

WHAT ARE WE

GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

1918 - Robert Sever Hale makes his land available. Mr. Hale granted permission to Clayton H. Ernst to bring his scout troops to Dover and invited them to camp, farm, and build shelters. In the decade that followed, thousands of boys constructed cabins across the property. It came to be known as the Dover-Westwood Scout Reservation of the Boston Council, Inc.

1927 - The Trading Post opens. The original Trading Post (the stone building now known as Nelson House) provided book rentals, a supply shop, and a social atmosphere. At it, you would've seen "Bill Wood using a hammer industriously, Tom Fowler dozing by the fireplace, and Mac Ratner, a paint brush in one hand and the other grasping the coin of the realm, proffered by a customer." The bell on its roof is among the oldest artifacts at Hale; it was cast shortly after the Civil War.

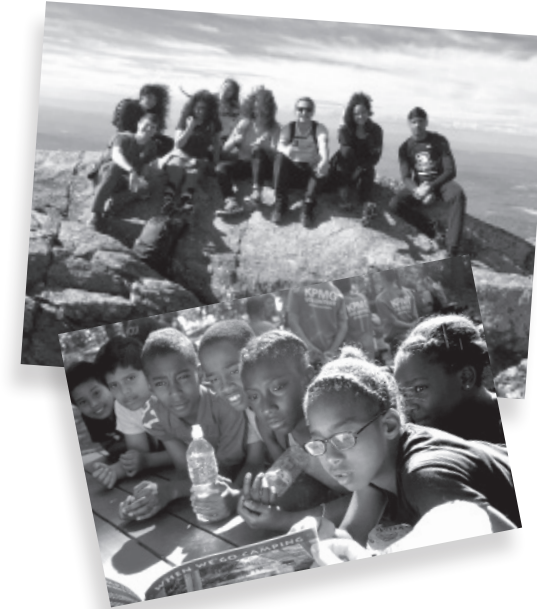
1941 - A leader is laid to rest. On December 31, 1941, Robert Sever Hale passed away. He left acres of land, an unparalleled vision, and a legacy of generosity for generations to come.



1949 - Hale's modern era begins. On June 27, 1949, Scoutland's managers voted to officially change the organization's name to The Robert Sever Hale Camping Reservation to honor its late founder. The new name would be shortened to Hale Reservation four decades later.



1971 - Partnering with Boston Public Schools. In the early '70s, all BPS sixth graders attended Hale as part of an enrichment program aimed at introducing meaningful outdoor education experiences. The program continued for several years until budget restrictions made it impossible. Through the generosity of foundations and funding through mini-grants, Hale was able to sustain a scaled-down version. Today, Hale hosts nearly 10,000 students during the academic year.



2018 - Intrepid Academy at Hale (IAH) launches. After nearly a decade of ideation and planning, on January 29, Hale launched its signature semester school experience in partnership with Boston Public Schools. Each year, more than 100 high school students combine academics with experiential learning at Hale.

2011 - Hale Outdoor Learning Adventures begins. Hale's partnership with Boston Public Schools was revitalized in 2011 when Hale Outdoor Learning Adventures - initially funded by a grant from the Wallace Foundation, now operating through a joint effort by BPS, Boston After School & Beyond, and Hale - was launched to combat the "summer learning slide." The program serves up to 180 students per season and continues to grow.

2001 - Passing the torch. After 32 years of Jim Earley's leadership, Eric Arnold took the helm on April 1, 2001. He renewed Hale's focus on serving urban youth. He began combatting the achievement and nature gaps, and launched long-term planning to preserve Hale's acres of adventure for generations to come.

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1926 - Storrow Pond fills. R. S. Hale led the construction of a dam on the east side of Goat Island, and on August 12, checked the flow of "Wilson's Brook" (now Powissett Brook). Storrow Pond was born. Scouts enjoyed many years of swimming there.



1930 - Scoutland incorporates. On May 19, Scoutland was officially chartered in Massachusetts. In 1935, Rover Scout Albert Wynot of Dorchester wrote, "The group of us that built [our] cabin look on it with a great deal of pride, I believe that it was the work on this cabin that gave me such an interest in building and caused me to take up the course in building construction at MIT."

1946 - A new program is born. As scouting waned, cabin breaks, tree cutting, and various acts of vandalism gripped Scoutland. In response, Lon Smith implemented the Ranger Program. Its name was intended to appeal to four hundred "leaderless" boys who would have been familiar with the U.S. Army's Ranger Battalions of World War II. Rather than "wander at will over the area," the boys committed to learning outdoor skills and completing service projects. They were rewarded with a week-long adventure in Maine.



1962 - Digging the future. In November, Hale began clearing 60 acres in an effort to build what would become Noanet Pond. Construction took nearly a year to complete and included a man-made dam. Now the center of aquatic activity at Hale, the pond is home to more than 100,000 swimming lessons per summer.



1987 - Living our values. Summer staff members were required to make a pledge: "I accept the challenge of helping children increase their awareness of and responsibility to others and to the world of nature, helping them gain in self-confidence and self-concept, and of teaching them new skills." While no pledge is required today, staff members continue to live Hale's core values through their work.



2013 - Run like Hale. Hale became an Official Charity of the Boston Athletic Association in 2013. In six years, members of Team Hale have raised more than \$1.1 million to bring urban youth into the great outdoors as they learn to live active and healthy lives. Cheer on this year's team as they "run like Hale" in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16.