

# “Westmoreland Wings”



Scouts attending Camp Westmoreland had the opportunity to earn the coveted "Westmoreland Wings" starting in 1934. The “Wings” were given to Scouts who met certain requirements such as advancement, hiking, detail work, patrol quarters and camp activities. Thus not all Scouts were awarded the “Wings”. The “Wings” were typically worn at the top of the Boy Scout’s Merit Badge Sash. These “Wings” were used for many years, at least until 1947 or so, and were then phased out as a felt Westmoreland patch was issued to all campers around 1948. Also around this time a Good Camper Pin Set was instituted at Camp in replacement of the “Wings”. The Camper who was a First Year Camper was called a “Good Camper or Woodsman”; 2<sup>nd</sup> year was a Brave; 3<sup>rd</sup> Year a Warrior and 4<sup>th</sup> Year a Chief. These were used up until about 1970.

## The “Wings” patches were based on the following:

- a) **Westmoreland “Old English W”** – awarded to a first year Camper at Westmoreland meeting the above criteria.
- b) **Westmoreland “C W TiPi”** – awarded to a second year Camper per the above.
- c) **Westmoreland “Warrior”** – awarded to a third year Camper per the above.
- d) **Westmoreland “Chief”** – awarded to a fourth year Camper per the above.

In essence the “Wings” were a Camper Rank system. Very few Scouts earned all four Wings. The “Old English W” and “C W TiPi” are the most commonly seen since few Campers went to Westmoreland beyond a year or two. These were issued from roughly 1934 to 1947.

In 2001 the “Westmoreland Wings” were reinstated for service hours completed at Camp. The new “Wings” used the fourth year “Stars” design as their basis with the word “Service” added to emphasize the new methodology for earning the patch.

**“Westmoreland Wings”** – represent a tradition dating back to the 1930’s at Camp Westmoreland. Scouts originally attending the Camp were awarded “Wings” for completing certain activities during their time here. The tradition continued until the mid 1940’s. In 2001 the “Wings” were brought back as a recognition item for any Scout / Scouter who completes a minimum eight hours of service during one day at the Reservation. The two basic rules for earning the patch are:

- 1) You must perform 8 hours of Service to and for Camp Westmoreland;
- 2) It must be a pre-approved activity by the Camp Westmoreland Camping Committee.

The Camp Westmoreland Camping Committee determines project lists. They may be large or small in nature and will be based on the physical needs of the camp, preparation for upcoming events and restoration for future needs. The “Wings” beckon back Lord Robert Baden-Powell’s call of **“Service Above Self”**.