

50 YEARS OF CAMPING
THE HISTORY OF MOUNT NEMO
SCOUT CAMP
1946 - 1996



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HAMILTON WENTWORTH DISTRICT



INTRODUCTION

Since Scouting began in Hamilton Wentworth in 1909, camping has been an important aspect of the program offered to our youth. Summer camps were established early in our history. In the summer of 1910, Scouts travelled via steamer to Oaklands on the north bay shore for our first District camp. The first permanent campsite was Camp Tetonkah, located on leased railway land near Port Maitland. It operated from 1923 to 1939. Scouts would travel by T.H. & B. rail from the current day GO Station to Camp Tetonkah. In 1942, the Hermitage property was leased on Sulphur Springs Road to become our next camp. A headquarters building and Rover hut were constructed. Both buildings were eventually moved to Camp Nemo. When the proposed purchase price for the Hermitage property proved too expensive, the property on Bronte Creek was located and purchased on November 7, 1946, and became Mount Nemo Scout Camp.

Camp Nemo would not be our only camping asset. In 1961 Ragged Falls Canoe Base was obtained and shortly thereafter, a building was built on the 11 acre leased site. The Woodburn Scout Camp, located on 5 acres of leased land near Binbrook was held briefly from 1963 to 1965.

Many memories have been created by the camping experiences of our members over the 50 year history of Camp Nemo. The continued support and devotion of our membership to their camp and to its support of the annual Apple Day campaign will ensure that many more memories will be created in the future.

This book is dedicated to all those who helped generations of Scouts get ready for camp and who safely transported them there and back. They are truly the unsung heroes of Nemo.

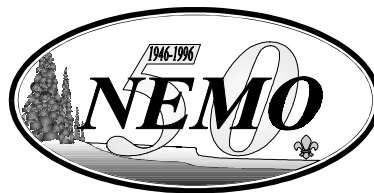


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