

NPS Form 10-900  
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: H. Karl Butler Memorial\_\_\_\_\_

other name/site number: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number: Camp Manatoc, Truxell Road                      not for publication: N/A

city/town: Peninsula\_\_\_\_\_    vicinity: X

state: OH    county: Summit\_\_\_\_\_                      code: 153                      zip code: 44264

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private\_\_\_\_\_

Category of Property: Object\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_ 1 _	_____	objects
_ 1 _	_ 0 _	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Recreation/ Conservation Resources of the Cuyahoga Valley

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination      request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria.      See continuation sheet.

Barbara Power, <sup>Dept. Head</sup> Planning, Inv. & Reg. 10-7-96  
Signature of certifying official Date

Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property x meets      does not meet the National Register criteria.      See continuation sheet.

Ronald L. Bowen 11/18/96  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Edson H. Beal 1-2-97  
     See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register       
     See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

other (explain):     

for  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic: Recreation and Culture\_\_\_\_\_ Sub: Monument/Marker\_\_\_\_\_

Current : Recreation and Culture\_\_\_\_\_ Sub: Monument/Marker\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other Description: Other: Rustic\_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_  
                  walls        Sandstone\_ other \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.   X   See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:   local  .

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :   F  

Areas of Significance: Social History  
                          Recreation  
                          Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1931-1945\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : 1931 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: Peninsula Historical Society Archives

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	17	455540	4563320	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The memorial whose boundaries form a circle with a radius of 50' centered on the memorial located in Camp Manatoc.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property encompasses the entire resource and the surrounding area that contributes to the property's historic significance.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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Name/Title: Gina Jeckering/ Historian Intern prepared for the Boy Scouts of  
America, Great Trail Council, Inc.

Organization: Cuyahoga Valley NRA/NPS

Date: September 1994

Street & Number: 15610 Vaughn Road\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone:(216) 526-5256\_\_

City or Town: Brecksville\_\_\_\_\_ State: OH ZIP: 44141\_\_\_\_\_

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The setting of the Butler Memorial, within Camp Manatoc near Peninsula, Ohio, is in a location fitting to honor the man chiefly responsible for the start of the camp. The monument, an example of rustic style masonry treatment, is on the highest elevation of land within the camp. It is situated on the top of a cleared hill with a backdrop of trees. The memorial's hilltop position makes it visually commanding. It is easily seen from the nucleus of the camp: the dining hall, administration building, health lodge, and program shelter area.

It is constructed of random sized, local ashlar sandstone. The forward half of the object is a semicircle concrete platform, approached by six steps that abut the entire front of the platform. A semicircular, half-wall with two perpendicular side walls defines the rear of the memorial. The stone is laid in a horizontal coursing pattern. There are two crosshatched masonry patterns symmetrically placed in the wall. Beneath each pattern is a stone bench. Rising above the center of the wall is a segmental arch with radiating voussoirs housing a commemorative plaque. Directly in front of the plaque, in the middle of the platform, is a 100 foot flag pole.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs unless otherwise noted:

Name of Photographer: Jeff Winstel

Date of Photograph: 11/92\*

Location of original negative: Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

1. Front, or south elevation, facing north
2. East elevation, facing west
3. North elevation, facing south
4. West elevation, facing east

\* A recent site visit verifies that the 1992 photographs reflect the current condition of the property

Property Owner:

Great Trail Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 68  
Akron, Ohio 44309

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The Butler Memorial is historically significant as a symbol of the ideals of the progressive movement, for the role that it plays every day in shaping a Boy Scout, and as an example of rustic style design. It is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Social History and Recreation and Criterion C for Architectural significance. Due to the commemorative value and importance of the memorial, it will also be addressed under Criterion Consideration F: Commemorative Properties. The period of significance extends from 1931, when the memorial was completed and dedicated, until 1944. However, in 1994, the memorial continues to be used and observed as originally intended.

Built in 1931 by the Akron Lions Club, the memorial commemorates the most significant person in the development of Camp Manatoc, Mr. H. Karl Butler, a wealthy Akron industrialist. Mr. Butler, a native of Akron, was born in 1882. He was crippled in childhood and spent most of the remainder of his life confined to a wheelchair in a chronically painful condition.

From the inception of scouting in the Akron area in 1916, Mr. Butler was an enthusiastic supporter of its ideals and programs. In 1923, he gave a large part of his land holdings near Peninsula for the creation of a summer boy scout camp. Before this gift, Akron youths had to travel a relatively far distance, to Camp Wa on Lake Erie, near Huron, to attend camp.

Camp Manatoc opened for the first time in 1923 and in its first year, serviced 188 campers. During this same year, Mr. Butler visited the West Coast and toured a permanent Boy Scout Camp. He returned home determined to emulate the quality of the West Coast camp and began by purchasing land which surrounded his property.

Three years later, while president of the Akron Area Council, his health continued to rapidly decline. Three days before passing away, he signed his will bequeathing all of his land holdings in the Peninsula area to the Boy Scouts' Akron Area Council for the establishment of a permanent camp. His total gift of 420 acres did however carry a stipulation. It required that the Council raise \$100,000 within five years to acquire more property and to provide for the building and equipping of the camp.

Mr. Butler's munificent gift inspired others, like P.W. Litchfield of the Goodyear Corporation, along with the Firestone and Goodrich Corporation, to pledge a total of \$100,000. Their gift also carried a stipulation which challenged the citizens of Akron to raise an additional \$125,000. Subsequently, despite the Depression,

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an additional \$142,000 was contributed by the citizens of Akron during a 1931 fundraiser.

The new Camp Manatoc was 520 acres. The original buildings of the 1923 Camp Manatoc were moved to a central location within the new camp. Together, with several new structures they defined the new nucleus of the camp. As for the Butler farmhouse, it remains on adjacent Camp Butler but has been so significantly altered that it has lost its integrity.

Criterion A: Social History and Recreation

The Butler Memorial represents more than the commemoration of a man. It is also a recognition of a significant period of cultural history. Camp Manatoc's existence is directly related to a pattern of paternalistic benevolence among Akron elites which is symbolic of the progressive era as well as an outward symbol of the country's conscious effort to develop recreational pursuits and outlets.

During the progressive era, Butler's social peers, such as Frank A. Sieberling and Dorothy H. Brush, also made comparable and notable gifts to the Akron community for similar purposes. Frank A. Sieberling's civic gifts included tracts of land specified for park development. Dorothy H. Brush, donated 275 acres from the Brush Farm for the creation of the Furnace Run Reservation. And again, there were also the monetary contributions of Goodrich and Firestone toward Camp Manatoc.

The birth of Camp Manatoc provided a recreational facility which could blend the teaching of lost moral values, thought to be inherent to a rural upbringing, with participatory physical recreational activities. In the early twentieth century, men like Henry S. Curtis, former Secretary and Vice President of the Playground Association of America, were convincing society that these elements were lacking in the development of urban youth. Evidence of a trend toward instilling the principles of a simpler life can be seen in the camp's pioneer theme weeks, such as Indian week, Rodeo week and Explorer's week.

Criterion C: Architecture

The rustic masonry style of the memorial is consistent with A.H. Good's architectural designs for the structures of Camp Manatoc. As detailed in MPDF, the intent of the rustic style was to add unobtrusive structures to an environment through the use of native materials and natural colors.

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The memorial extends from the apex of a cleared hill with low, gradual steps leading to a flat platform. The flagpole is centered in the middle of the flat platform. The natural, unobtrusive sandstone blends into the background, giving the American flag a central commanding position which is further highlighted by a backdrop of tall, slender pine trees. The commemorative plaque, housed in the wall of the memorial, is of a simple design, rectangular in shape with an arched top.

The memorial was built in 1931 while construction of the camp buildings designed by the Good and Wagner Architectural firm was underway. Based on the continuity of style, materials used, and the period of construction, it is probable that the memorial was also designed by them. A review of the Camp Manatoc collections at the Peninsula Historical Society and the Summit County Historical Society Archives did not reveal a source that clearly references the memorial's designer. A bird's-eye map of the camp, included in the Engineers Map and Architectural Drawings (1931), shows a flagpole near the site of the memorial. The architectural renderings that form the border of this graphic were designed by A. H. Good, suggesting that he could have designed the memorial.

Criterion Consideration F: Commemorative Properties

The Butler Memorial, in commemoration of H. Karl Butler, exists in harmony with nature and the rustic style which define Camp Manatoc's architecture. The use of native sandstone, informal design, and naturalistic setting are in keeping with rustic style ideals. In addition to being a significant example of rustic style design, the memorial has played an important symbolic role throughout the existence of Camp Manatoc. The prominent hilltop location of the memorial, as well as the fact that the memorial incorporates a 100-foot flagpole, commands respect from campers and visitors alike. The intimate relationship of the U.S. flag to scouting ideals and virtues is regularly suggested by the routine incorporation of the flag in daily scouting rituals. The memorial, as a historic symbol of the camp, has been traditionally used in the camp's promotional literature. (See illustration)

Historic Integrity

The memorial maintains a high degree of historic integrity because it remains in its original location and maintains its original setting, feeling, and association. Maintenance of the memorial has been done with similar materials and workmanship.

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Dedication  
June 8th

# The New Camp Manatoc

CAMP  
OPENS  
JUNE 19th



The Gateway to the New Camp Manatoc.

The Waterfront Building.

## THE LEADERSHIP

We are proud of the traditions and standards of leadership at Camp Manatoc. It is the leaders who truly make it a great camp.

Theo. Foley, Scout Executive, Camp Director.

J. Herbert Saum, Asst. Scout Executive. In his sixth season at Manatoc he will serve as Program Director.

W. Spencer Kline, Field Executive, will serve his fifth season at Manatoc as Business Manager.

Jack Taylor, Field Executive, will supervise Handicraft and Special Activities.

Judson Jusell, Field Executive, will be in charge of Camp Fires and Ceremonies.

## SCOUTMASTERS

Frank Vernetzy will come from his second year at Miami University to spend his tenth season at Manatoc. He will be Scoutmaster of the Tree House Troop.

Howard Kautz, Akron University, will be Scoutmaster of the Indian Village.

Joe Dunn, another with ten years at Manatoc, will be Scoutmaster of the Tent Troop.

Johnnie Yeck, second year at Miami University, and one who has advanced rank by rank at Manatoc will be Scoutmaster of the Cabin Troop.

Winnie Smoyer, Senior at Dartmouth, will be the leader for Special Projects.

Ross Shenk, just graduating from Miami University, will be the Water Front Director.

There will also be a graduate doctor in camp. Other leaders will include the assistant Scoutmasters, the store keeper, a transportation man, chef, commissary clerk, and a staff of junior leaders and special helpers.



Use of the Twelve Tree Houses.

Red Cross certified swimming instructors.

Good wholesome meals—a dietician in charge.

Every precaution for safety.

Ideal surroundings.

Good companions.

Sanitary conditions.

A worthwhile program.

A chance for Scouting advancement.

FUN - JOY - ROMANCE - ADVENTURE.

Camp Manatoc always receives the highest rating by the National Boy Scouts of America. Plan how your son may attend.

## To The Parents:

Your son thinks of the joy and adventure of going to camp, but you are more mindful of some of the other factors concerning this experience. Be assured that every precaution is taken to insure his health and safety and in addition to provide an experience which will bring him greater strength in body, mind and spirit. These features will interest you:

Trained Leaders—in the proportion of an adult for every 15 boys.

The full time services of a graduate physician.

Troop Unit Shelter Cabin. Eight boys will be accommodated here.

## THE PROGRAM

What does a good Scout want when he goes camping? Fun - Food - Features - and Fellowship.

**FUN**—Swimming twice a day (shallow water for the beginners), diving tower, boating and canoeing; handicraft - a chance to make a belt, a lanyard, a bow,—take something home to show Dad; a chance to get that outdoor cooking requirement or that Merit Badge in Bird Study you have been wanting; don't forget the cairn hikes (ask any Manatoc Camper). What more could one ask than a good peppy camp fire before crawling into the good old Manatoc roll?

**FOOD**—See that mess hall down in the corner - eats galore will venture forth three times daily, and Oh! how 200 ravenous campers will devour them.

**FEATURES**—Nature Study - The Rambler, Park Welton, will be back to treat you to the trails of Manatoc. Beasts, birds, shrub or tree never escape his eye.

Handicraft—Field Executive Jack Taylor has been thinking up all kinds of things to make—leathercraft, rope craft, archery, boon dogging, basketry or what have you.

Scoutcraft - A hundred and one things to do. The new lake - 'Nuff said.

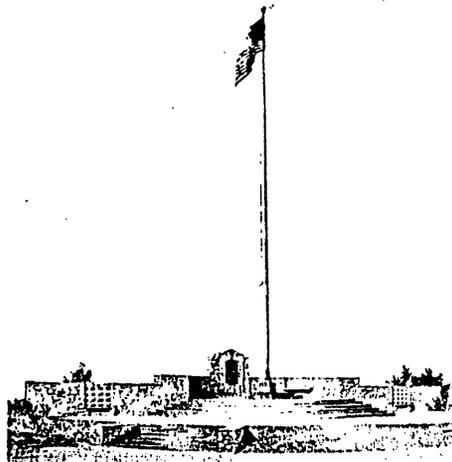
Camp Fires - Troop Camp Fires, Ceremonial Camp Fires, Stunt Fires, and the big Council Fire. What Fun! What Fellowship! What Inspiration!

**FELLOWSHIP**—Meet Scouts from other Troops, make new pals, learn new stunts, be a patrol leader. You'll like your Troop leaders.

\$6.50 per week - Eight weeks to choose from.



One of Two Totem Poles. These will surmount the Towers on the Gateway.



The H. Karl Butler Memorial with its 100 Ft. Flagpole.

## MANATOC

*So here's to the great out of doors  
And the camp on the Boston Hills  
And here's to the men who made it  
Whom the spell of Manatoc thrills.*

*And here's to the boys who have been there  
As true as granite rock  
Staunch and strong to carry on  
The Glory of Manatoc.*

—By Dr. H. I. Cozad.



**THIS CENTRAL DINING HALL;** A treat to see: A building with spacious floor space where 200 Scouts may be seated comfortably, and a porch on three sides, overlooking the Cuyahoga Valley. The equipment is modern and complete. The Stoves, and Refrigeration, assure well cooked meals, the green stuff and dairy products always fresh. A trained dietician and expert cook assure plenty of wholesome food to meet the needs of the growing boy. The new dish washing machine provides a most sanitary method for cleaning the dishes and will give the Scouts more time for Scoutcraft activities.



Pictured above is one of THE TROOP LODGES. Each of the four units except the Indian Village has a building of this type which serves as an assembly pavilion for the Troop. Here will be kept handicraft supplies, tools and equipment for pioneering projects. What a boon it will be on a rainy day with its cheerful fireplace and plenty of room for games and stunts.

The building shown above has the winter siding on. This will be removed during the summer leaving an open pavilion on the long side. The Troop staff and visiting Scouters will live here.

## THE DEDICATION

THOSE who had faith in the future of Manatoc as a great Camping Reserve and gave their pledge for the cause during the Spring of 1931 have before them now, in this Spring of 1932, the dream in reality. Building contracts were let September 1st, 1931 and the views in this folder show the accomplishments on March 1st, 1932. And this is only a beginning - pledges will not be fully due until June 1933. There are such major projects as the Scout Leaders Lodge yet to be built, but those who view the present buildings will indeed realize that the New Camp Manatoc is a reality.

The Camp will be ready for this summer with a capacity of 200 Scouts at one time. In order to give all who have so unselfishly supported this worthy effort an opportunity to view the buildings and see the camp ready for operation a great dedication festival is to be held on Wednesday, June 8. Scout families and all friends are invited out for a tour of the camp and to enjoy a picnic together in one of the many groves. In the evening a Camp Fire service will take place and Dr. Geo. W. Fisher, National Deputy Chief Scout Executive, will give the dedicatory address.

The gifts of hundreds have made the New Camp Manatoc possible and the untiring zeal and interest of our Council President Mark M. Kindig, and the Camp Committee have made our dreams come true. The Camp Committee: Dr. H. I. Cozad, Chairman; H. S. Wagner, H. Lloyd Williams, Fred M. Weller and W. H. Schnabel will continue to develop and increase the effectiveness of this great center for Scouting in the Akron area.

June 8 - A Red Letter Day



JOIN THE GANG  
AT CAMP  
FOR A  
SWIM IN THE  
NEW LAKE

## OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE - For 1932

*The 10th at Manatoc - A Vacation and a Training*

Four Camps Operating As One. The Indian Village and Tree House Troop for advanced campers. The Cabin Troop and Tent Troop for new Campers.

Periods of one week each - a scout may stay as long as he wishes. Cost, \$6.50 per week, \$1.00 for each week payable at time of reservation. Each week will have a special feature such as Air Week, Mounted Week, Washington Week, etc. but these features will not be announced in advance. Any week will furnish a rich and varied camping experience. Scouts and parents are urged to cooperate with the Scoutmaster so that the Scouts from any one Troop may attend camp at the same time. Turn in your enrollment, with the \$1.00 reservation fee, direct to your Scoutmaster.

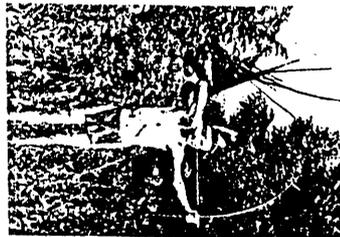
Parents are invited to visit camp on Wednesday afternoons and evenings to see their boys and participate in the Camp Fire programs. The period changes each Sunday afternoon. Parents are urged to assist in getting their boys to and from camp but Sunday will not be a regular visiting day.

### THE PERIODS

1st Period—Leader Training Week—June 19 to 26. Limited to Junior Leader candidates who have been recommended by their Scoutmaster. They must be 15 years of age or over on or before June 1st, 1932, and at least First Class Rank. Special fee - \$5.00. Junior Leaders for the remaining periods of camp will be selected from this group—and they will attend without cost for the period they serve as a Leader.

2nd Period, June 26 to July 3 6th Period, July 24 to July 31  
3rd Period, July 3 to July 10 7th Period, July 31 to Aug. 7  
4th Period, July 10 to July 17 8th Period, Aug. 7 to Aug. 14  
5th Period, July 17 to July 24 9th Period, Aug. 14 to Aug. 21  
Each period with a special feature, Old Timers week last.  
When will the Blimps be out? Ah! Its a deep dark secret.

Get That Enrollment In!



ANNOUNCING  
THE NEW CAMP MANATOC  
OF THE AKRON AREA COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## A GREAT CAMPING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-DOOR ADVENTURE

WE must not forget that Manatoc is a year round camping center. Even now Troops are making use of the facilities at the old camp and we find the reservations piling up a month or more in advance. We often say that we must keep the "out" in Scouting and that of course means that we must provide our Scouts and Scouters with the facilities for doing this.

The camp committee has so designed our new buildings that they are adapted for both summer and winter use. The summer camp is one unit of our camping program. The new Troop Lodges have demountable sides which are used during cold weather and there the Troops may go during the coldest winter and have adequate heat and shelter—and even provide their own cooking within the same building. Can you imagine with what zest a Troop of Scouts will enjoy a week-end hike—with skating, tobogganing and perhaps a hike to the ledges to round out their program?

And Scouters will go to the Scout Leaders Lodge for Training Sessions, Conferences and Good Fellowship Rallies. With our own 500 acres of rich woodland, and with the adjoining Virginia Kendall State Park, we indeed have a campers' paradise.

We all know the values of rugged pioneer life and the modern Scout camp brings to the boy of today training in those valuable character traits such as self reliance, ingenuity, pride of accomplishment, mastery of physical skills, a strong and healthy body, indeed all those virtues symbolized in a Daniel Boone.

Such was the dream of H. Karl Butler.

Every Scout In Camp!

Horses from the H. S. Firestone stables for a gait mounted week.



Goodyear blimps will give every Scout a ride during air week.

