

## DeKalb History Center

### Boy Scouts of America Collection (1911-present)

**Scope and Content:** The Collection contains records from area Boy Scout troops beginning in 1911. The bulk of the material pertains to troop 107 of Decatur, with some material on troop 175 of Clarkston. The Collection contains original charters, membership rolls, applications, individual Scout records and histories. A more recent donation includes items from Troop 55 from Emory Presbyterian as well. The Andrew B. Robertson papers are from a former Decatur mayor.

**Provenance:** Portions of the Collection are gifts from Armand R. Honiker (Accession # 1985.108), B.J. Bain (Accession # 1985.208), John C. Hoffman (Accession # 1985.177), James G. Paine (1984.278) and W. Bayne Gibson and John Hoffmann. A third box made up of donations from James Paine, (Accession # 2002.50) and Jack McFarland (Accession # 2003.36).

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center Archives. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Boy Scouts of America Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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The W. Bayne Gibson Collection contains additional photographs of the Boy Scouts, ask the archivist for details.

**Size:** 3 document boxes, and ephemera in museum storage.

**Organizational History of the Boy Scouts:** The Boys Scouts of America was founded in 1910. Scott Candler organized the first Troop, 1 Decatur, in the Southeast in 1911, just one year after the founding of the organization. In later years, the Belvedere Methodist Church took on sponsorship of the troop. Troop 1 was assigned a new number, 107, in 1934 as metro Atlanta grew and expanded. The troop continues to be one of the largest troops in the area. Troop 175 was formed in 1943, and also continues today.

**Description:** The Boy Scouts of America Collection contains attendance and dues records, financial records, Scout medical records, troop charters, handbooks, newspaper articles, correspondence, publications, and histories. The material is categorized as much as possible. Folders are organized with general Boy Scouts information first, troop 107 information second, troop 175 information third, and Cub Scouts information last.

2002.50 - Collection of various DeKalb County Boy Scout items including: papers of Troop 175, several books, pamphlets, guides, magazines and yearbooks; a complete

uniform with accessories, patches, badges, awards and handkerchiefs; extensive selection of official BSA tools and flashlights; BSA mugs and a Norman Rockwell commemorative BSA plate; Day Pack with canteens and mess kits. A few Cub Scout items as well. Includes some Girl Scout items: 1 book, 1 first aid kit containing patches and pins, 1 mess kit

2003.36 - Papers of Boy Scout Troop 55, Emory Presbyterian:  
Correspondence, 1970s, List of troop members and copies of Applications for Troop Charter and Charter Renewal, 1925-1969

### Folder List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>General Date Range</b>
1	1	Scouting Publications 1; The Messenger	1946
		Scouting Expo Raffle tickets	1962
		Chuck Wagon Order form	
		National Jamboree equipment catalogue	1953
		The Scouter's First Conference camp Bert Adams	1948
		Adams Apple camp newspaper	1958
		Nationwide Roundup Brochure	1950s
		National Roll Call troop 107	1949
		Scouter newsletter	1957, 1958
		Atlanta Area Scout Camps	1959
		DeKalb District Camporee	1949-1959
		Boy Scout Program Quarterly	1955
	2	Scouting Publications 2	
		Soil and Water Conservation Activities for Boy Scouts	1964
		<i>Scouting</i>	1947
		<i>A Magazine for Adults in Scouting</i>	1971
	3	Requirements Book	1969-1970
	4	Boy Scout Handbooks	1962, 1975
	5	History – Atlanta Area Council, newspaper articles about troop 107 / 1 Decatur	
	6	Diamond Jubilee materials	1985-1986
	7	Photographs - troop 107 / 1 Decatur	
		Troop 107 Camp Bert Adams,	1950s
		Troop 107 camping trip	1934
		Troop 1 Decatur	1914
	8	Miscellaneous and Correspondence	
	9	Advancement Records	1945
		Honors, Scout tests	1948, 1921
	10	Newspaper Articles	1944-1992
	11	Scoutmaster Application, Scott Candler	1911
	12	Troop 107 Charters (every year not represented)	1923-1946
	13	Troop 107 Charters	1947-1965

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1	14	BSA Charters Troop 107 Post Charter to Belvedere Methodist Church, and DeKalb Historical Society	1963, 1979
	15	Record Books Troop 107 / 1 Decatur	1952-1957
2	1	Troop 107 applications and membership cards	1956-1961, 1945
	2	Attendance and Dues Troop 107	1922-1926
	3	Attendance and Dues Troop 107	1927-1935
	4	Attendance and Dues Troop 107	1936-1946
	5	Individual Scout Records, Troop 107	1930s
	6	Scout & Explorer Medical Troop 107	1956
	7	Financial Records Troop 107	1953
		Receipts and Treasurer's Report, Budget Plan	1929
		Adoption Form (blank), Allsweet fundraising plan	
	8	Troop 107 Forms; applications for charter, rosters, subscription	1922-
	9	50th Anniversary Book; Troop 175	1993
	10	Enrollment Records Troop 175	1920, 1930
	11	Histories Troop 175	1943-1959
	12	Histories Troop 175	1960-1969
	13	Histories Troop 175	1971-1979
	14	Histories Troop 175	1980-1989
	15	Histories Troop 175	1990-1999
	16	Histories Troop 175	2000-2009
	17	Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook	1968-1969
		Organizing a Cub Scout Pack	1967
		Pack 83 Record Book	1969
		News Article	1994
		Cub Scout Day Camp Song book	1985
	18	Webelos Den Organizing and Program Helps	1966
		Webelos Den Activities	1969
		Webelos Day	1963
3	1	Andrew B. Robertson papers	
	2	General Info on DeKalb Scouts	
	3	Jamboree guides	
	4	Troop 55 materials	
	5	Applications for charter 1 of 3	
	6	Applications for charter 2 of 3	
	7	Applications for charter 3 of 3	
	8	Troop 175 reunion	1993
	9	Troop 175 info and history	