

Boy Scouting Comes to America

On a foggy day in 1909, a British Boy Scout guided an American businessman, William D. Boyce, to his destination and refused a tip for his Good Turn. While in London Boyce asked the boy to take him to the British Scout office where he met Baden-Powell, the famous British general who founded the Scouting movement



On February 8, 1910 in Washington DC Boyce and a group of outstanding men founded the Boy Scouts of America. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.





Boy Scouting in Allendale, NJ

In 1917, the year that Woodrow Wilson brought America into World War I Rev. Charles Woodruff of Archer Memorial Church, formed Allendale's first Boy Scout troop, known as Troop One led by Allendale's 1st Scoutmaster Robert Phair.

One of the Troops first service projects, during World War I , was the collection of papers for the benefit of the North Jersey Ambulance Fund. During the war, the scouts also sold war bonds and collected old newspapers.

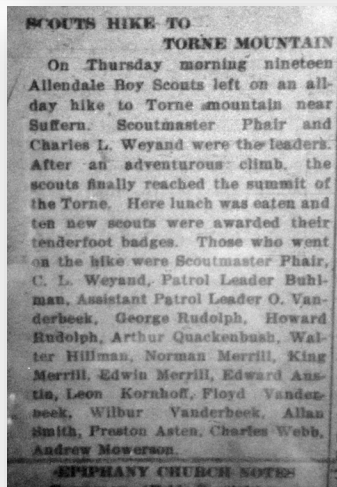
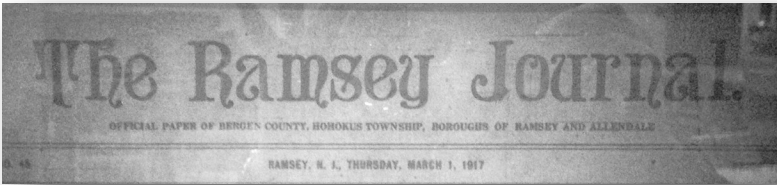


Allendale Scout Masters:

No Scoutmaster

1921-1923

In February 1917, nineteen Allendale boy scouts went on an all-day hike to Torne Mountain near Suffern. *The Ramsey Journal* of March 1, 1917.



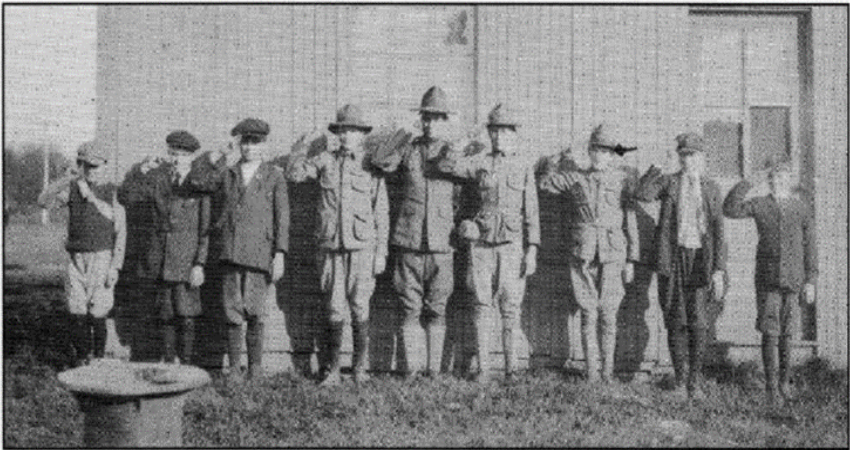
Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Robert D. Simpson 1945

Bradley Dargue 1945

In 1918 Allendale's Home Town Letter Committee was organized. This committee arranged for the printing and personalization of a booklet and at least one "letter from home" to be sent to Allendale's boys who were away serving their country. The Allendale Boy Scouts raised funds for this letter committee by conducting a tag day.

Below, Allendale Boy Scouts in 1918. Left to right: Lodowick Rossner, William Robinson, Roland Steele, Preston Asten, Scoutmaster Harry Hartt, Walter Hillman, John Metzger, George Gasparini, and William Taylor.



Allendale Scout Masters:

Walter R. Hillman

1924-1927

The early years of Allendale Troop 1. Uniform inspection in town at the site of the strip of stores east of Maple St. Note the uniform poster in the foreground and the Troop 1, Allendale flag hanging in the tent.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Robert Secor 1946

John Hover 1946



Allendale Scout Masters:

Walter R. Hillman

1928-1930

Prior to 1920, all Boy Scout troops were administered from the National Headquarters. As the Boy Scout movement grew it became clear that lower levels of administration were needed, so the country was divided up into Regions and Councils, which eventually became Councils and Districts. In 1920, Troop 1 entered the North Bergen County Council, where it was reassigned



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Herbert McCord 1958

Kevin Anderson 1959

1929 – the construction of Brookside school is completed.



1928 – Crestwood Lake is open to the public for swimming.



Allendale Scout Masters:

Frederick L. Savage

1931-1932

During the Great Depression, Troop 59's meetings were held in the old Allendale fire-house. It was at this time that the first troop high adventure trips began with an overnight hike to the Ramapo River.



Allendale Fire Hose 1920's

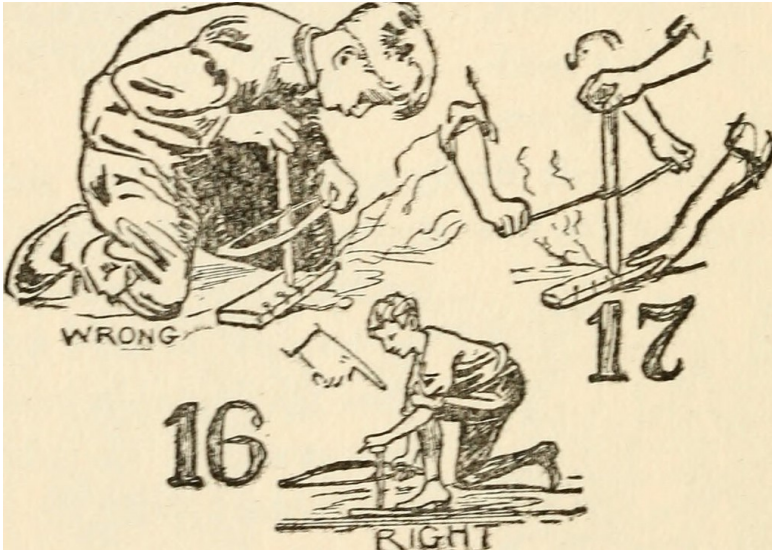
In 1937, a great moment in the history of Allendale scouting occurred when Daniel Beard, visited a Parents' Night in Allendale. Daniel Carter Beard and Earnest Thompson Seton were well known authors and contributed to the creation of the American scout movement. Daniel Beard was an outdoorsman and sketch artist and in 1905 established the Sons of Daniel Boone based on the values and skills of the American frontier.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

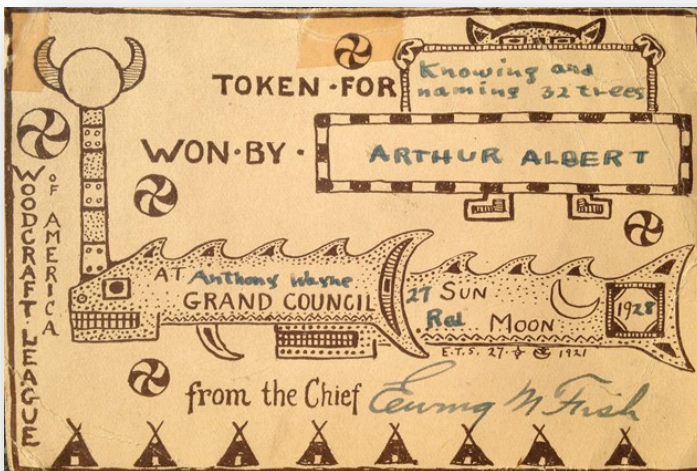
Robert A. Simpson 1962

Robert A. Turner, Jr. 1962



Sketches by Daniel Beard

In the late 1920 Scouts of Allendale attended Camp Anthony Wayne in Pike County Pa.



Allendale Scout Masters:

George R. Price

1933-1934

In 1908 the George M Potter bought 16 acres to build his home at 75 West Crescent Avenue. Mrs Potter was an inventor and her father, William Walker Marston, was the inventor of the repeating rifle. The family new Buffalo Bill (William F. Cody) because of Mrs Potter's father's invention. Buffalo Bill visited the family and their son Marston's log cabin in the woods behind their home. The cabin was fondly remembered by Allendale's early boy scouts as an exciting meeting and camping place and named "Cody Log Cabin". Photos and other Buffalo Bill souvenirs were kept at the cabin as well as his highly revered autograph as an ornament in the cabin.

**Allendale Eagle Scouts:**

William Johnson 1963

William Quillen 1964



The Cody Log Cabin being repaired by Troop 59 in the 1950's. A fire destroyed the cabin but the chimney still stands today.

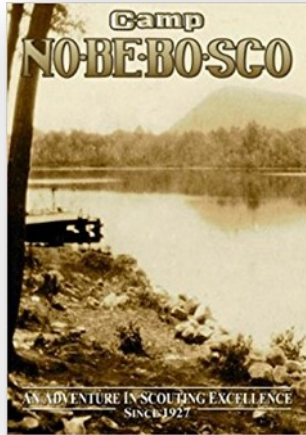


Allendale Scout Masters:

Arthur H. Albert

1936-1941

Around 1937, Troop 59 attended summer camp at No-Be-Bo-Sco, the official camp of the North Bergen Boy Scouts near Blirstown, NJ.



Frederick Savage, by 1938 was called "the daddy of scouting" in Allendale. He organized and was the leader of the Pioneers of the Open Road, which included boys too young to be eligible to join the Boy Scouts. He was familiarly known to the boys down through the years as "Uncle Fred."



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Peter Martin 1965

John Rohman 1966

In 1939, Norman Farrell became the first Troop 59 scout to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.



Eagle Scout by Joseph Csatari.

Allendale Scout Masters:

David Kaplan

1946-1947

One of Allendale's youngest scoutmasters was Arthur B. Albert (1936-1941) who became scoutmaster at the age of 20. Below is the front and back of his boy scout membership card from 1935 showing his age as 19. On the following page is his 1936 Scout Master Certificate.



THE SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST

1. TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY, AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW.
2. TO KEEP OTHER PRINCIPLES OF FAITH.
3. TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY BRAVE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

THE SCOUT LAW

1. A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY
A SCOUT SHOULD BE SO TRUSTWORTHY THAT HE WILL VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER HIS HONOR BY TELLING A LIE OR BY OBTAINING A LIE BY ANY MEANS. HE WILL NOT TALK BACK, WHEN TRUSTED OR HIS HONOR, HE WILL BE OBLIGATED TO ANSWER FOR HIS SCOUT.
2. A SCOUT IS LOYAL
HE IS LOYAL TO ALL TO WHOM LOYALTY IS DUE, HIS SCOUT LEADER, HIS HOME AND PARENTS AND SOCIETY.
3. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL
HE MUST BE PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO SAVE LIFE, HELP INJURED PERSONS, AND SHARE THE HOME BURDEN. HE MUST DO AT LEAST ONE GOOD TURN TO SOMEONE EVERY DAY.
4. A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY
HE IS FRIEND TO ALL AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT.
5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS
HE IS POLITE TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO SENIORS, OLDER, OLD PEOPLE, AND THE WEAK AND HELPLESS. HE MUST NOT TAKE PLEASURE IN BEING HELPFUL OR COURTEOUS.
6. A SCOUT IS KIND
HE IS FRIEND TO ANIMALS. HE WILL NOT KILL NOR HURT ANY LIVING CREATURE NEEDLESSLY. BUT WILL STRIVE TO SAVE AND PROTECT ALL HARMLESS LIFE.
7. A SCOUT IS OBEIDENT
HE OBEYS HIS PARENTS, SCOUTMASTER, PATROL LEADER, AND ALL OTHER DUTY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES.
8. A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL
HE SMILES FREELY AND IS OBEYANT TO ORDER IS PROMPT AND CHEERFUL. HE NEVER COMPLAINS.
9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY
HE DOES NOT WASTEFULLY DESPISE PROPERTY. HE WASTES NOTHING. HE KNOWS THE BEST USE OF HIS CONDUCT. HE SAVES HIS MONEY SO THAT HE MAY PAY HIS OWN WAY BE SUBSERVIENT TO THOSE WHO ARE HELPLESS TO BETTER RESULTS. HE MAKES GOOD USE OF HIS MONEY AND RECEIVES THE BEST COURTESY OR GOOD THINGS.
10. A SCOUT IS BRAVE
HE HAS THE COURAGE TO FACE SCOUTS AND THE COURAGE OF FRIENDS OR THE LOSS OF FRIENDS OF ENEMIES, AND DEFEAT HIS ENEMIES.
11. A SCOUT IS CLEAN
HE KEEPS CLEAN IN BODY AND TONGUE. STRIVES FOR CLEAN SPEECH, CLEAN SPORT, CLEAN HABITS, AND TRENDS WITH A CLEAN CONSCIENCE.
12. A SCOUT IS REVERENT
HE IS REVERENT TOWARD GOD. HE IS FAMILIAR IN HIS RELIGIOUS DUTIES, AND RESPECTS THE CONVICTIONS OF OTHERS IN MATTERS OF CUSTOM AND BELIEF.

SCOUT HISTORY

MEMBER TROOP NO. 54 OF N.J.

ALLENDALE DUKE

QUALIFIED AS TENDERFOOT 10/8

CABIN BOY 19

SECOND CLASS SCOUT 19/24

FIRST CLASS SCOUT 19/22

SEA SCOUT 19

ASST. PATROL LEADER 19

PATROL LEADER 19

SENIOR PATROL LEADER 19

SCRIBE 19

VETERAN SCOUT March 12, 1933

TRANSFERRED TO 19

QUALIFIED FOR MERIT BADGES

SUBJECT	DATE
FIRST AID	7/14/32
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	
ATHLETICS	10/19/33
PERSONAL HEALTH	3/13/32
PUBLIC HEALTH	1/17/32
LIFE SAVING	1/17/32
PIONEERING	1/17/32
CRAMPING	7/24/32
COOKING	3/11/32
BUILDING STUDY	7/24/32
BASKETBALL	5/11/32
WIMMING	10/16/32
WOOD CARVING	6/11/32
SCOUTS	6/11/32
BOAT BUILDING	3/11/32
STAR SCOUT	6/22/32
LIFE SCOUT	10/20/33

AWARDED HONOR MEDAL

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SCOUT NAMED ON THE FRONT OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR 5 YEARS AND IS A MEMBER OF THE VETERAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION. HE IS ENTITLED TO PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND TO WEAR IT AND THE OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF HIS RANK.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR RECALL FOR CAUSE BY THE LOCAL SCOUT AUTHORITIES. HIS AGE 19, HEIGHT 6', WEIGHT 154 LBS. GIVEN ON THIS 15 DAY OF MAY 1935.

Arthur B. Albert
SCOUTMASTER

Andrew H. Albach
SCOUT EXECUTIVE OR COMMISSIONER

NOTICE

THE SCOUT SHOULD CARRY THIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES. HE IS REQUIRED TO SHOW IT TO THE OFFICIAL OUTFITTER WHEN PURCHASING HIS UNIFORM. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SHOW IT WHENEVER CALLED UPON.

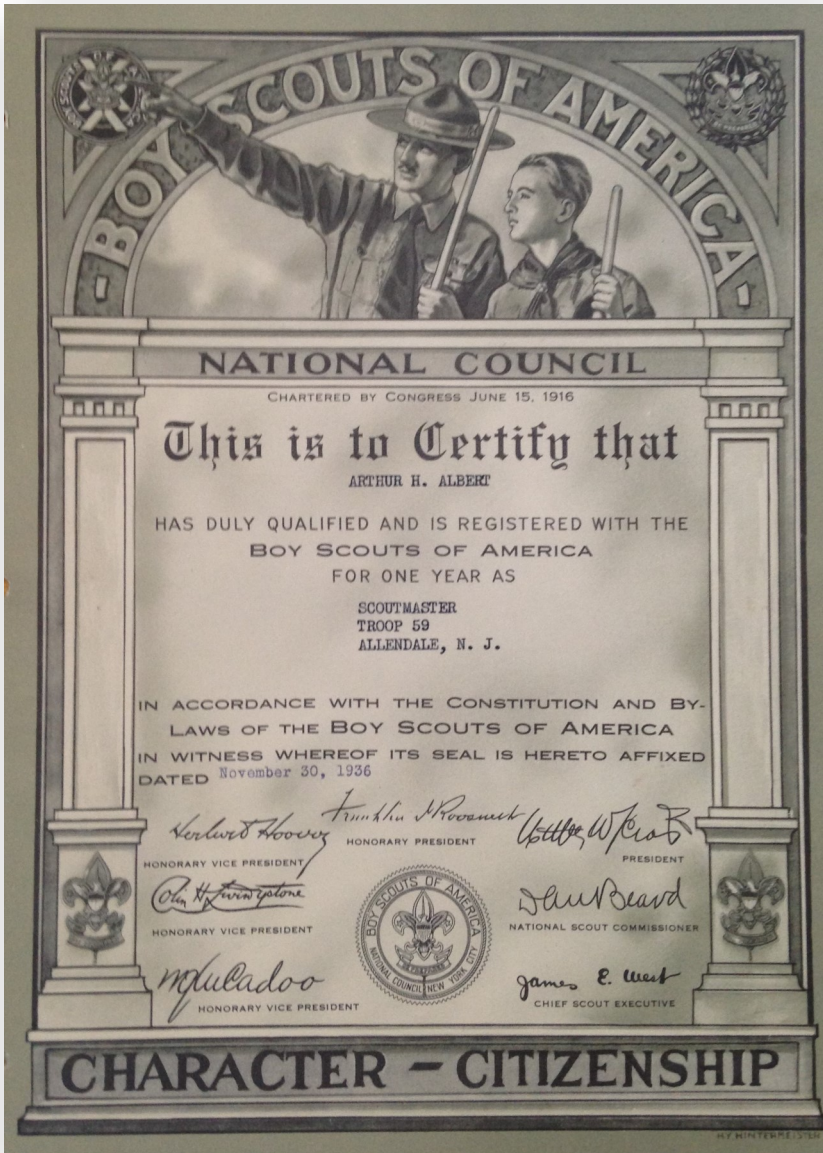
Andrew H. Albach
SIGNATURE OF VETERAN

ANY ERASURE OR CHANGE INVALIDATES THIS CERTIFICATE

Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Robert Gaynor 1967

Peter Widmer 1967

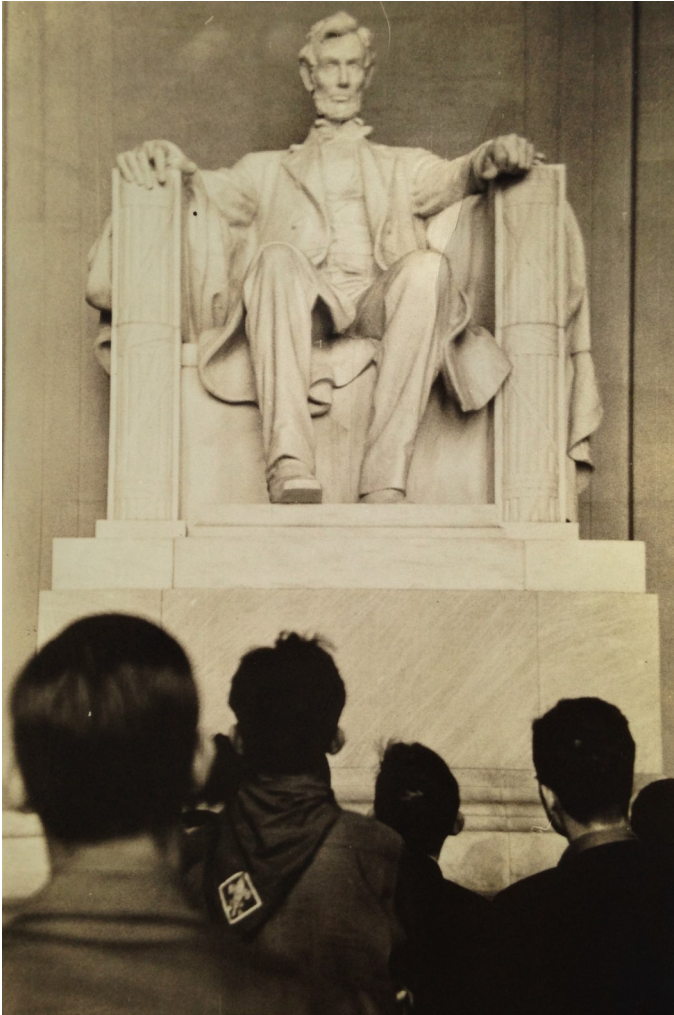


Allendale Scout Masters:

William B. Buhlman

1948-1950

In 1937 Allendale Troop 59 attended the first National Scout Jamboree held in Washington DC with 27,000 scouts from around the country.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

William Aufricht 1967

Harry Heitman 1968



Allendale Scout Masters:

William B. Buhlman

1951-1953

In 1940, Troop 59 spent a week camping at the New York World's Fair.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Richard Kolb 1970

Buddy Blide 1971



Allendale Scout Masters:

Frank McCord

1955-1956

In the early 1940s Troop 59's meetings were switched to the American Legion Hall, Allendale's old school building, site of the present police station on Franklin Turnpike.



Allendale's school until the opening of Brookside school in 1929, presently the location of the Allendale Police Station.

Allendale Eagle Scouts:

William Uber 1972

Wes Armstrong 1974

Local Merchants support Allendale's Troop 59.



Allendale Scout Masters:

W. James Hall

1956-1957

In November 1941, the troop held its first paper drive. During World War II, the troop collected paper, metal, and rubber to support the American war effort. For this, Troop 59 scouts earned the General Eisenhower Medal for Outstanding Service to their Country.



General Eisenhower Medal for Outstanding Service to their Country.

Allendale Eagle Scouts:

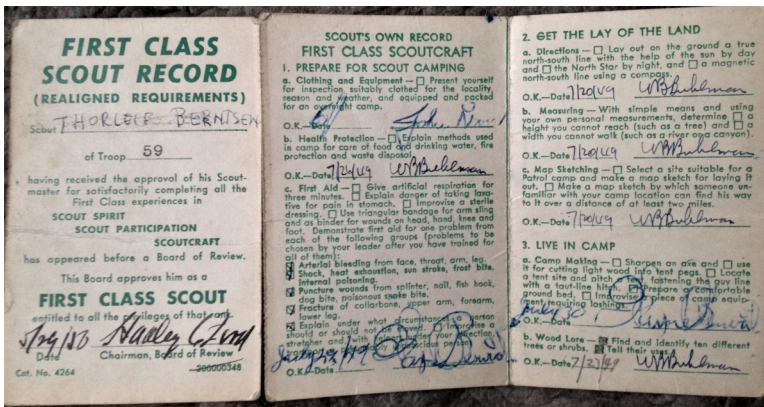
James Newett 1974

1946 William Maus 1975

Between 1941 and 1946 an astounding eleven scouts reached the rank of Eagle under the leadership of scoutmaster William B. Buhlman. Not only did Mr "B" serve several terms as scoutmaster and continue as assistant scoutmaster until his death in 1979 but he was also one of the original charter members of Allendale's Troop One, in 1917.



Scoutmaster William Buhlman and the five Eagle Scouts form 1946.



Buhlman signature on 1949 Scout Record card.

Allendale Scout Masters:

Frank P. Hoffman

1958-1959

Immediately following World War II, the Troop's highlight trip was the North Bergen Council Camporee in Mahwah. At the time, the Troop dedicated the plaque in Archer Hall to the scouts lost in World War II.



Allendale Memorial Park



Train excursion for Troop 59 in the 1950's.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Peter Kolb 1977

Craig Johnston 1977

In April 1952, the Archer Hall became the permanent site of the troop meetings. At this time, many of the Troop's campouts took place at the campfire site on the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook in Allendale. There were also trips to Slide Mountain in the Catskills and a hike along the Hudson in which groups on either side of the mountain signaled Morse Code to each other.



The original arch Church with Archer Hall in the background.



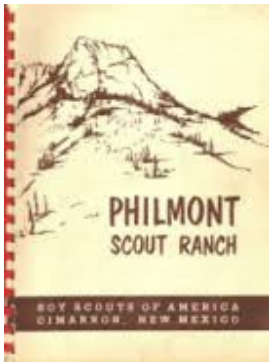
Bear Mountain Bridge along the Hudson River where Troop 59 practiced their Morse Code skills across the river.

Allendale Scout Masters:

John Cebak

1966-1999

Troop 59 grew with the town of Allendale in the mid 1950s and a limit of fifty scouts was imposed which led to the formation of Troop 252. With the reinstatement of The Explorer Post within Troop 59 the first trip to Philmont in New Mexico was organized. In the late 1950s, father and son dinners, overnights to Camps No-Be-Bo-Sco and Yaw Paw, and day hikes to Bear Mountain Park continued to be highlight events.

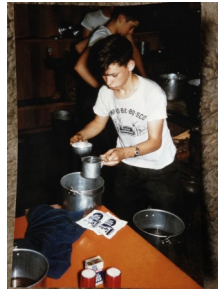


Allendale Eagle Scouts:

George Aliotta 1979

Richard Claydor 1979

Troop 59 in the 1950's camping at No-Be-Bo-SCO (as noted on their t-shirts) and marching in parade in front of the old ambulance Corps building and old fire house, which burned down several years later.

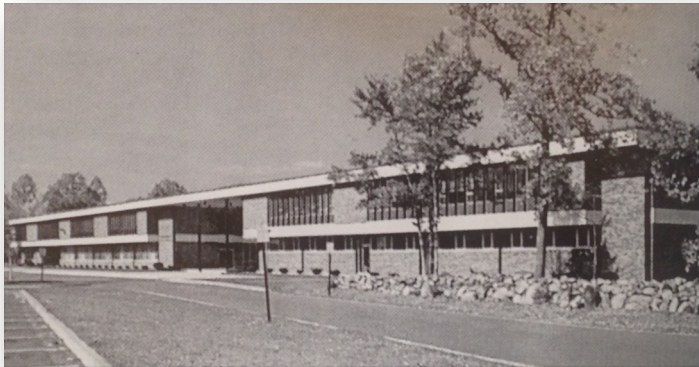


Allendale Scout Masters:

John Uryini

2001 -2001

In 1959, Robert Turner became Scoutmaster. Under his leadership, more scouts achieved the rank of Eagle, monthly themes were instituted, and training overnights for the Green Bar of patrol leaders and assistants took place the Troop began Scout of the Year and Patrol of the Year contests. Highlight trips during this time began incorporating historical locations, the first being camping at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. In 1962, the trips included hiking the historical trails of Morristown and Washington's Crossing.



Northern Highlands Regional High School is opened in 1965, prior to this Allendale students attended high school in Ridgewood, Ramsey and Mahwah.

In 1963 Troop 59 took a three-day trip to historic Gettysburg and the troop hosted a camporee for the entire Ramapo district centered on scouting skills. That year, Troop 59 led the council with 59 rank advancements. Trips in 1964 further pursued the military theme of Gettysburg, with visits to Fort Dix, NJ, and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Some scouts that year attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge. 1964 was New Jersey's Tercentenary, and Troop 59 celebrated by placing first in Allendale's float parade. In November, the troop spent four days touring Washington, DC over teacher's convention weekend.

Allendale Eagle Scouts:

John Kraft 1985

Paul Matthewson 1985

The Allendale Boy Scout Troop 59 took their first trip to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps in 1965, having fun staying at "the Blockhouse" cabin. Later that year the Troop went river rafting in the "Grand Canyon" of Pennsylvania . The trip turned out to be 'memorable' for all the wrong reasons and Troop 59 waited twenty-five years before trying river rafting again.



In 1965, summer camp for Troop 59 was a two week stay at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco. Troop 59 was the largest in the camp, and the Scouts earned an astonishing 130 merit badges.



Allendale Scout Masters:

Raymond Iannaccone

2006-2008

That year the World's Fair was in New York, the Troop took a day trip to see Allendale Scoutmaster Robert Turner, who was leading the BSA Service Corps in camping there. Troop 59 closed out 1965 with highlight hikes at High Point State Park and a bicycle trek to Campgaw.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Jason Miller 1990

David Ufferfilg 1990

Allendale Troop 59 Eagle Ceremonies and advancements in the 1960's



Allendale Scout Masters:

Tom Zambrotta

2013--2016

1966 began with Troop 59 having a swim party at the Paterson YMCA in January. During Scout Week in February, the scouts displayed their skills with a "Scouts in Action" display in the center of town. That same month, Mr. Turner stepped down as Scoutmaster, he was a remarkable leader of Troop 59, doubling enrollment by making scouting an 'in thing' for Allendale boys to do.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

John Lyons 1990

John Zadrowski 1990

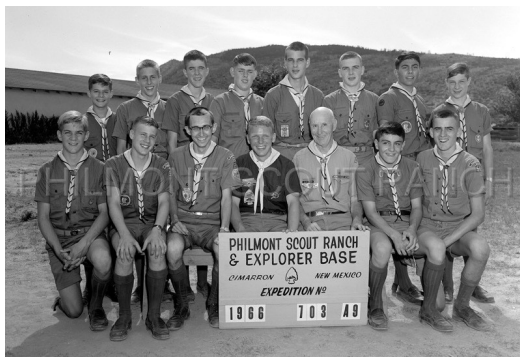
For the period of 1966-1999 (a total of 33 years!) John Cebak, “Knock”, led Troop 59 as Scoutmaster during which time Troop 59 had over 65 scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. During most of this period, Floodwood was utilized for the two-week summer camp excursion. One week would be a high adventure canoe trip (30 miles for the younger scouts and 50 miles for the older scouts). During the second week the Troop would be in base camp working on merit badges, scout skills and advancement. Troop 59 was and is consistently the largest Troop in camp and won the annual "water festival" year after year.



Allendale Scout Masters:

From the 1960's to the 1990's Troop 59 had numerous treks to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The scouting year included local backpacking and camping trips within the Ramapo and Harriman Mountain Region. Emergency preparedness, first aid drills, community service and paper drives also took place within the town. In addition, the Troop would frequently head off on special trips to Washington, Gettysburg, Boston and Valley Forge. During the late 1970s and early 1980s the scouts enjoyed their annual ski trip to Gore Mountain.

1960's



1964—Allendale Tercentenary Parade. Troop 59 won best float in the parade that celebrated New Jersey's 300th anniversary.

Allendale Eagle Scouts:

William Hiscock 1994

James Hiscock 1994



Evan Mellides 1994

Thomas McKim 1994

Allendale Scout Masters:

Early 1970's



The fleet of trucks at Archer Hall used for the paper drive in the 1970's.



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

Christopher Keily 1995

Christopher White 1995



Community Service - repairing the bank of the brook by the Brookside Grand Stand.



Nicholas Amatuzzi 1996



Benjamin Griffith 1996

Allendale Scout Masters:

Late 1970's



Allendale Eagle Scouts:

William M. Kempey III 1996

Peter Meyer 1997



Greg Keily 1997

Peter Calabrese 1997