Fellow Scouts and Scouters:

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11, 12 and 13, the Nachenum Lodge #145 will hold an Anniversary Hike of the Silver Moccasin Trail. This year marks the 10th year our Lodge has operated this trail. In these years, thousands of Scouts have trod the paths of the Mound Builder Indians.

We have planned a gala occasion for this Anniversary Hike. Troops will register on Friday and will be assigned campsites. Entertainment will be provided for those interested. On Saturday, all Scouts and Scouters will walk the trail. Shuttle busses will be provided to bring hikers back to the campgrounds.

A giant campfire is planned for all on Saturday. All troops and post with Indian dance teams are urged to come and enter into competition during the campfire. Dancing will be judged and prizes awarded to the winners.

We will break camp on Sunday morning after church services.

Cost will be $2.50 per person. This will include the special medal and a patch.

The City of Lebanon, Ohio is the start of the trail. It is between Interstate Routes 71 and 75 in Southwestern Ohio.

All necessary food and other items are available in Lebanon. We will operate a trading post.

Enclosed please find brochure outlining details of the trail.

In order that we may make necessary preparation to accommodate you, we would appreciate your filling out this form and returning it as soon as possible to our Council Office.

We hope to see you and your fellow Scouts and Scouters on the 11th.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Thomas
Tom Thomas, Chief
Nachenum Lodge #145, Order of the Arrow

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TO: Boy Scouts of America
Nachenum Lodge #145
101 North Broad St.
Middletown, Ohio

From: Troop or Post #_______ Date _______
Council __________________________
City __________________________
State __________________________

We expect to have _______ (Scouts, Explorers) and leaders participate in the 10th Anniversary Hike of the Silver Moccasin Trail on June 12, 1965.

Signed __________________________
Street __________________________
City __________________________
State __________________________
SUGGESTED BOOK LIST FOR ESSAY

1. Mound Builders — Gerald Fowke
   An Archaeological history of Ohio Indians

2. Mound Builders — W. W. Kent

3. Mounds and Mound Builders — Gerald Fowke
   Some popular errors in regards to early Ohio Indians.

4. Mounds and Mound Builders — J. P. MacLean

5. Mounds and Mound Builders — John Patterson
   Who were the Moundbuilders?

6. Mounds and Mound Builders — H. C. Shetrone

7. Mounds and Mound Builders — W. C. Mills
   Excavations of the Mounds.

8. Mounds and Mound Builders — E. O. Randall
   The masterpieces of the Ohio Mounds.

9. Mounds and Mound Builders — R. McFarland
   Butler County ancient work.

10. Mounds and Mound Builders —
    Prosper Wetmore

Address All Inquiries To:

Silver Moccasin Trail
Mound Builders Area Council
Boy Scouts of America
101 No. Broad Street
Middletown, Ohio
TRAIL REQUIREMENTS

For Each Hiker —

1. Every Boy Scout taking the trail must have attained the rank of first class.

2. Scouts are required to be in full uniform while hiking. Shorts may be worn in season. Checkers are instructed not to stamp cards of those not in uniform.

3. Before taking the trail for the first time, each Boy Scout and Explorer must submit to his unit leader, a 300 word book report on the Mound Builders. Various books are available at your local library. (See list on back cover)

4. Only registered members of the Boy Scouts of America may earn the Trail Medal.

For the Unit —

1. Each unit from outside the Mound Builders Area Council taking the trail must have first obtained a National Tour Permit from their local Scout office.

2. Each unit must be accompanied by at least one adult leader at all times.

3. Each unit is required to camp over-night in Harmon Park in Lebanon, and cook at least one meal while encamped. (Lebanon is located on U.S. Route 42 near Xenia between Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio).

4. The trail may not be taken on Sunday.

TRAIL INFORMATION

The Silver Moccasin Trail Credential cards can be obtained by writing to the Mound Builders Area Council Office, 101 North Broad Street, Middletown, Ohio. When writing for the Trail Cards, please state the number of boys and leaders taking the trail and the date your Unit desires to hike.

The first check point is the Golden Lamb, a former stage coach way station and historic Ohio landmark. Here the trail card should be stamped and the hikers proceed. The second check station is Johnson's Market in Oregonia, slightly more than halfway on the trail. Food is available here for those who do not wish to carry it with them. The final check point is at the base of the hill on which the actual walls and mounds of Fort Ancient lie. This is the Fort Ancient Museum, and for a small fee, a tour of the Museum may be taken. Small souvenirs and post cards also are available here.

Numerous trail signs, in the form of Silver Moccasins, point the way of the trail. These markers are placed on Utility poles at intersections and other key spots along the trail. Two winterized cabins are available for sleeping quarters. Reservations for their use must be made in advance at the time the Unit secures its trail credentials. There is plenty of area for tentage for those Units bringing their own tents. During the winter months, the final Check Point is sometimes closed. When this is the case, leaders should stamp the cards themselves. An outside box is attached to the Museum containing the stamp to be used. The key to this box should be obtained ahead of time from the Lebanon Police Station.

Upon completion of the hike, Scouts and Explorers turn in to their unit leaders the properly stamped trail card. The Unit Leader will then bring or mail this and the previously written book report to the Mound Builders Area Council office. A fee of $2.00 is charged each hiker earning the medal to defray the cost of the medal and the promotion and maintenance of the trail.
"Silver with age are their moccasins; yet through the years, on the feet of each new generation, still they silently tread these ancient trails."

We sincerely hope you will enjoy the Silver Moccasin Trail and take it often. We would appreciate receiving your comments regarding the Trail.
HISTORY OF THE TRAIL

In the ancient days, the Mound Builders hunted and fought in the area now known as southwestern Ohio.

Scouts and scouters of the Mound Builders' Area Council, realizing the historical significance of this region, laid out and inaugurated the Silver Moccasin Trail in May 1955. It is sponsored by the Mound Builders' Area Council and maintained by the Nachenum Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. It is a 15 mile hike terminating in the fort-crowned hills. Except that the trail, through necessity, must follow little used roads of the area, it traces the footsteps of a vanished race.

TRAIL SUGGESTIONS

1. Before taking the trail read this booklet thoroughly.
2. Excessive speed in hiking is discouraged. The trail is laid out so that it may be easily completed in one day.
3. Please remember at all times that you are representing the Boy Scouts of America.
4. The signs in Harmon Park prohibiting night visiting do not refer to those camping in Scout Section. However, each leader is required to report at the Lebanon Police Station to inform the police of his Unit's presence in the park. Scouts and Explorers must remain at all times in the Scout section, and must not under any circumstances play games or trespass on the adjoining Golf Course.
5. The Cabins in the Scout section may be used only if reserved previously. The keys are at the Police station. A deposit of $1.00 will be charged each Unit Leader using a key to either a cabin or the credential stamping box at the end of the trail. This deposit should be paid at the Police station and will be refunded when the key or keys are returned. A charge of fifty cents will be made for lost keys.
6. The Silver Moccasin Trail markers, which point the way of the trail, are placed high on Utility poles. Observation of hikers may be tested by seeing who can see the markers first.

THE MOUND BUILDERS OF FORT ANCIENT

We are the Mounded Dead - in ages past, when life was ours, we saw sunlight and starlight, felt wind and rain, and heard the roar of rushing waters.

Our campfires gleamed bright where our wigwams nestled safely below the fort-crowned hills.

Our canoes were swift upon the river, our hunters roamed the forest, our warriors oft returned from victory with spoils and many captives.

We were a ruling race, famed and feared - The Monarchs of the Mounds.

Still swings the sun upon its course, still shine the silent stars upon the homes of men, but our fires have died out forever and the ashes have long been cold.

Our fortress walls are crumbling, the winter snows are drifting where our vanished wigwams stood, and beneath the rivers' shifting sands our crushed canoes lie deep.

Beside the hidden trails our hunters sleep, the fallen forest mingles with our mouldering dead, and death has stilled the voice of victory where our warriors lie in huddled heaps.

For us the circling ends of destiny have met and the earth from which we came has claimed its own again.

Another race has crossed the seas and strange feet tread o'er our resting place.

Riches and power and fame are their's today but they too shall come and dwell with us through the silence of the centuries.

— We are the Mounded Dead —
— We are the Vanished Race —

—Clifford Anderson