

The ideal of most centers is to be self-supporting, at least after opening costs have been paid. Club dues help defray expenses and give youth a sense of belonging. A membership card must be presented at the door. The fact that it may be revoked for reason places high value on a club.

Dues vary. A San Diego, California, boys' club fixes membership dues at 50 cents a year for high school juniors, \$1 for seniors. The Club Kasbah in Greenwich, Connecticut, pays most of its expenses on a dollar annual membership fee. Another club is self-supporting on a 35-cent cover charge for each evening's entertainment. A recreation center in a large city charges 25 cents a season, and offers a wide variety of activities.

War Service Projects

Boys and girls have done their share in national salvage programs, bond selling, civilian defense, and similar war services. They have done a good job as tin can and paper collectors, blood donor recruiting agents, and bond salesmen.

One outstanding volunteer job is protecting the nation's forests. In the San Bernardino National Forest, California, 75 high school boys served as Civilian Defense forest fire watchers during the summer. Before going on duty, they were trained in forestry and fire prevention.