

The Old Scout

History of Scouting in the U.S.A.

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This brief history of the Scouting Movement is intended to give young scouts information about the early founders of Scouting and the rich traditions that make up the scouting program as they forge their own paths toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

History of Scouting, Part VIII: Norman Rockwell

Norman Rockwell (1894 - 1978) is a well known and much loved American artist who had a long relationship with the Scouting movement in the United States. His career spanned a large chunk of the 20th century, and as an illustrator, he portrayed many elements of American life during that time.

Rockwell was born in New York City and attended art school. Rockwell's association with the Boy Scouts began in 1913 when he became an illustrator for Boy's Life magazine. Hundreds of his illustrations of scouting have been published in scouting journals and have become well-known over the years. Rockwell illustrated the covers of three Boy Scout handbooks (Third Edition, 1927 - 1940; Fourth Edition, 1940 - 1948; Sixth Edition, 1959 - 1965).