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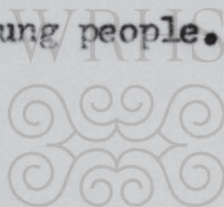
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MESSAGE FOR THE 1956 PROGRAM OF THE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

It is a pleasure for me again to pay tribute to the splendid work which the Boy Scout movement is doing for the youth of our nation. It carries on one of the most constructive and inspiring programs for the training of young people into fine manhood and in the responsibilities of American citizenship. From year to year its value becomes increasingly more apparent to all people who are concerned with education in character and with the wholesome development of our young people.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

mailed 5/9/56

Mr. Ralph W. Elsas  
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**'FOUR MILLION CAMPFIRES BURNING'**



# SCOUTING'S "BIG SHOW"

*Cleveland Arena ■ May 18th ■ May 19th ■ 1956*



**GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**





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MEET THE COMMITTEE

LOUIS B. SELTZER	"BIG SHOW" General Chairman
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TOM FIELD (Station KYW-TV)	Narrator
ROBERT BOUWSMA (Station KYW-TV)	Narrator
RALPH W. ELSAS	"BIG SHOW" Director



# ... PROGRAM ...

## Act No. 1 —BAND CONCERT

AL BERARDI'S BAND directed by Mr. Sam Willis. A concert to set the "mood" for the "BIG SHOW" selections for your listening pleasure.

## Act No. 2 —CLOWNS - (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Robert Young—Director Dane Westcott—Staff Advisor

*Here come the Clowns . . . forget your troubles and laugh with them as they go through their capers.*

## Act No. 3 —THE GRAND ENTRY - (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Art Grumney—Grand Marshal

James Finnessy—Staff Advisor A. Leonard Jasper—Staff Advisor

*A tremendous spectacle on the floor when thousands of boys march together and officially open the "BIG SHOW" climaxed by a very impressive Opening Ceremony.*

## Act No. 4 —THE CUB PARADE - (Cub Scouts)

Jesse A. Hall—Director

Carl Bachmann—Staff Advisor Bruce Fails—Staff Advisor

*A trip through the land of "make-believe" with the Cubs as they depict the "fun" that is Cub Scouting*

## Act No. 5 —SCOUTING IS FUN - (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Tom Sorensen—Director Don Kerry—Staff Advisor

*Presenting for your entertainment some of the games used in the Scouting Program. It's fun to learn the "play-way".*

## Act No. 6 —MOCCASINS AND TOM-TOMS - (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Don Crockett—Director Tom Oswald—Assistant Director

Art Greiner—Staff Advisor Walter Goodwin—Staff Advisor

*A panorama of colorful Indian Villages and dances . . . taking you back to the days of old when the Redman roamed the plains.*

## Act No. 7 —EXPLORING IN ACTION - (Explorers)

L. B. McCarty—Director Willard Friend—Staff Advisor

*If it's outdoors, action-packed and high adventure, you will find it in the Explorer Program . . . a challenge to any boy who craves adventure.*

## Act No. 8 —PUSH-MOBILE DERBY - (Boy Scouts)

Howard Strube—Director

Joe Cornelius—Staff Advisor Robert Thornbladh—Staff Advisor

*Hold on to your hats . . . here they come . . . the race of the century. Here is action in "high gear" as the home-made racers hit the track.*

## Act No. 9 —PHYSICALLY FIT - (Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Alex Zirin—Director George Kozak—Assistant Director

Dan Daniels—Staff Advisor Oscar Smeal—Staff Advisor

*Here you will see some of the ways to keep in "good shape". Who knows—you might be watching a future Olympic Champ in the making.*

## Act No. 10—THE ADVANCEMENT TRAIL - (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers)

James Kurtz—Director

Robert Shaw—Assistant Director Bob MacFarland—Staff Advisor

*Follow a Cub and his parents as we take you on a journey through the Advancement Trail.*

## Act No. 11—OUTDOOR ADVENTURE - (Boy Scouts and Explorers)

Joseph Kaye, Sr.—Director Vic Tarter—Staff Advisor

*A day in camp with all the many camping skills will make you want to hike the wooded trails . . . smell the bacon frying?*

## Act No. 12—ONWARD FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

William K. Steuart—Staff Advisor

*A Scout is Reverent . . . this scene dedicated to the "Great Master"—a moment to remember and take with you.*







OUR PROTESTANT COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND VITAL COMMITTEES OF THE CLEVELAND CHURCH FEDERATION BECAUSE WE THOROUGHLY BELIEVE IN SCOUTING AND IN ITS LEADERSHIP, BOTH LOCAL AND REGIONAL. IN PURPOSES, METHODS AND PRINCIPLES SCOUTING IS A PART OF OUR PROGRAM.

DR. DONALD TIMERMAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CLEVELAND CHURCH FEDERATION

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAVE GIVEN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COUNTRY FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS.

YOUR ORGANIZATION IS AN INSTITUTION DEDICATED TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY. NO GREATER SERVICE CAN BE PERFORMED FOR AMERICA THAN TO OFFER TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP IN THE TEACHING OF SELF-RELIANCE, CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS TO OTHERS.

OUR COUNTRY IS PROUD OF YOU.

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE  
MAYOR



## THE SCOUT OATH



ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO  
MY BEST—

To do my duty to God and  
my Country, and to obey  
the Scout Law;

To help other people at all  
times;

To keep myself physically  
strong, mentally awake, and  
morally straight.



GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 15,000 MEN, WOMEN AND BOYS WHO HAVE MADE THIS SHOW "FOUR MILLION CAMPFIRE BURNING" POSSIBLE. THIS IS THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATION OF SCOUTING TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS COUNCIL. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE OF CHARACTER BUILDING, AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING INVOLVED IN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM.

JAMES T. GRIFFIN  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AS GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF SCOUTING'S "BIG SHOW" OF 1956 I WISH TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN, AND THERE ARE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF YOU, WHO HAVE HAD A PART IN MAKING THIS SHOW SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS. THE SHOW COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRODUCED WITHOUT YOU.

LOUIS B. SELTZER  
SHOW CHAIRMAN

THE GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL IS PROUD OF THE THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO GIVE THEIR TIME TO SCOUTING IN THIS COUNTY. THIS BIG SHOW OF 1956 IS A MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE TO THEIR SERVICE IN BEHALF OF MORE THAN 35,000 CUBS, BOY SCOUTS, AND EXPLORERS OF CLEVELAND AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY.

FRANK W. BRADEN  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

## THE SCOUT LAW



1. A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.
2. A SCOUT IS LOYAL.
3. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.
4. A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY.
5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.
6. A SCOUT IS KIND.
7. A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.
8. A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.
9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.
10. A SCOUT IS BRAVE.
11. A SCOUT IS CLEAN.
12. A SCOUT IS REVERENT.



SCOUTS MUST PREPARE THEMSELVES TO PLAY AN INFLUENTIAL AND RESPONSIBLE PART, AS FAR AS THEY ARE ABLE, IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND IN THEIR PARISH. THE TRAINING OF CHARACTER WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF SCOUTING MUST BE DIRECTED TOWARD SOCIAL AND APOSTOLIC WORK. IT MUST TRAIN THE SCOUT TO SERVE HIS NEIGHBOR, BOTH IN HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS AND ALSO WHERE THOSE OF TEMPORAL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ARE CONCERNED. THE LOVE SCOUTS ALWAYS HAVE HAD FOR THE DIVINE PERSON OF THE GREAT LEADER, WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIGHT, MUST BE THEIR LIGHT AND STRENGTH IN THEIR EFFORTS DAY BY DAY.

MONSIGNOR THOMAS C. CORRIGAN  
DIOCESAN BOY SCOUT CHAPLAIN  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME AGAIN TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SPLENDID WORK WHICH THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IS DOING FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION. IT CARRIES ON ONE OF THE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE AND INSPIRING PROGRAMS FOR THE TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE INTO FINE MANHOOD AND IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. FROM YEAR TO YEAR ITS VALUE BECOMES INCREASINGLY MORE APPARENT TO ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION IN CHARACTER AND WITH THE WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

