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Sarasota County Council

Boy Scouts of America



Sarasota, Florida

June 1, 1933

To The Good Friends of Boy Scouts:

Never has there been a time in the history of our country when the need was greater for training its youth in obedience to orders, uprightness, truthfulness, and a sense of responsibility to an objective as fine as the Boy Scout Oath, which is: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Laws, help other people at all times, and keep myself physically strong, morally awake and mentally straight."

To this end the Boy Scout Executive Committee is now trying to put twenty to fifty boys into a camp conducted along the above lines for a period of one, two or three weeks.

This camp will be under the instruction of Captain William H. Young and Charles N. Wilson, executive of the Boy Scouts in Bradenton, Florida.

We are sending out this appeal to you. Would you not like to be a Big Brother or Sister to one or more of these boys at the cost of \$5.00 a week? If so, will you please mail your check to Dr. Joseph Halton, Executive of the Boy Scouts of Sarasota.

This fund is to be used for boys who are unable to pay their way. No boy will be given a week in the Camp unless he has worked two full days at labor upon the Camp Grounds, such as cutting wood, weeds, painting boats, out-houses, etc.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH HALTON, M. D.,

Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts
of Sarasota.

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YEAR 1930

As President of The Sarasota Kiwanis Club in 1930, Dr. Joseph Halton influenced that organization to set as its objective the purchasing of a Boy Scout Camp.

Year 1931

The Kiwanis Club had earned over \$600.00. A check for \$525.00 was paid on the purchasing price of eleven acres for the Boy Scout Camp. This property is eleven miles from Sarasota, on Sarasota Key. It is 2,100 feet deep, has 800 feet facing Sarasota Bay, and 900 feet on the Gulf of Mexico, a total of eleven acres. Upon this property there is one flowing Artesian Well, a two-story, eight-roomed house, a one-story house 30x40 feet, which will sleep sixteen boys, a Delco Light Plant and three small buildings. This property sold for \$50,000.00 during the boom. The Kiwanis purchase price was the mortgage on the property, which was \$4,500.

YEAR 1932

Mr. Samuel Gumpertz gave Dr. Joseph Halton \$3,500.00 towards the Camp. Kiwanis raised the balance by subscription and the property was deeded to the Sarasota Boy Scouts free of all incumbrances.

Then by intensive work on the part of Dr. Joseph Halton and his Committee \$600.00 was raised to put on a Health Camp for Under-Privileged Children. This Camp was opened August 11th with eleven boys and nine girls. Nineteen days were spent in Camp. All the children had received pre-medical and dental care. The total gain in weight was 110 pounds, which averaged five and one-half pounds per child. Some unforeseen expenses arose, but we can assure you that your donations were well handled and not wasted in false charity.

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