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A Survey Of

THE REGION VII AND REGION X EXPLORER CANOE BASES

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From a questionnaire:

"The Explorers should be planning now to get a base on  
the Moon! P. S. I'm not kidding".

### INTRODUCTION

At the request of the National Camping Committee and the Camping Service, the Research Service undertook a mail survey of those campers who attended the Region VII and the Region X Explorer Canoe Bases in the summer of 1960. The purpose was to determine:

1. How they felt about the experience.
2. What use they felt they could make of their experience to help their units and local councils.
3. The extent to which high adventure trips were already planned for the summer of 1961.
4. Their ideas about parts of the country where additional bases would be desirable.
5. Their interests in terms of activities and programs that ought to be conducted on a national basis for Explorers.
6. To make such comparisons as were possible, with the survey made one year ago, with a sampling of the 1958 Philmont campers.

### THE METHOD

The entire inquiry was carried out by mailed questionnaire. It was our intention to send a questionnaire to every Scout and Explorer who participated in the program at both bases during the summer of 1960. At the close of the season Region VII sent to us a complete list of names and addresses of the 658 boys who participated. Due to a clerical error in Region X the name lists were destroyed and could not be reconstituted. The region did provide us with a list of the names and addresses of the leaders of every group that participated in the program at the canoe base. We wrote to every leader asking him to send us the list of boys who accompanied him to the base. In spite of follow up mailings, and the efforts of local councils, we were unable to get lists from 20 of the leaders. We estimated that this represented 220 boys (11 being the average size of groups). Therefore we mailed questionnaires to 1055 Scouts and Explorers out of an approximate total of 1275 who attended the Region X base.

We received 301 returns from Region VII or 45.7% of those mailed. From Region X we received 495 returns or 38.9% of those mailed. An analysis of attendance and of returns by states was made. The returns, in the case of both bases, were quite evenly divided from the various states and the factor of geography evidently had no bearing upon the returns.

The 1959 survey of Philmont was based upon a 25% sampling of the 1958 campers. A return of 28% was received.

### THE FINDINGS

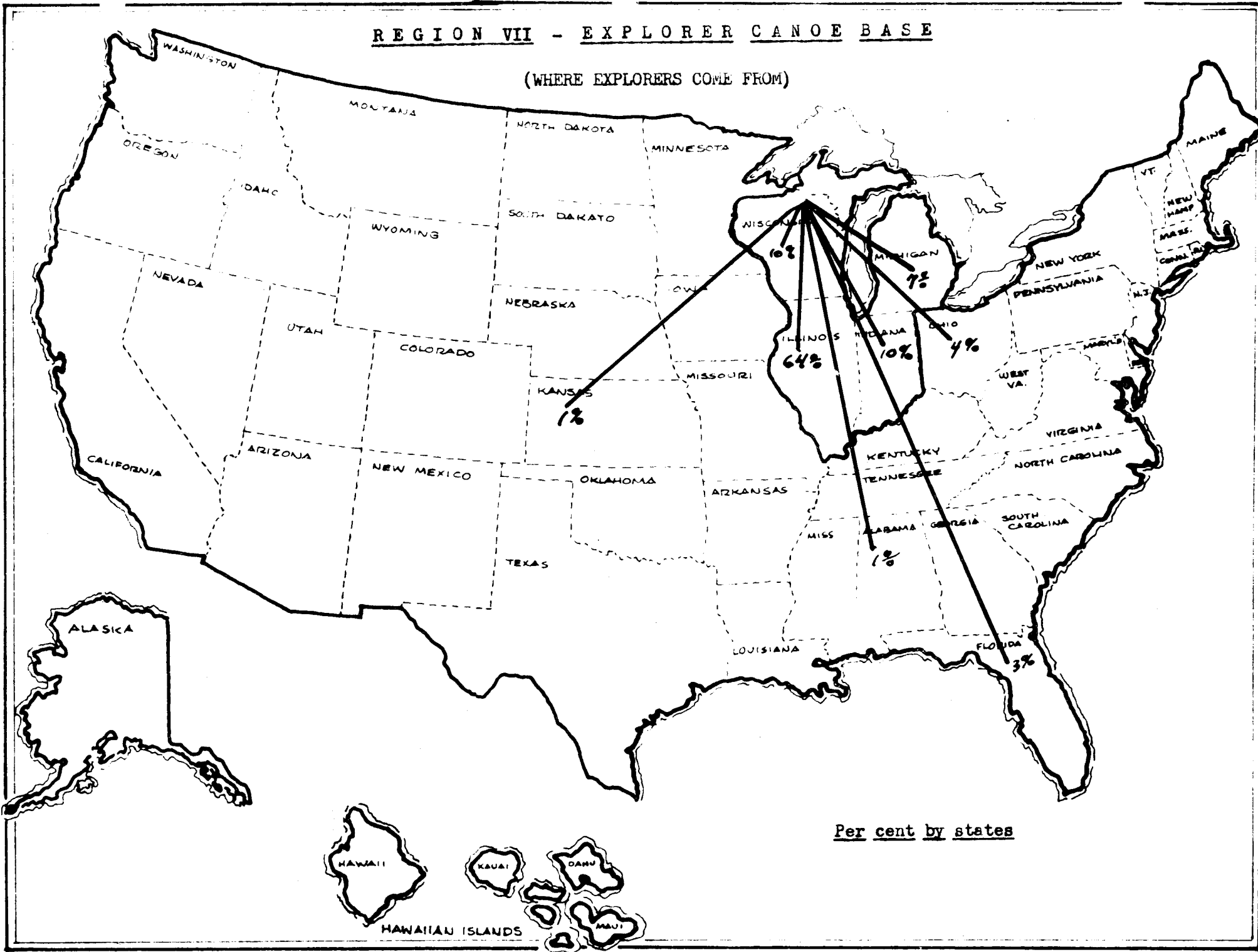
It is clear that in 1960, the Region VII base attracted its campers primarily from its own region. In fact, 91% of the attendance was from within the region. A total of eight states were represented at the base.

The Region X base attracted only 41% of its attendance from Region X and campers came from 22 states.

Maps are included showing the areas from which each base drew its 1960 attendance.

# REGION VII - EXPLORER CANOE BASE

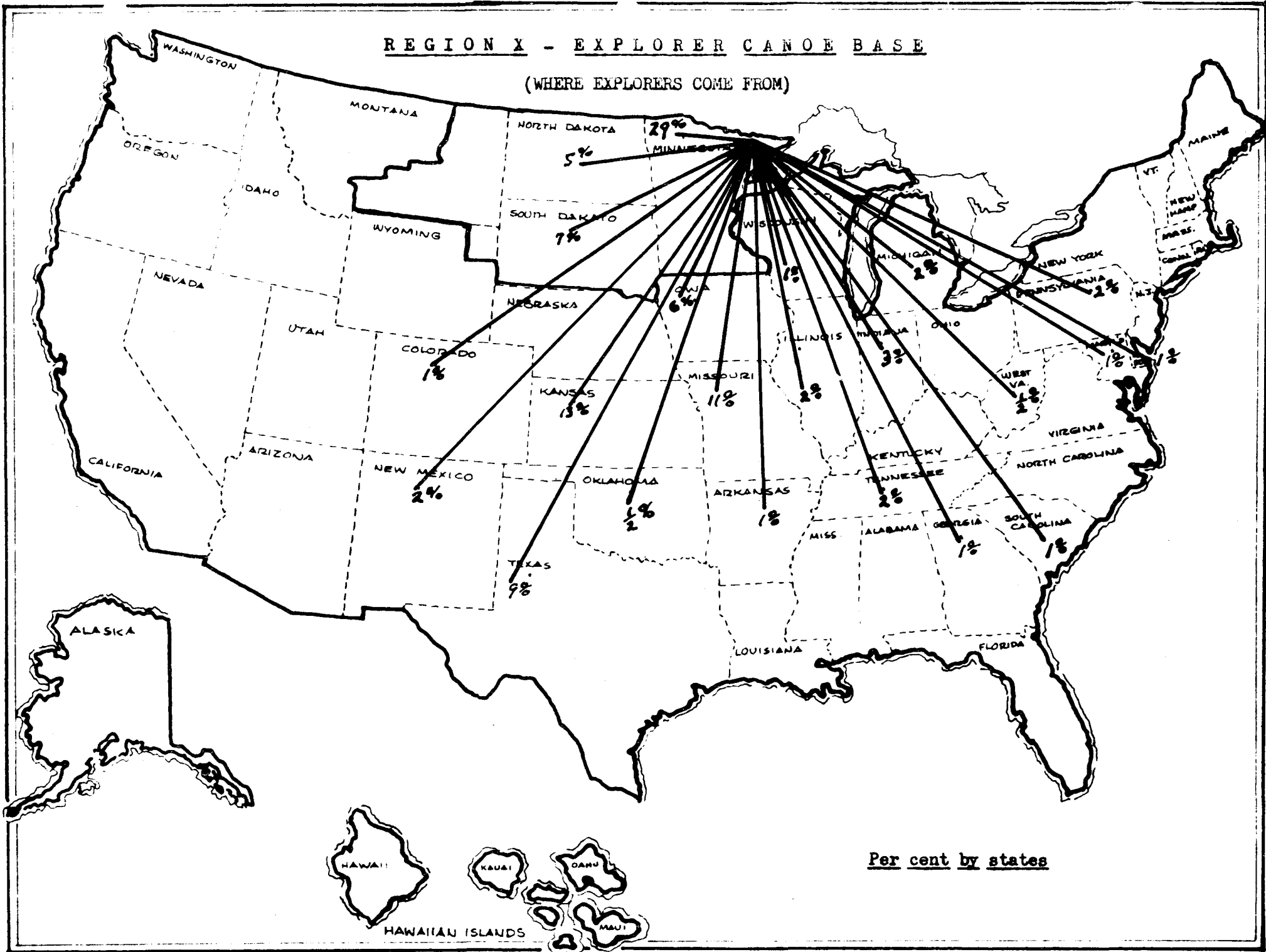
(WHERE EXPLORERS COME FROM)



Per cent by states

# REGION X - EXPLORER CANOE BASE

(WHERE EXPLORERS COME FROM)



Per cent by states

Table No. 1

REGION VII CANOE BASE - ATTENDANCE BY STATES

<u>State</u>	<u>Number attending</u>	<u>per cent</u>
Illinois	421	64%
Wisconsin	68	10
Indiana	66	10
Michigan	50	7
Ohio	24	4
Florida	18	3
Kansas	6	1
Alabama	5	1
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Total	658	100%

Questionnaires mailed: 658  
Questionnaires returned: 301  
Per cent returned: 45.7%

Table No. 2

REGION X CANOE BASE - ATTENDANCE BY STATES

<u>State</u>	<u>Addresses Received and Questionnaires Mailed</u>	<u>Estimated Additional*</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Minnesota	307	66	373	29
Kansas	137	33	170	13
Missouri	112	33	145	11
Texas	107	11	118	9
South Dakota	74	11	85	7
Iowa	71	11	82	6
North Dakota	37	22	59	5
Indiana	41		41	3
Michigan	19	11	30	2
New Mexico	16	11	27	2
Pennsylvania	13	11	24	2
Tennessee	21		21	2
Illinois	20		20	2
Maryland	13		13	1
Wisconsin	12		12	1
Arkansas	11		11	1
Georgia	11		11	1
South Carolina	10		10	1
Colorado	9		9	1
Delaware	9		9	1
Oklahoma	4		4	-
West Virginia	1		1	-
Total	<u>1055</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>1275</u>	<u>100%</u>

Questionnaires mailed: 1055  
 Questionnaires returned: 495  
 Per Cent returned 38.9%

\*Estimated on basis of average of 11 per group.

There is no significant difference between the ages of campers at the two bases, but they are somewhat older than those attending Philmont in 1958.

Table No. 3

<u>Age in years</u>	<u>Region VII</u>	<u>Region X</u>	<u>Philmont 1958</u>
13	2%	2%	1%
14	25	21	26
15	31	33	43
16	26	25	21
17	10	13	8
18	6	4	1
19		2	
	100%	100%	100%

About one in ten at the Region VII base was registered as a Boy Scout, but nearly two in ten at the Region X base was so registered. The remainder were Explorers.

Table No. 4

REGISTRATION STATUS

	<u>Region VII</u>	<u>Region X</u>
Was registered Boy Scout	9%	18%
Was registered Explorer	90	82
No answer	1	
	Total	Total
	100%	100%



Three fourths of those attending the Region VII base went as members of chartered units, compared with about half of those attending the Region X base. In 1958, one fifth of those attending Philmont went as members of chartered units.

It should be noted that 91% of the attendance at Region VII base was from Region VII; that 41% of the attendance at the Region X base was from Region X and of course, Philmont attendance was from all over the nation.

Table No. 5

CHARTERED AND PROVISIONAL ATTENDANCE

<u>Method</u>	<u>Region VII</u>	<u>Region X</u>	<u>Philmont 1958</u>
Chartered (own unit)	75%	48%	21%
Provisional (mixed unit)	25	52	79
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	100%	100%	100%

Campers were asked, "What, if anything, do you think you learned at the canoe base (Philmont) that was of help to you as a person?" There is a considerable difference between the responses of those attending the two bases. Boys at the Region VII base were much more likely to refer to the skills of camping and canoeing as beneficial things learned, while those at Region X base were much more likely to mention such inter-personal skills as learning to get along with others, learning teamwork, meeting challenges, etc. This may very well be a reflection of the difference in the program offered by the two bases. There is evidence to indicate that the Region X base program is more rugged and the necessity for teamwork may well be better remembered. Region X campers may also be somewhat more experienced and less likely to indicate that they learned certain rather basic skills at the canoe base. The 1958 Philmont campers mentioned inter-personal and personal skills more frequently than those at either canoe base.

Table No. 6

PERSONAL BENEFITS

	<u>Region VII</u>	<u>Region X</u>	<u>Philmont 1958</u>
<u>Outdoor skills learned or improved</u>	75%	53%	45%
Camping skills - outdoor skills	26	14	28
Cooking skills	7	8	6
Packing - how to pack	5	5	3
Conservation - woodcraft	7	6	8
Canoeing - portaging	30	20	-
<u>Inter-personal skills</u>	40%	56%	81%
Cooperation - teamwork - getting along with others	32	39	47
Meeting challenges - survival	4	13	19
Fellowship - friendships	4	4	15
<u>Personal attributes</u>	26%	26%	41%
Perseverance, self reliance, etc.	11	17	26
Physical fitness	1	2	5
Leadership - assuming responsibility	10	6	8
Learning to accept direction	4	1	2
<u>New knowledge - appreciation</u>	11%	19%	25%
Learning about North country (S.W.)	2	6	12
Learning to appreciate nature - God	9	13	13
<u>All Other</u>	10%	6%	21%
Total responses	(490)	(813)	(1100)
Total campers	(301)	(495)	( 640)
No answer	( 31)	( 18)	

When asked, "What, if anything, do you think you learned at the Canoe Base that will be of particular benefit to your troop or Explorer unit or to your local council?" fewer boys could think of anything to say. Only 340 responses were given for Region VII and 514 for Region X compared with 490 for the previous question on Region VII and 813 on Region X.

In general, the campers from Region VII were more likely to feel that skills learned would be useful to their home units or councils and mentioned these more frequently than those from Region X. Philmont responses for 1958 are not comparable.

Table 7.

BENEFITS TO UNITS OR COUNCILS

	<u>Region VII</u>	<u>Region X</u>
<u>Skills learned - camping - canoeing</u>	65%	48%
Camping skills - general	33	20
Canoeing skills	20	16
Cooking skills	7	9
Care of equipment - property	5	3
<u>Inter-personal skills and relationships</u>	24%	29%
Importance of cooperation	16	20
Meaning of leadership - responsibility	5	6
Understanding of other boys	3	3
<u>General Experiences that are useful</u>	27%	24%
Organizing - how to plan	9	8
Ideas to be used later	6	10
Safety - practicing safety	7	1
Everything was helpful	2	-
Self reliance - perseverance	1	2
Appreciation of America	2	3
<u>All other</u>	-	1%
Total responses	(340)	(514)
Total campers	(301)	(495)
No answer	( 66)	( 47)

An attempt was made to secure measures of feeling about six different aspects of the canoe base experiences. Seven point scales were established and campers were asked to indicate their feelings on this scale between two extreme positions. The results are shown in Table No. 8.

With reference to the whole experience at the base, it can be concluded that the Region X experience was judged to be better, but only if one looks at the extreme point on the scale. Adding together the two top points of favorability, we find that Region VII scored 81% and Region X - 93%.

As for the actual canoe trip itself, the Region X experience again comes out noticeably ahead. Once again if the two top points are added, we find that Region VII scores 77% and Region X - 89%.

The Region X experience is considered to have been tougher, but the margin is not great. Numerous comments were made on this scale by the campers. Frequently they wrote after the words "very tough", a remark to the effect that this was "GOOD".

With reference to new skills learned, there is no difference between the two base experiences. The great majority are aware of having learned many new things.

The extent of felt supervision is the same for both bases. A reasonably normal distribution appears and seems to indicate that, although in general campers feel that they are considerably on their own, there is also a feeling of moderate supervision.

The acceptance of the leadership provided is more enthusiastic at the Region X base than at Region VII. It should be noted here that 75% of the Region VII campers were under chartered leadership, compared with 48% of the Region X campers. Often, campers from Region X would add a remark to the effect that they were talking about their "guide" and that their Advisor was not as good.

Table No. 8

(A) The whole experience at the Canoe Base was:

<u>Region</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>		
Seven	Very Poor	-	-	1	6	12	32	49	100%	Extremely good
Ten	Very Poor	-	-	-	2	5	25	68	100%	Extremely good

(B) I would describe the actual canoe trip as:

Seven	Exciting	43	34	13	6	2	2	-	100%	Dull
Ten	Exciting	55	34	8	2	1	-	-	100%	Dull

(C) I would say that the actual physical experience was:

Seven	Very easy	5	5	8	23	29	23	7	100%	Very tough
Ten	Very easy	2	4	4	18	26	27	19	100%	Very tough

(D) As to the things I learned that I didn't know before, there were:

Seven	Very many	30	24	17	14	7	5	2	100%	Almost none
Ten	Very many	31	23	19	17	6	3	1	100%	Almost none

(E) As I look back on the experience, it seems to me that we were:

Seven	Very much on our own	19	20	16	19	9	8	9	100%	Very strongly supervised
Ten	Very much on our own	18	19	15	23	9	8	8	100%	Very strongly supervised

(F) I thought that the adult leadership we had was:

Seven	Really tops	51	28	10	5	3	2	1	100%	Pretty poor
Ten	Really tops	65	17	9	4	1	3	1	100%	Pretty poor

For the remainder of the questionnaire, no distinction was made between the two bases. The questions did not require this separation.

We were interested to learn the extent to which campers of this past summer, had already made plans for further "high adventure" experiences for the summer of 1961. The questionnaire was mailed in late November of 1960. About two fifths have laid plans for 1961 and 85% of these are for trips with Explorer groups.

Table No. 9

PLANNING ON A "HIGH ADVENTURE" EXPERIENCE IN 1961

Yes	44%
No	7%
Not sure	47%
No answer	<u>2%</u>
	100%

Table No. 10

WITH WHOM DO YOU PLAN TO GO? (Based on "YES" from Table 8.)

Explorers	85%
Friends	7
Family	11
Other	5
No answer	<u>1</u>
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\*\* Exceeds 100% as some boys plan more than one trip.

Table No. 11

WHERE ARE YOU THINKING OF GOING? (Based on "YES" from Table 9)

Canoe Base (Region VII or X) or on Canoe trails	34%
Philmont Scout Ranch	29
East of Mississippi (excluding great lakes)	10
West of Mississippi	9
Canada	8
Great Lakes area	7
Alaska	1
Latin America	1
The National Parks (not specified)	1

As for next summer's plans, the attraction of canoeing for these campers is clearly evident. Hiking and camping, reflected by the second selection of Philmont, is clearly evident.

Table No. 12

WHAT WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE? (Based on "Yes" from Table 8.)

Canoeing	40%
Hiking	21
Camping	14
Climbing	13
Fishing	10
Sightseeing	6
Trail riding-horses	5
Sailing	5
Skin Diving-SCUBA	3
Spelunking	2
Water skiing	1
O. of A.	1

We reminded the campers, that in addition to two regional canoe bases, the Boy Scouts of America operated the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. We then said, "If other places and physical facilities were available so that older Scouts and Explorers could plan expeditions to them, in what parts of the United States do you think they should be?" There is no shortage of ideas as Tables 13 and 14 and the accompanying may reveal. With the broad exception of the Rocky Mountain area, it is the coasts and "corners" of the nation that stand out as choices. Although the largest single choice was for Florida (with the Everglades largely in mind), the greatest vote for a region was that for the Rocky Mountains. This is followed closely by the west coast, principally Oregon and Washington. Next in order comes New England followed by Alaska.

Table No. 13

WHERE SHOULD BASES BE LOCATED - (Specific areas).

<u>Specific Location</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rocky Mountains - specific mention of the Rockies	21%
Florida - The Everglades - Florida swamps - coast	15
Montana - Wyoming - Dakotas, Glacier Park, Tetons	13
Oregon and Washington - Olympic Peninsula - N. W.	12
Alaska	10
Colorado and Utah- principally Rocky Mountain areas	7
New England - principally Maine and Vermont	6
California and Nevada - principally California	6
Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan - lake country	5
The Pacific Coast - general	5
Oklahoma, Texas - gulf coast area - ranch areas	4
New Mexico, Arizona - desert area	4
Canada - unspecified	4
Atlantic Coast - general	4
Hawaiian Islands	3
Gulf Coast - general	3
The Western states	3
Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky	2
New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania	2
Idaho	2
Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia	2
The Southeast - general	2
The National Parks	2
The Great Lakes	2



<u>Specific Location</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rivers	2
The North	2
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia	1
Missouri, Arkansas	1
Iowa, Illinois	1
The Midwest - general	1
Nebraska, Kansas	$\frac{1}{2}$
The East - general	$\frac{1}{2}$
The Caribbean	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total Responses	(1291)
Total Campers	( 796)
No Answer	( 69)

Table No. 14

WHERE SHOULD BASES BE LOCATED - (General Areas)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Percent</u>
The Rockies - entire region	43%
The Pacific Coastal area	23
Florida and the southeast	18
East coast (excluding Florida)	13
Alaska	11
Texas west to California	10
The Great Lakes region	8
The Central States area	4
Canada	4
Hawaii	3
The West - general	3
The National Parks	3
The Rivers	2
The North - general	2
The Caribbean	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total responses	(1291)
Total campers	( 796)
No Answer	( 69)

As a final question, we asked the campers to do a bit of dreaming. We asked, "What other kind of interest or activity do you think would particularly appeal to older Scouts or Explorers? Dream a little and give us your ideas." Although there is a wide variety expressed, we feel that a careful study of this table can be helpful, if serious consideration is being given to the selection of locations that can provide opportunities for the kinds of activities that these particular campers would like. Leading the list are aquatics of all kinds, followed by camping, especially in mountain areas.

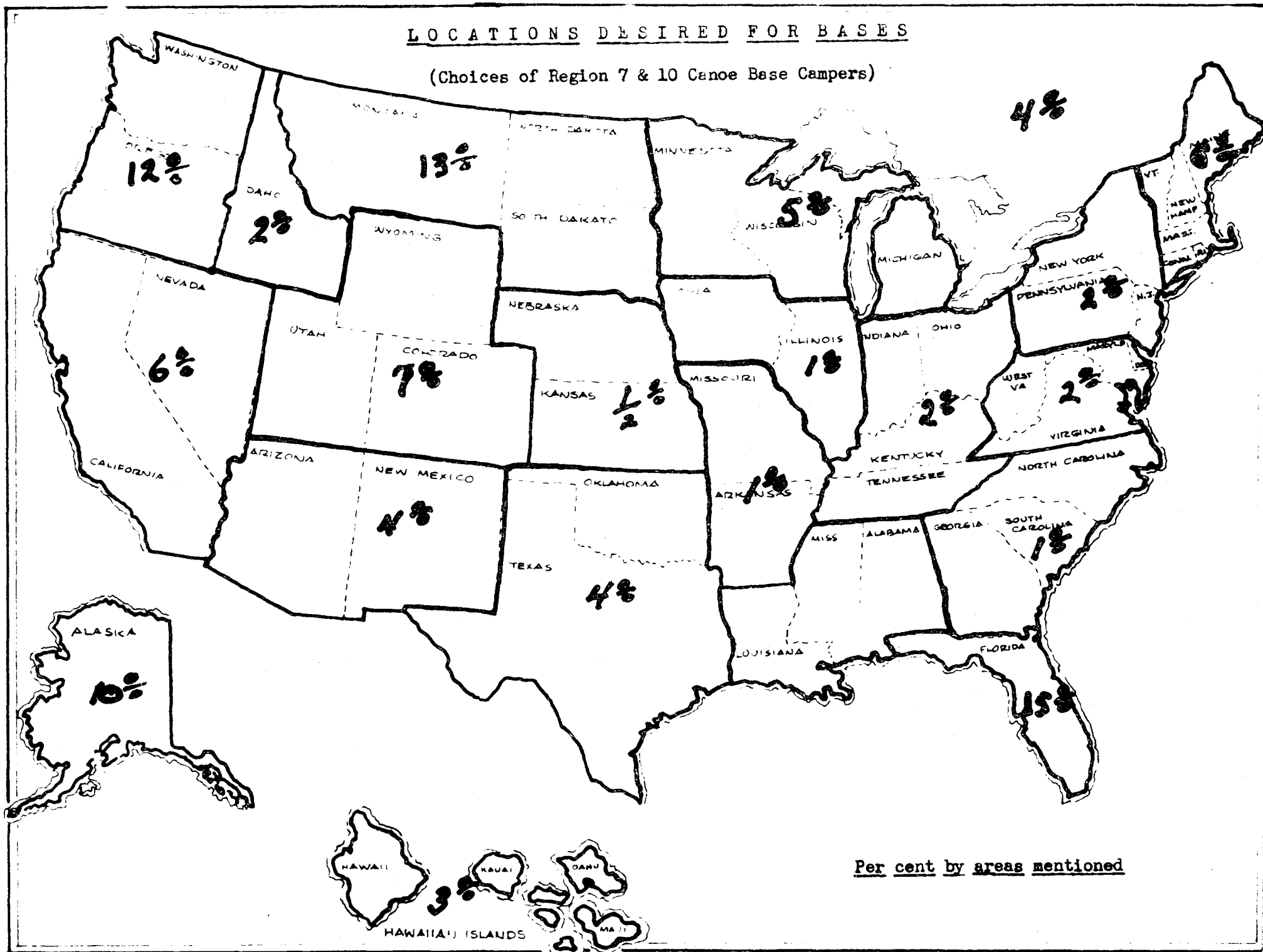
Table No. 15

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED

<u>Aquatic activities</u>		40%
Skin diving - S.C.U.B.A.	11	
Sailing - small boats	7	
Sailing - large boats, cruising (power)	6	
Canoeing - boating	6	
Water sports - water skiing	5	
Swimming	3	
River trips of all kinds	2	
<u>Camping and hiking</u>		26%
Mountain climbing - Rockies, Appalachians, etc.	13	
Hiking in general	6	
Camping in general	5	
Survival camping	2	
<u>Special camps and bases for specific activities</u>		21%
Horseback riding, packing	10	
Special camps for forestry, archaeology, cattle raising, farming, weather, hunting, etc.	6	
Special bases (military and para-military) for air, naval, army. Experience on military bases now existing	3	
Spelunking	2	
More places like Philmont Ranch	*	
<u>Field Sports opportunities</u>		19%
Hunting, large and small game	9	
Fishing, including deep sea fishing	8	
Riflery	2	
Excursions, tours, visits to new places.		10%

LOCATIONS DESIRED FOR BASES

(Choices of Region 7 & 10 Canoe Base Campers)



Per cent by areas mentioned

Table No. 15 (continued)

Winter Sports, skiing, bobsledding, ice skating, ice boating, snowshoeing	8%
Flying, airplanes, aeronautics	8
Vocational opportunities, visits to colleges	5
Coed activities, camps, cruises, parties	5
Automobiles, drag racing	4
Special gatherings, conventions, Jamborees	3
Sports events, athletic events, visits to sports events	3
Less expensive trips to places such as Philmont	1
Cycling, hosteling	1
Service activities - work camps	1
All other	1
Total Responses	(1144)
Total Campers	( 796)
No Answer	( 94)

Statistical tables may be informative, but they are dull! The following are a few quotes picked from among the 796 questionnaires. They are not organized with particular reference to specific questions, but to help the reader to catch the sense of enthusiasm, expressed so vividly in this entire survey.

QUOTATIONS

"I think that the trip as a whole, was one of the most inspiring experiences that I will ever live. It was so wonderful to be alone in the wilderness, so close to God. These experiences gave me a new outlook, one which I had never had before, on this wonderful wilderness of God's. The fellowship gained on the trip was wonderful too. I share the above feelings with our guide who is one of the most wonderful and inspiring persons that I have ever met. His name is Jay Poole."

"I learned that you must be able to get along with people. Sometimes people get on your nerves till you can't stand it, thats what I learned."

The trip increased my knowledge of canoeing, camping, and the country in which we travelled. It has also helped me in determining my occupation. (I plan to become a forester)"

"Most of all, I gained a self-confident feeling by being out there almost alone, with no one to do your work for you and I sometimes surprised myself by doing things I thought I was incapable of doing."

QUOTATIONS (continued)

"We learned, and I'm sure the other kids will agree, what getting along together and co-operating means, too. I can tell you one thing! If you didn't co-operate in those canoes and paddle together we never would have made it !!!"

"I doubt if I could ever take that trip again because I love to be alone and too much organization I do not like."

"I learned that our Yankee friends are real people!"

"It showed our unit how we can really pull through an ordeal through our cooperation. It has brought to us a truer example of what Scouting should be. Scouting is getting soft, no challenges; it should be made much rougher and close to nature. Our canoe trip has shown us this."

"The Canoe Base showed a remarkable sense of organization which I believe that anyone can benefit from. Every person who worked at the base knew just what he was to do and he did it. I think that it is remarkable that a group such as is employed at the base can take a bunch of boys of all sizes and characters, put them in groups, and have them ready to go on the trail in the length of time in which they do. The staff of the base is certainly to be commended for a job well done."

"There was nothing I learned that would help my council, because they will not use any suggestions, (as far as the camping program goes) As for my post, they now know how to leave a campsite, keep their equipment clean, and treat the equipment to get the best use out of it, and they have learned how to cook some other food."

"For 12 days I was with one of the best leaders I have ever been with, this includes national J.L.T. at Philmont and the 4th national jamboree. By following his example and by using his methods I feel I have become more valuable as a leader in my post."

"I would go to the canoe base that I have just referred. The country is beautiful and rugged. Wild as you have ever seen it. When I was up there this year I saw beaver, deer, caught fish galore, heard the call of the loons, and found that bears raid camps. Like they did ours. All of this is true and you can find out more by writing the canoe base and the places where camps should be located are in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, parts of Montana and Wyoming."

"If there are any new ideas they will be few. The new Exploring program covers any activity that could be mentioned."

"I think that camping, hiking, canoeing, etc. are good but if possible it would be nice if Scouts could get a chance to go to camps that would give them a chance to see what the careers they may want to go into are like. Maybe to visit colleges or industries."

QUOTATIONS (continued)

"I don't think there is a place on God's green earth that I would rather be than in a canoe in the north woods."

"Wilderness area camping and hiking and horseback riding, esp. burro packing. Sail boating into the ocean, on the Gulf, Atlantic, Pacific, or anywhere, but on schooner size ships. Automobile trips around the U.S.A. or just a given number of states. Being where no one else or very few people have been, mountain climbing, etc. Construction of different worthy projects in needed places, why not fly scouts to inaccessible areas to see projects going on and let them help, i.e. Al-Can Highway now completed, of course, or the Pan-Am Highway, or offshore oil rigs, off shore ~~sulphur~~ mines, the Iron and Copper Mines, the big Tunnels, and Bridges, or a trip through the sewers of N. Y. city."

"A permanent institute on the east coast for the advancement of the liberal arts."

"I think the wonderful new Explorer program is going to make lots of things possible for Explorers."

"If the above program could be worked out, I would sure be one of the first to look into it. But you wanted some other ideas so try this. The BSA and the U.S. Navy work out a program. A trip is planned by the local group participating in this program, the trip would consist of sailing to some island or country, this to be decided by the group planning the excursion. The Scouts would work with qualified Navy men in the entire operation of the ship. Half way through the trip, jobs of assistance would be assigned to qualified scouts. They would help in navigation and so forth. Of course we would try a trip to the moon!!"

### CAUTIONS

This is a report reflecting the enthusiasm of teen age Scouts and Explorers. At the risk of dampening the enthusiasm of the reader, we must set forth a few precautions that should be kept in mind.

1. The questions were directed to a group of boys who had recently returned from an exciting and thrilling experience focused on canoeing.
2. All previous evidence shows that those who participate in the programs of Philmont, and even those who attend regular summer camps, are somewhat more privileged than those who do not. They are not as likely to see "money" to be as much of an obstacle as others.
3. For the most part, these are teen age Scouts and Explorers who are intensely interested in the out of doors. Their interests are more clearly in this direction than are those of large numbers of boys of their age. If the new Explorer program draws a more representative cross section of boys than has previously been true, the total proportion of Explorers so keenly interested in these particular activities will probably decline. Other interests will probably rise, however.

### CONCLUSIONS

It is not the function of the Research Service to determine a course of action, but we make the following recommendations for consideration.

1. The report prepared in the fall of 1959 and based upon the opinions of Philmont campers of 1958, should be reviewed together with this report.
2. The report prepared in the fall of 1959 and based upon the opinions of Scout Executives with reference to national camps should be reviewed.
3. There is evidence in this particular report, that for the most part, the campers questioned were thinking about "bases" from which activities could take place. Relatively few seemed to be talking about "camps" in the sense of huge tracts of land on which to operate.
4. This report reflects the growing interest among Americans in activities having to do with aquatics of all kinds. This increasing interest is reflected in all recent studies we have undertaken with older and younger boys.
5. It appears that, for the most part, special activities and those that take place at great distances from home, are not being carried out by chartered units. This may well be inevitable. Trained leadership, therefore, becomes a prime consideration in the establishment of such programs.
6. Since the variety of interests is so great, possibly consideration should be given to program possibilities that to some degree already exist in local councils and in park areas across the nation. In every area mentioned, the Boy Scouts of America as a whole, already has facilities of one kind or another.





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OUR OWN

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VERY STRONGLY  
SUPERVISED

(F) I thought that the adult leadership we had was:

REALLY TOPS

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PRETTY POOR

7. Are you planning (or do you plan) for any kind of high adventure experience next year?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you plan to go (Explorers, family, school, etc.)?

Where are you thinking of going?

What will be the principal feature (sailing, climbing, etc.)?

8. Since you are an older Scout or an Explorer, we would like to ask you to do a little dreaming with us. You have been to a Regional Canoe Base (there are only two such bases in the country). You undoubtedly know about Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and perhaps you have been there.

(A) If other places and physical facilities were available so that older Scouts and Explorers could plan expeditions to them, in what parts of the United States do you think they should be? Mention any specific places that you are thinking of.

(B) It is rather obvious that you like canoeing - or at least you thought you did when you decided to visit the Canoe Base. What other kind of interest or activity do you think would particularly appeal to older Scouts or Explorers? You do not need to limit yourself to camping or outdoor experiences. Dream a little and give us your ideas.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

You may sign your name or not as you please.