

Scout World's Half Acre

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A half-acre plot has been set aside at the New York World's Fair near the Better Living Exhibit for the Boy Scouts of America.

At this "Wonderful World of Scouting" area, Boy Scouts and their leaders from all over the country will operate two types of Scout activity. Exhibits will tell of Scouting's purpose and program. In addition, a Scout Service Corps, recruited from across the United States, will be on hand for duty, in keeping with the well-known Scouting "good turn."

Each week from May 25 to Sept. 27 this year and again next, 130 Boy Scouts and 13 leaders will arrive for a week of service to include assistance with large groups of children, daily flag ceremonies, guards of honor for visiting celebrities and participation in special fair programs.

Service Corps Garb

Scouts and leaders in the Service Corps will wear bright red jackets with special Scout Fair Service insignia and neckerchiefs.

While serving at the fair the Scouts will live at Fort Totten headquarters of the New York Eastern Defense Command, through an arrangement made with the United States First Army and Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, commanding general.

Each Scout will pay a fee of \$25 for the week he is at the fair. This fee will offset in part the cost of the service operation. The balance will be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

The Scout exhibit, which will be open to the public, will operate every day the fair is open. It will contain a Scout council ring where demonstrations of Scouting skills and activities will take place. Exhibits will tell of Scouting's purpose and program.

Demonstrations Planned

The public will be invited to try its hand at certain Scouting skills such as knotting, pioneering lashings, rope heaving, and the like. There will also be periodic demonstrations of Indian dances and ceremonies, rope spinning, tower building, signaling, and making a fire by primitive methods.

Initiating the Scout project, Robert Moses, president of the fair, declared:

"The Boy Scouts of America will operate a Scout Service Corps of boys and leaders. This will be a valuable training experience. The Boy Scouts will be unofficial ambassadors for the youth of the world, greeting international visitors and becoming a part of the various ceremonies welcoming young and old alike, arriving from the hinterlands and abroad to see the wonders of our great city and the fair."

Training Programs

Ample time is scheduled for each Scout to visit the educational and entertainment features of the fair. Training programs will be held both before home departure and on arrival at the fair. Arrival day includes a tour of the fair. Visits to New York City proper will be made before or after the contingent's tour of service.

Many organizations, groups, and individuals have helped make the exhibit area an outstanding presentation of the values of Scouting and its service to youth. The Seven-Up

Bottling Company, for example, is underwriting the cost of the Scouts' Avenue of Flags, which will fly the flags of each state and United States possession.

Each of the nation's 527 local Boy Scout councils was invited to reserve "tours of service" at the fair. Each was invited to send 10 Boy Scouts or Explorers, 14 years of age or over, and one adult leader. Within weeks, places for all 2,200 boys and 220 contingent leaders were reserved for 1964.

The New York World's Fair has declared the dates of July 13-16 and July 24-26 as Jamboree Boy Scout Week at the fair. The Sixth National Boy Scout Jamboree will see 50,000 Scouts and leaders camping together at historic Valley Forge, Pa., from July 17 to 23. About 35,000 Jamboree Scouts are expected to visit the fair.

A special Boy Scout Day at the fair will be observed Saturday, June 13, 1964, with special program features.