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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection on the Boy Scouts of America 1953 Jamboree in Irvine,

Date (inclusive): 1953

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Extent: 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: This collection comprises material documenting the first Boy Scouts of America jamboree ever to be held in California, which took place in 1953 at the Irvine Ranch near Santa Ana. The collection includes a photograph album, likely the property of Elbert Ostrander, documenting the jamboree and the journey of Troop 4 from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Irvine; and the brochure All aboard! for the national jamboree, Irvine Ranch. There is also a scrapbook of Troop 26, from Berkeley and Walnut Creek, California, containing mimeograph reports, rosters, photographs, maps, printed scouting ephemera, and newspaper clippings, and indicating camp layouts at the jamboree.

Language: English.

Access
Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information
Acquired, 2002.

Processing Information

Historical Information About the Jamboree
The idea for a national gathering of Boy Scouts was the brainchild of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement in England, who also named the event "jamboree." The first jamboree in the United States was held in 1937 while the first such gathering in California was at the Irvine Ranch in 1953 in Santa Ana (today Irvine). The event brought over 50,000 Boy Scouts to Southern California, not just from most of the U.S. states, but also from foreign countries such as Mexico and Sweden.
More information on the Boy Scouts of America and the organization's jamborees can be found at: http://scouting.org/ and http://scouting.org/jamboree/history.html.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Related Material
Related materials can be found in the Don Meadows Papers, MS-R001, (Subseries 5.1), Special Collections and Archives.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Boy Scouts of America -- Archives.
National Scout Jamboree (1953 : Irvine Ranch, Calif.) -- Archives.

Genres and Formats of Materials
Ephemera -- California -- Orange County -- Irvine -- 20th century.
Photograph albums -- California -- Orange County -- Irvine -- 20th century.
Scrapbooks -- California -- Orange County -- Irvine -- 20th century.

Titles
Online Archive of California.

| Box 1 : 1 | All aboard! for the national jamboree, Irvine Ranch, brochure, 1953 |
| Box 1 : 2 | Photograph album, 1953 |
| Box 1 : 3 | Scrapbook, 1953 |