

BOY SCOUTING AMONG NATIVE

BOYS GROWING IN ALASKA

Boy Scouting among the Eskimo and Indian boys in northern Alaska is growing by leaps and bounds.

"There seems to be more interest in scouting now than ever before," said Darl S. Gleed, Scout Executive for the Midnight Sun Council. "Within the last six months we have organized troops in seven villages with four more ready to start."

Gleed said that there were about 600 Indian and Eskimo Scouts in the Midnight Sun Council territory. This territory covers everything north of the Alaska Range.

"The Scouting program has tremendous appeal to the Native boys. I have found that men in villages recognize the values and the principles and they are anxious to have their boys have the opportunity to be scouts. The boys are eager to learn," said Gleed.

The Midnight Sun Council has established Boy Scout troops in Shaktoolik, Shismaref, Kotzebue, Barrow, Anaktuvuk Pass, Wainwright, Noorvik, Elim, White Mountain, Koyuk, Golovin, Galena, Nome, Tanana, Minto, Northway, Delta Junction, and Unalakleet.

Gleed said that many of the Native boys cannot afford to buy scout uniforms. He has contacted Scout troops in the Lower 48 and the boys out there have been sending uniforms.

"I now have two boxes of uniforms to send to Anaktuvuk Pass. Wien Air Alaska flies them to villages without charge," Gleed said.

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Norman Rockwell's painting, "Growth of a Leader," symbolizes the 56th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Over 5½ million members will celebrate with the theme "Breakthrough for Youth."