years, and it is rumored that the three star painters are on this disk somewhere. We hope to continue to preserve special moments in the life of our camp and council.