

The following is an excerpt of an email from Bob Scarito sent in May 2025. It serves as Bob's scouting biography and retells his first-hand memories spanning more than a decade of years at Camp Lewis beginning in 1952. Enjoy!

I was in troop 8. Sometimes listed as Bob Scarito-Scooni.
Troop 8 at First Federated Church at 33rd and Ave C.

Here is some information from 1952-1962.
I live in Suffolk County, Long Island NY.
At 85 my memory is slipping.

My first summer was 1952 as a camper for 2 weeks.
In Pioneer, Received Honor Camper Award from Dave Flammer, Scout Executive then. Bayonne Boy Scout Office was in basement of Library in Bayonne.

My 2nd summer as camper was 1953 for 2 weeks in Frontier to the South side of Mess Hall.
In 1954 worked for 2 weeks for free camping in the kitchen as Kitchen Helper with John Tverdak and Bob Fischo.

In 1955 worked all summer for \$50.00-6 weeks.

Earned my Eagle Award by completing all 21 merit badges.

Went to Schiff Scout Reservation in Mendham NJ in 1956 and became Aquatics Director at old swimming hole. Glenn Mehlretter and Red Kozlowski were my assistants. Was aquatics Director every summer thru 1961. John Gebrian replaced Glenn in 1957. Lake Good Turn became reality to use in 1957. Worked every summer as Aquatics Director thru 1961.

I became deputy Camp Director to Walt Kunkel in 1962. He was the Professional for Bayonne alone. Was there to help build Major Roy-Frontier lean-tos during spring.

Administration building built in 1954; Lake Good Turn 1955-1957; Storage Building behind dining hall 1957-1958; Athletic Field 1959-1960?

Only building in early 50's was cabin about 20x15 about 75-100 yards on the right once thru entrance gate at Hibernia Rd - where Ranger house is now. Major Roy lean-tos built 1956?

Frontier built 1954. Original Camp Ceremony ring was up road past rear of Dining Hall about 3-4 stone walls. So was Archery and rifle range about 1/2 was up on right.

Order of Arrow secret ring was up that way about 2-3 stone walls - make left - go in about 75 yards in woods.

After graduating from Villanova in 1962, I worked as a Professional Scouter in Paterson NJ for Bob Fee and then came to work on Long Island in 1967 for 2 years.

Keep saying I will visit Camp Lewis again with my brother John who spent summers and worked at the Camp also, but may be too late now.

I also went to Philmont and one National Jamboree.