

A SCOUT IS REVERENT



**“Faith in God
Gives Meaning & Purpose
to Human Life.”**

HELP!!! The Emilie Bullowa Chapel at our Camp Needs Us!

All of us, perhaps Scouters more than Scouts, realize the bedrock importance of the first part of the Scout Oath (Duty to God) and the 12th Point of the Scout Law. In explaining it to the boys, I've often adopted the first line of the Jaycee Creed (reproduced above) which states the case even more truthfully and plainly.

Our Founder Baden-Powell was once asked, "What part does Religion play in Scouting?" His answer may surprise some of us at first, but upon proper reflection, we should realize that he was, and should be, right on target. The Chief Scout of the World replied: "Religion does not play *a part*. Why, Scouting IS religion." Another time, he stated at a conference that the principal purpose of Scouting was to develop young God-fearing religious (in the proper sense) gentlemen, of great character and personal physical and mental fitness.

As a Scouter, I am embarrassed that, knowing all this, I have still failed to have the scouts avail themselves of the Emilie Bullowa Chapel at our Camp. Over the past few years, much work has been done to improve the structure. However, the seating area, and the interior, still are in need of much vision, planning, and work, as well as much spirit, to get the Chapel back to its proper rôle as a focal point of the camp, especially at Camporees, etc.

Our District chairman, Marty London, raised this whole issue, and has asked that we all put our heads (and backs, and muscles) together, in order to come up with a vision for the restoration of the Chapel to its proper place, and a workable plan to follow through and see that it gets done, and that it is then maintained properly. We realize that this all has to be approved by the Properties Committee, etc., etc., and therefore want to present them with a significant vision and plan.

Accordingly, please submit to myself (jkelly14@aol.com), for forwarding to Marty and the District Committee:

- any ideas, plans, etc., as detailed as possible, for restoring/finishing the Chapel, whether it be the outdoor seating, the interior, or the structure itself.
- your opinion regarding **ONE WEEKEND DAY A YEAR** for your Troop to come to Bullowa and to render necessary repair/renovation/maintenance etc., service, to the Chapel and the surrounding area. We're thinking about having two such Troop workdays a month (they could be on the same day, if the space/task, etc. allowed and required it).
- This might be a good way for the Religious Emblem Classes to get involved.

Thank you for listening.

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