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Dr. Laurence L. Doggett, International Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Doggett:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that by unanimous action of the Executive Board, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Distinguished Awards, the Boy Scouts of America requests the privilege of awarding to you its award for distinguished service yo boyhood, known as the Silver Buffalo, in connection with our Annual Meeting to be held at Atlantic City, May 21, 22 and 23rd.

As explained in the enclosed pamphlet, since 1926 the Boy Scouts of America have undertaken to award the Silver Buffalo to not to exceed five men who have distinguished records of service to youth of America on a national basis who are members of the Organization, and also to two who are not members of the organization.

You have been selected, together with Mr. J.S. Wilson, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, England, because of distinguished service to youth, independent of the Boy Scouts of America. In your own case you have been over the years very cooperative and of great service to the Boy Scouts of America, independent of the service that you have rendered through your leadership of the Y.M.C.A. College at Springfield.

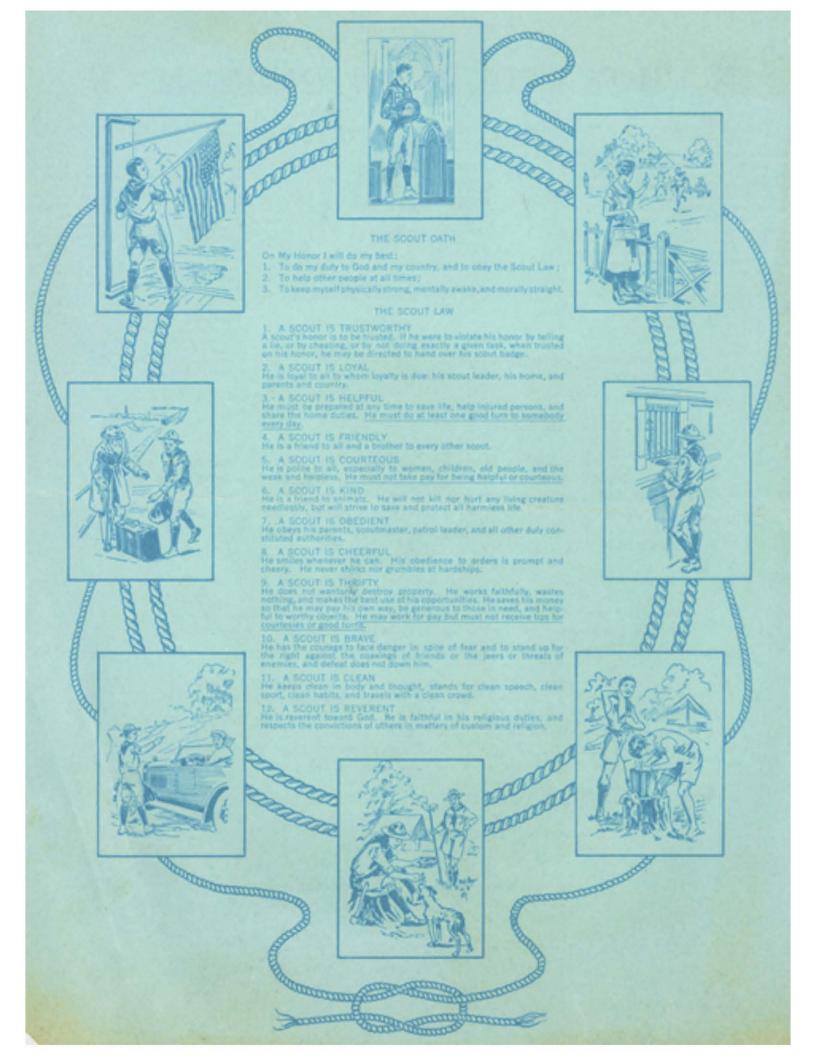
It is planned to make the award in connection with the Annual Dinner to be held on the evening of May 21st at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City. We do sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to be present on this occasion and to accept this award.

Sincerely and cordially yours, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Scout Executive

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THE SCOUT OATH

On My Honor I will do my best:

- 1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
- 2. To help other people at all times;
- 3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

1. A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY

A scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his scout badge.

2. A SCOUT IS LOYAL

He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his scout leader, his home, and parents and country.

3. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.

4. A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY

He is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout.

5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS

He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

6. A SCOUT IS KIND

He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

7. A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

He obeys his parents, scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.

8. A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.

10. A SCOUT IS BRAVE

He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear and to stand up for the right against the coaxings of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.

11. A SCOUT IS CLEAN

He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

12. A SCOUT IS REVERENT

He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.