A Bibliography of the
Boy Scouts of America
Part E: Local Councils
(Camps & Camping, Local Council Publications, & Membership Scandals)
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The following is a bibliography of primary and secondary sources that focus primarily local
councils and their activities. Additions to this listing will be made upon receipt of additional information.
If you are aware of a source that is not listed, please send the following information to
davidp.peavy@paxtu.org: author, title, journal name (volume number, issue number & page numbers),
place of publication, and publisher.

Camps & Camping – Local Councils


—. *Camp Staff Management and Morale*. Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America, 1980.
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**Camps & Camping - Philmont**


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**Camps & Camping - Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base**


**Camps & Camping - Florida Keys High Adventure Sea Base**


Local Council Publications

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In 1974, the Chicago Tribune conducted a 4-month investigation into the Chicago Area Council’s membership records and published a 2-part series revealing the falsification of membership rolls by the council. By the end of the year, at least 14 other councils across the country were revealed to have done the same. In the 1990s and early 2000s the media reported similar problems with council membership rolls. Below are citations of newspaper articles which chronicle these events during this period. Sources of known earlier membership scandals have yet to be documented. If you know of such sources, please contact us.


"'On My Honor . . . .' It's Scout Watergate." Dallas Morning News, June 11 1974, 1A.

"Scout Officials Draw Censure." The Dallas Morning News, August 18 1974, 44.

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———. "Government Investigates Scouts' Membership Figures - 12-County Group Accused of Inflating Rosters." The Dallas Morning News, May 14 2000, 1A.


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