



Decades Fact Sheet

1930 After years of begging, little brothers everywhere finally got to join Scouting in the 1930s. The decade opened with the creation of Cubbing, later Cub Scouting, a program for younger boys that drew on Native American traditions and Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* for much of its flavor.

In the 1930s, America remained in the grip of the Great Depression, a crisis that Scouts addressed in 1933 by collecting 1.8 million items of clothing, household furnishings, food-stuffs, and supplies as requested by President Roosevelt.

The economic crisis didn't affect plans for the BSA's first National Scout Jamboree in 1935, but polio did. An outbreak forced the event's cancellation just two weeks before it was scheduled to begin. Two years later, the rescheduled jamboree was held in Washington, D.C. The 27,232 attendees camped around the Tidal Basin in the shadow of the Washington Monument and enjoyed historical pageants, tours of D.C. landmarks, a three-game baseball series between the Washington Senators and the Boston Red Sox, and a review by President Roosevelt.



1930.1. 1937 Jamboree

More than 600 reporters and photographers covered the Jamboree, including a *Time* magazine reporter who glimpsed the event's significance: "The Boy Scouts of America is today no amateur movement but a full-grown U.S. institution, one of the most elaborately integrated, self-perpetuating social mechanisms in a nation which dotes on organization."

In 1938, Tulsa oilman Waite Phillips donated 35,857 acres of his ranch near Cimarron, N.M., for the creation of a Boy Scout camp. After a further donation of 91,538 acres in 1941, the property would become Philmont Scout Ranch, the largest youth camping facility in the world. Early attendance at Philmont was light, with just 189 campers showing up the first season.



PHOTOS



1930.2. Philmont



1930.3. Cubbing



1930.4. Patriotism



1930.5. Signaling



1930.6. On the march



1930.7. Cub Scout sign



1930.8. Time magazine



1930.9. For all boys



1930.10. President Hoover



VIDEO



1930.V1. The first National Scout Jamboree was held in 1937 at the foot of the Washington Monument.



1930.V2. Scouting's program for young boys, Cubbing reinforced family values while getting boys revved up for Boy Scouting.



1930.V3. Camping has always been a constant throughout Scouting life.