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*Sheila*PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE  
AT THE  
SCOUTER OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Sheraton-Park Hotel

Monday, December 2, 1974

NOTE: BLACK  
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8:30 pm The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route Sheraton-Park Hotel.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

8:40 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Sheraton-Park Hotel, Calvert Street entrance.

The President will be met by:

Mr. William G. Whyte, President, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Whyte, proceed to a holding area.

8:45 pm "Ruffles and Flourishes"  
Announcement  
"Hail to the Chief"

8:45 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Whyte, proceed to the head table and are seated.

NOTE: The banquet will have been in progress since 8:00 pm.

NOTE: The President will be seated second seat right of the podium, with Mr. Whyte on his left and Mrs. Whyte on his right. Mrs. Ford is on Mrs. Whyte's right.

- 9:00 pm Mark Evans, Master of Ceremonies, introduces former recipients of the Scouter of the Year Award.
- 9:02 pm Mark Evans introduces Reid Thompson, Dinner Chairman.
- 9:03 pm Reid Thompson delivers welcoming remarks.
- 9:04 pm Mark Evans introduces Robert Reneker, President of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 9:05 pm Robert Reneker delivers remarks.
- 9:07 pm Mark Evans introduces the Young Americans.
- 9:10 pm The Young Americans present twenty minute musical show.
- 9:30 pm Performance concludes.
- 9:32 pm Mark Evans thanks Young Americans.
- 9:35 pm Mark Evans introduces Rudy Flythe, National Capital Area Scout Executive, and William G. Whyte.
- 9:36 pm William G. Whyte delivers remarks and presents the Scouter of the Year Award to the President.
- 9:39 pm The President accepts the Scouter of the Year Award.
- NOTE: The award will be presented by two Boy Scouts (Takla Dragon and Erik Winkler), who will take a position behind the President after having presented the award to him.
- NOTE: Mrs. Ford will be presented a bouquet of roses by Cub Scout David Grogan..
- 9:40 pm The President proceeds to podium.
- 9:41 pm The President offers thanks for the Scouter of the Year Award and delivers remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1500

9:55 pm          Remarks conclude.

9:56 pm          Benediction by the Young Americans.

NOTE: The benediction is a specially prepared musical presentation. It features the President, and incorporates the use of numerous slides.

10:04 pm        Benediction concludes.

10:05 pm        The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by the Whytes, depart head table and proceed to Dover Suite.

10:06 pm        The President arrives Dover Suite and meets informally with the Young Americans, followed by head table guests.

PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 60

10:20 pm        The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by the Whytes, depart Dover Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

10:25 pm        The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Sheraton-Park en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

10:35 pm        MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


SCOUTER OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Monday - December 2, 1974

Sheraton Park Hotel

Depart: 8:30 P.M.

Dress: Black Tie

From: Terry O'Donnel 

BACKGROUND:

The Seventh Annual Scouter of the Year Banquet, sponsored by the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel this evening with an expected attendance of approximately 1,300. Each of the dinner guests has paid \$100 in support of the National Capital Area Scouting effort.

You and Mrs. Ford will attend the dinner, then you will accept the Scouter of the Year Award from Mr. Bill Whyte, followed immediately by your remarks. Following your remarks, you will attend an informal reception in the Dover Suite for head table guests and the Young Americans. Former recipients of the Scouter of the Year Award are General Lewis B. Hershey, Admiral Arleigh Burke, Mayor Walter Washington, Chief Jerry V. Wilson, Mark Evans and Osby L. Weir. (Head table seating diagram -TAB A)

SEQUENCE:

8:30 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade and depart en route Sheraton Park Hotel.

8:40 p.m.

Arrive Calvert Street entrance, Sheraton Park Hotel. You will be met by Mr. William G. Whyte, President, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, who will escort you to a holding area.

2. Scouter of the Year Banquet  
Sheraton Park Hotel  
Monday - December 2, 1974

8:45 p. m.

"Ruffles and Flourishes"  
Announcement  
"Hail to the Chief"

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Whyte, proceed to the head table and are seated. Your seat is the second, stage right of the podium, with Mr. Whyte on your left and Mrs. Whyte on your right. Mrs. Ford is on Mrs. Whyte's right next to Mayor Washington.

9:00 p. m.

Mark Evans, Master of Ceremonies, introduces former recipients of the Scouter of the Year Award.

9:02 p. m.

Mark Evans introduces Reid Thompson, Dinner Chairman.

9:03 p. m.

Reid Thompson delivers welcoming remarks.

9:04 p. m.

Mark Evans introduces Robert Reneker, President of the Boy Scouts of America.

9:05 p. m.

Robert Reneker delivers remarks.

9:07 p. m.

Mark Evans introduces the Young Americans.

9:10 p. m.

The Young Americans present twenty minute musical show.

9:30 p. m.

Performance concludes. Mark Evans thanks the Young Americans .

9:35 p. m.

Mark Evans introduces Rudy Flythe, National Capital Area Scout Executive, and Mr. William G. Whyte.

9:36 p. m.

After brief remarks by Mr. Whyte, he presents the Scouter of the Year Award to you.

You step forward to accept the Award from two Boy Scouts. A Cub Scout will present flowers to Mrs. Ford while she remains seated.

3. Scouter of the Year Banquet  
Sheraton Park Hotel  
Monday - December 2, 1974

9:40 p. m.

You offer thanks and deliver remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1,300

9:55 p. m.

Your remarks conclude.

9:56 p. m.

Benediction by Young Americans.  
The Benediction is a specially  
prepared musical presentation  
which features you and incorporates  
the use of numerous slides.

10:05 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford are escorted by Mr. and  
Mrs. Whyte to the Dover Suite for informal  
reception of head table guests and Young  
Americans.

10:06 p. m.

Arrive Dover Suite for reception.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 60

10:20 p. m.

Escorted by the Whytes, you and Mrs. Ford  
depart reception, proceed to motorcade, board  
and depart en route the White House.

10:35 p. m.

Arrive South Grounds of the White House.

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December 2, 1974  
9:45 am

HEAD TABLE SEATING DIAGRAM - SCOUTER OF THE YEAR  
BANQUET, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1974

- General Hershey
- Mrs. Hershey
- Mrs. Reneker
- Mr. Reneker
- Mr. Marriott
- Mrs. Marriott
- Mr. Flythe
- Mrs. Flythe
- Mr. Thompson
- Mrs. Thompson
- Mrs. Evans
- Mr. Evans
- PODIUM
- Mr. Whyte
- The President
- Mrs. Whyte
- The First Lady
- Mayor Washington
- Mrs. Washington
- Mr. Hostage
- Mrs. Hostage
- Mr. Barber
- Mrs. Barber

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