



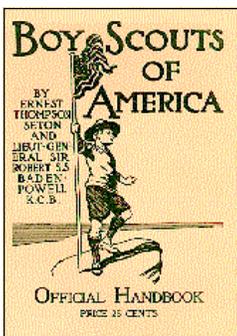
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Soon after the official formation of the Boy Scouts of America, demands for information about the new organization came from across the United States. This demand caused the quick production of information pamphlets listed below which were published in 1910.

- 1) *Scouting for Boys* - an information bulletin giving the objectives of the organization and the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Requirements.
- 2) *Hints for Local Councils or Committees*.
- 3) *A Model Scout Camp* - telling the basis of the camping idea and giving a program for a week, and by hours of the day.
- 4) *Formation of Troops and Patrols*.
- 5) *The Boy Scout Scheme* -What It Is! What It Is Not!
- 6) *Boy Scout Price List* - showing Uniforms, Badges and Equipment.



The demand for information continued, in response, Chief Scout Ernest Thompson Seton prepared a revised edition of the British Handbook for Boys. The preface states, "The present issue will constitute the Book of Organization." In order to make a real American handbook, the first pages included the history of the American Flag - closing with the Star Spangled Banner. The outside front cover reads, "By Ernest Thompson Seton and Lieut.-General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, K.C.B."

The "1910 - Ernest Thompson Seton handbook" was a temporary fix to a continuing demand. The Editorial Board of this fast growing movement next undertook the task of development of the first "Handbook for Boys." They called upon leading specialist's for help. They would meet 3-4 times a week for 2-3 hours a session. Their mission was to secure a handbook that would be a credit to the organization, even if it involved delays.

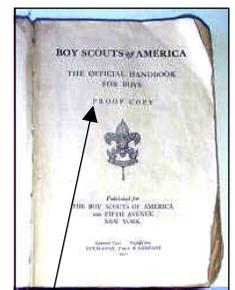
After the manuscript was developed, the Editorial Board felt it was too serious an undertaking for the Boy Scouts of America to inject itself into the education process of the youth in America, without sharing the responsibility of others. As the Chief Scout Executive tells the story, the publication of this handbook became an adventure in book publishing:

"In the publication of this book, I asked the publishers to do something which they said had never been done before. I asked for 5,000 proof copies. I wanted the psychology of the first introduction to be just that. We printed 5,000 copies from type; with the Y.M.C.A. We developed a list of everybody that I could find in America who was definitely engaged in boys' work. This was in 1911. Of course, it didn't include all Sunday School Teachers, but it did include all Boys' Work Directors of the Y.M.C.A., all Boy Club leaders, all the Scoutmasters we had at the time, all the Scout Commissioners and many Superintendents of Schools. The list that I mobilized at that time made 4,600 names.

We had a remarkable experience with this book. There was such great anxiety on the part of those who were waiting for it, that I had to ask Doubleday Page & Co., the publishers, to do something which they said they had never done before, and they actually turned over to me the key to their plant. They said they couldn't get it out when I asked them to, but that if I could, I should go ahead. I organized a group of men who worked with me at night, supplementing the group that worked there in the day. I organized a secretarial staff and transferred my office to Garden City, and eleven days from the time I gave them the manuscript, I had my 5,000 books in complete form, and I got them in the mail and we got our replies."

Thirty-days were allowed for corrections, criticisms and suggestions. On August 31, 1911, the first edition of 40,000 copies hit the streets and so great was the demand that on November 29th, a second edition of 60,000 was required. On December 30th, there was a reprint of the second edition totaling 65,250. In the first year alone 156,750 copies were sold.

Source: The History of the Boy Scouts of America by: William D. Murray



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Where the Arizona Scouting Museum started

Two brothers, John and Dean had been collecting Scouting memorabilia for several years. Some pieces from their own Scouting experience, many belonged to their father and still other items given by friends. From time to time they would display these items. Scouts would ask questions and adults would remember their Scouting experience. It was really fun to listen to their stories and teach the young Scouts about the history of Scouting in America.

In 2001, John and Dean were with a group of Scouts at the Philmont Scout Ranch hiking over Mt. Phillips, and were talking along the trail about displaying the Scout pieces. John said we should start a museum and continued to talk about the idea over the rest of the trek. Upon our return to Phoenix we started the process of forming the non-profit corporation, filing with the IRS for a 501(c)3 recognition, developed information brochures and a web site, and organizing the various other tasks of starting a new operation.

Once the Museum was founded, we started to get the word out. Letters were written to organizations and friends seeking financial support with some success, still others gave Scouting items.

The Museum continues to grow and we continue to seek financial support. We are still seeking to acquire an 8 X 20-24 foot mobile office. This trailer will allow us to display the Scouting memorabilia and take it from place to place to achieve the mission of the Arizona Scouting Museum.

www.arizonascoutingmuseum.org

The Web site is our first attempt at building a Web site. We are currently designing a new and vastly improved Web page and we will begin posting when the new pages are ready.

Our mission is to promote Scouting through the preservation and display of Scouting Memorabilia and teaching of the history of Scouting in the United States.

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WANTED



The Arizona Scouting Museum is looking for an 8 X 20-24 foot mobile office trailer. We will use this trailer as our mobile museum, allowing us to bring the museum to more people across Arizona.

If you can help, contact us at:
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