

## A Bibliography of the Boy Scouts of America Part K: Alpha Phi Omega, Order of the Arrow, Conservation & Nature, Memorabilia, Jamborees

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The following is a bibliography on a variety of subjects containing both primary and secondary sources regarding the Boy Scouts of America. 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](mailto:davidp.peavy@paxtu.org): author, title, journal name (volume number, issue number & page numbers), place of publication, and publisher.

### **Alpha Phi Omega**

I have not come across many publications regarding the APO fraternity. Consequently, those archives that contain APO source material are listed below.

Alpha Phi Omega (Michigan State University Chapter). *Collection*. Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. Contents: Records of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity consist of two copies of a booklet entitled THE CAMPUS BEAUTIFUL, which contains sketches and brief descriptions and histories of Michigan State University buildings. Also includes one folder of photographs. [www.msu.edu/unit/archives/findaid/ua12-2-9.html](http://www.msu.edu/unit/archives/findaid/ua12-2-9.html)

Alpha Phi Omega. Alpha Chapter (Lafayette College). *Collection*. David Bishop Skillman Library, Lafayette College. Easton, PA. Contents: Documents the activities of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, an international service fraternity founded at Lafayette College. The material documents the various activities of the fraternity: its founding in 1925 by Frank Reed Horton, its affiliation with and public endorsement by the Boy Scouts of America, its various college and community service activities, and the initiation of women into the fraternity in 1974. Of particular interest are photographs of Alpha Chapter activities and national pilgrimages spanning 1952-1982. The records also contain correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, clippings, and memorabilia. <http://ww2.lafayette.edu/library/special/Alpha/alphaaid.html>.

Alpha Phi Omega. Beta Chapter (U of Pittsburgh). *Collection*. Archives Service Center, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. Contents: This collection contains documents relating to both the Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and the national fraternity. Chapter records include by-laws, membership lists, general brother and executive meeting minutes, correspondence with other chapters, letters from national fraternity staff, and chapter project information from the late 1970s and 1990-2007. Representative samples of some of the Beta chapter's fraternity awards are also present. National fraternity records include publications

regarding Alpha Phi Omega's history, officer handbooks, by-laws, and information regarding national conventions. Also present are various newsletters from all levels of Alpha Phi Omega: the national Torch and Trefoil, regional Three Dots and a Dash, sectional Section 62/64 Report, and the chapter's Beta Bulletin. <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/f/findaid/findaid-idx?type=simple;c=ascead;view=text;subview=outline;didno=US-PPiU-rg551672>.

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