

N July 16, 1969, the President of the United States, who is also an honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, wrote a letter to the Scouts asking them to include a "major conservation project" in their long range plan known as "BoyPower '76." The Scouts' answer is project SOAR (Save Our American Resources) which will be a nation-wide "Good Turn." Over six million Scouts and Leaders and countless millions of supporters will become involved in programs and projects designed to create an attitude of concern for the quality of the environment.

Kickoff of project SOAR will begin during February observance of Scouting's 61st anniversary in 1971. Here in Manatee County, Scout unit leaders and their committee members will assemble to discuss their units' planned involvement in the project. All Scout units have in their possession the outline of project SOAR and a suggested list of ideas for Packs and Troops to adopt as actual things for the bays to do.

Here is the list of rules which each Unit will follow in order to earn a special ribbon to be attached to their Unit flags.

- 1. Hold a kickoff during the month of February.
- 2. Launch a community-conservation project on March 20, and continue it or other activities during April, May and June.
- 3. Participate in a National Anti-Litter day, June 5, 1971.
- 4. Participate in camp conservation projects or summertime conservation-beautification projects at home.
- 5. Conduct a concluding event in each unit.

At the February Leaders' meeting, introduction of the Project SOAR patch for each Scout to earn will be explained as a special tie-in with the Manatee District "Wider World Of Scouting" booth type show to be held April 17, at the Palmetto Agricultural Center.

George Duell, Manatee District Scout executive, will be camp director again this year. He says he is looking forward to seeing all the Scouts who had attended camp last year and also encourages them to get their pals in Scouting and to camp this year. He also reminds unit leaders that there will be a Leaders' summer camp planning meeting coming up with a special feature this year. Units have been requested to have plans made for their activities in camp and special troop needs for every Scout and his achievements. Parents will be invited to come out to camp on Thursday evenings for the special



Manatee District Committee is under the Chairmanship of John Hood. He presides over all the operating committee chairmen. These are Walter Baker (advancement), Don Loveiny (activities), James Leps (organization and extension of Scouting), Don Kauffman (health and safety), Elmer "Bud" Lewis (leadership training), Dr. Luther King (finance), Dr. William Thompson (camping) and Dave Hamrick (public relations).

Don Clements, District Commissioner, is responsible for the "Family Doctors" of Scouting, that is the neighborhood commissioners that are assigned to specific units to assist them whenever they need help in making Scouting programs healthy and to ensure that





## Camporee



Camporee is a word that brings a smile to each Scout's face because it means plenty of fun, food and fellowship with his pals. A camporee is a gathering of Scout Troops from all over the county onto a special campsite for the purpose of games, skill competitions, challenges, testing patrol strength and spirit, campfires and awards. It's just plain fun to be in the outdoors for a two day campout and to sleep under the stars. Don Lovejoy, Manatee District Activities chairman, will be asking every Scoutmaster and his Scouts to sign up soon for the Spring camporee which will be held in May of this year. Don reminds all Scouts to review their "Outdoor Code" on rules for proper use of the out-of-doors as regards to conservation of

## Summer Activities

Cub Scouts and their leaders will be planning their annual Summertime Pack Activities to include trips to the beaches, State Parks and local attractions for boys to see and learn more about the community they live in. Under the leadership of their Pack leaders, boys will be reminded to observe all the signs of nature, birds, animals and the beauty of the outdoors.

## Camp

Camp Flying Eagle means summer camp and all the excitement and activity of Scouts coming to camp during the six week summer camp period established by the Sunny Land Council camping committee. Dr. William Thompson, Manatee District chairman, is busy getting Units involved in camp maintenance programs, visiting Units and getting them signed up for a week at camp this summer. Older Scouts and Explorer age young adults are being sought for camp staff interviews to determine the best qualified persons to provide the leadership for camp.