

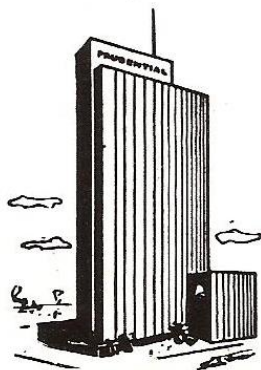
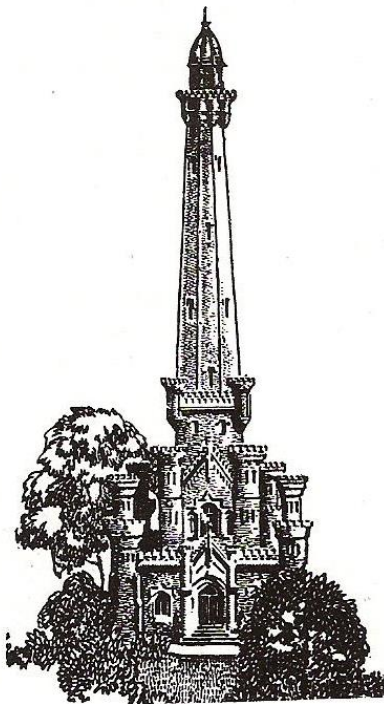
- 2) All crossings are to be made at designated points **ONLY**.
- 3) Manners should be those befitting Scouts. Loud talking, running, sliding, etc., are absolutely forbidden in all of the buildings.
- 4) The hike must be completed in one day.
- 5) No packs are allowed.

WARNING

- 1) The Scouts must confine themselves to the trail.
- 2) All must keep away from the Outer or Lake Shore Drive.
- 3) The leaders are **FULLY** responsible for their own groups.

RECOMMENDED TRAIL EQUIPMENT

- Compass
- Sun-Tan lotion and/or Sun hat
- Sack lunch
- Individual first-aid kit
- Watch (If available)
- Sufficient clothing
- Suitable hiking footwear



SHE-KA-GONG

Hike Through History



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EXPLORER POST 2647

She-Ka-Gong Trail Committee

THE SHE-KA-GONG TRAIL

The name "She-Ka-Gong" is an old Indian name given to the area where downtown Chicago now stands. It means "wild onion," or "place of a skunk."

The purpose of this trail is to give scouts an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the historic background, and scenic beauty of this great city.

A HIKE THROUGH HISTORY

The trail extends over the area of the 1893 Columbian Exposition and World's Fair held in Chicago. It also includes many historic sites such as the largest convention center in the world, McCormick Place, Buckingham Fountain, the Prudential Building, the site of old Ft. Dearborn, the amazing Marina Towers—a city within a city, and the Old Water Tower, which survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

The trail traces the forgotten steps of the massing crowds of the 1893 Fair who came to see the advances of science and technology in their day. It commemorates the struggle of the pioneer Chicagoan who, in 1871, battled the ravaging flames which engulfed half of his city. It also commemorates the advances of the present day Chicago shown in such feats as the Prudential Building, (Chicago's highest observation point), the twin towers of Marina City, and all the other accomplishments of a city that is constantly looking to the future without forgetting her past.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MEDAL

The ribbon is composed of the Chicago colors, blue and white. The medal itself represents the past (Bow and Arrow), the present (Ribbon), and the future (Space Capsule).

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Any 2nd Class and higher rank Scout and Explorer may hike the trail. (The trail must be properly hiked in order to receive the medal or patch.)
- 2) Any group must be accompanied by an adult.
Boy Scouts: 1 adult for every 8 boys.
Explorers: 1 adult for every 10 boys.
- 3) Any hiker must wear his proper Scout Uniform.

- 4) All units must start at the Museum of Science and Industry at 9:30 A.M. (10 A.M. Sundays and Holidays), which is located at 57th Street and South Lake Shore Drive. This 12 mile hike takes 7 to 9 hours. The trail ends at the Old Water Tower on Chicago and Michigan Ave., just north of the "Miracle Mile."

COUNCIL or NATIONAL TOUR PERMIT

All Scout units residing outside the boundaries of the Chicago Area Council must obtain an appropriate Touring Permit.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

There is a limit to the number we can handle at one time, so it is essential that reservations be made at least three weeks in advance. To make a reservation, use the form provided, and send a check or money order in advance to:

SHE-KA-GONG TRAIL COMMITTEE
3334 West 65th Place
Chicago 29, Illinois

The cost of registration is \$.50
The cost of the medal is \$1.50 (Optional)
~~The cost of the patch is \$.50 (Optional)~~
Repeats are \$1.00 (Optional)

All necessary maps and credentials are sent when a reservation is made. Tickets are also sent at this time. (For Prudential Building Observation Deck)

The repeat award is a star which can be pinned to the ribbon to represent the Flag of Chicago.

OTHER HIKING GROUPS

Girl Scout, Campfire Girls, or other hiking groups are welcome to hike the trail upon the approval of their application by the trail committee.

RESTRICTIONS

- 1) **NO** sheath knives, axes, or equipment similar to these may be carried on the trail. (Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the group or unit for a period of ½ year and also forfeiture of all registration fees and all medals).