

CAMP DRAKE



2016 LANTERN of the PRAIRIELANDS COUNCIL

CAMP ROBERT DRAKE ADULT LEADER'S GUIDE



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CAMP ROBERT DRAKE ADDRESS, PHONE, and E-MAIL

Each campsite has a mailbox for incoming mail and phone messages. The outgoing mail mailbox is located at the Trading Post and is available during regular Trading Post hours. Letters mailed to camp after Thursday morning will most likely not reach camp in time for dismissal on Sat. am.

The camp address is:

Scout's Name, Troop Number, Campsite
Camp Robert Drake
9994 Camp Drake Road
Fairmount, IL 61841

The camp phone number for emergencies is 217-427-5243. Be prepared to leave a message.

The camp fax number is (217) 427-2111. Messages will be placed in the troop mailbox.

Any camp related e-mail can be sent to the Camp Director Mike Graham at mike.graham@Scouting.org

During the summer camp season of June and July, please direct e-mails to mykegr@gmail.com

Please direct any questions about the menu or dietary needs to: CampDrakeKitchen@gmail.com

Check out Camp Drake on the Internet www.campdrake.com

The Prairielands Council address is: P.O. Box 6267, Champaign, IL 61826-6267

The Prairielands Council phone no. is (217) 356-7291 or (800) 464-7291 and the fax number is (217) 356-7785. For camp related concerns, select extension 6441.

REGISTRATION

INDIVIDUAL YOUTH REGISTRATION

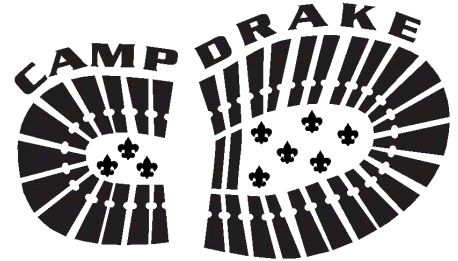
The 2016 Boy Scout Summer Camp fees and payment schedule for Camp Robert Drake

In Council Troops:

- \$25.00 per Scout deposit by January 30, 2016
- \$225.00 per Scouts (with deposit for total of \$250.00) by April 15, 2016
- \$260.00 per Scout (without deposit) prior to April 15, 2016
- \$275.00 per Scout after April 15, 2016

Out of Council Troops

- \$25.00 per Scout deposit by January 30, 2016
- \$235.00 per Scouts (with deposit for total of \$260.00) by April 15, 2016
- \$270.00 per Scout (without deposit) prior to April 15, 2016
- \$285.00 per Scout after April 15, 2016



The discounted registration fee for one week of Boy Scout camp for registered Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts from the Prairielands Council is \$250. Scouts from other councils can register for \$260. Total payment for both youth and adult campers) are due at the Council Service Center, Box 6267, Champaign, IL, 61826-6267, by the above deadlines. Any new boy joining your troop in the spring will be held to a payment deadline of Friday, June 3, with a \$25.00 late fee required after this deadline (\$275.00 total)

A COPY of Parts A, B, and C of the current BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is required for each Scout and Scouter who will be staying in camp overnight. The forms can either be mailed to the Council Service Center before May 15, or can be brought to camp with the unit. Please do not mail forms after May 15, and **DO NOT BRING ORIGINAL FORMS** to camp. Persons without the appropriate forms will be required to have a physical completed in Danville prior to participation in Camp Drake program activities. All information must be on the BSA form- **DO NOT** bring an assortment of papers from other groups. Only the current BSA form will be accepted. The BSA Annual Health & Medical Record form is available at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>

PROVISIONAL CAMPING

Join the Bugle Troop. Scouts can attend camp without their hometown Scoutmasters. This opportunity is available for troops unable to secure proper adult leadership. Provisional camping also provides leadership for Scouts who cannot attend camp with their troop or who wish to attend more than one week of camp. The Bugle Troop will be available during the 4th session (July 17-23, 2015). Reservations can be made by using the Bugle Troop registration form in the appendix. Parents or leaders are welcome to join the Bugle Troop as assistant leaders for the entire week or specific days.

ADULT LEADER FEES

In following the national Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Guidelines, all troops attending summer camp must have at least two adults present at all times. One leader must be at least 21 years of age, and all additional leaders must be at least 18 years of age. Adult registration fees, including f\late fees are due according to the same schedule as the youth fees.

The fees for adults who accompany a troop are as follows:

1- 8 boys – 1 adult free 9-16 boys – 2 adults free 17-24 boys – 3 adults free 25-32 boys – 4 adults free
Additional adult leaders = \$130.00 each

For troops of 25 or larger, continue this sequence to calculate leader fees required.

To meet two deep leadership requirements at camp, your troop has several options:

1. Troop provides all adults. Rotation of leaders is acceptable as long as two adults are present in camp at all times.
2. Two troops may share a campsite and therefore share leaders.
3. One provisional leader (at least 18 years of age) can be hired from the camp staff at a nightly rate of \$10.00 per Scout in camp. For a troop with five Scouts, this will total \$50.00 per night. Arrangements must be made with the Camp Director, no later than May 1st for June sessions and June 1st for July sessions. The provisional leader will only provide overnight supervision in the campsite.

All adult leaders attending camp must submit a current completed medical form to camp personnel.

RESERVATIONS

CALENDAR

Camp Robert Drake will conduct four week-long sessions for Boy Scouts in 2016. Each camp session begins Sunday afternoon with check-in starting at 1:00pm. The session concludes on the following Saturday morning after a 9:00 am closing ceremony. The Drake 2016 schedule of camp sessions are as follows:

- Week 1 –June 19 through June 25, 2016
- Week 2 –June 26 through July 2, 2016
- Week 3 –July 10 through July 16, 2016
- Week 4 –July 17 through July 23, 2016

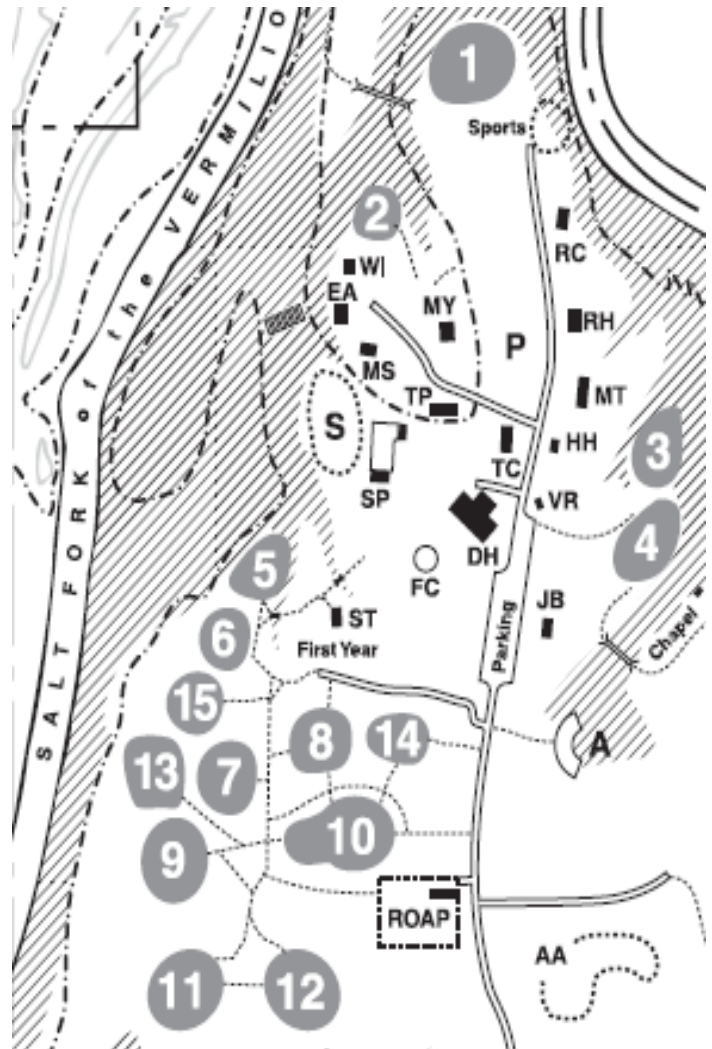
TROOP REGISTRATION FOR 2016

To reserve your campsite, contact Susan Collier, Program Clerk at (217) 356-7291 ext. 6441. Susan works week days at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Please use a 2016 reservation form that can be found in the appendix. In order to secure your reservation, a \$100.00 deposit is required. The \$100.00 deposit is transferable to Scout fees, provisional camp fees, leader fees, or next year's reservation, but is **not refundable**. Campsites are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. If your troop does not meet the required minimum numbers of Scouts as listed below, your troop may be asked to share the campsite with another troop. During the 2016 camp season, reservations for 2017 will be taken from the troop in camp at the end of each weekly session. The 2016 campsite deposit can be transferred to the 2017 camp season only if your troop attends Camp Drake in 2016. No refunds are provided to troops not attending camp.

CAMPSITE	MIN	MAX
1) Hickory Haven	20	100
2) Choctaw Ridge	5	30
3) Dogwood	10	30
4) Tulip Point	5	25
5) Curved Oak	15	50
6) Whippoorwillow Hollow	15	50
7) Locust Bend	10	40
8) Pioneer	15	60
9) Scouter's Point	15	50
10) Tall Pine	15	60
11) White Oak	10	50
12) Southern Acers	10	30
13) Sassafras	5	20
14) Osage Orange	5	20
15) Hazelnut Cove	5	20

CAMP REFUND POLICY

The Council Camping Committee has established the refund policy for summer camp programs at Camp Robert Drake. Any refund desired must use the **Camp Refund Request** form to be presented in writing to the Council Scout Executive. A sliding scale has been developed depending on the length of time in which the Council Service Center is notified prior to the camp session. If the request is received 30 days prior to the camp session, a full refund will be considered; if received 21 days prior, a 75% refund considered; if received 14 days prior, 50% will be considered if received 7 days prior, 25% will be considered. All refunds will be made on or before August 30. All camper fees are transferable to other Scouts or to another camp session, such as the Provisional Camp Bugle Troop, so parents are encouraged to work out the details within their own unit.



FACILITIES



BIGGER WELCOME CENTER

Upon arrival at camp, the Jack Bigger shelter will serve as the initial orientation location. During the week, adult leaders will use this shelter for meetings and activities. Adjacent to the parking lot, the Bigger Welcome Center will be the hospitality headquarters for troops.

DINING HALL

Camp Drake uses a central dining hall for all meals. Meals are prepared and provided by the kitchen staff. Please notify the Camp Kitchen staff of any special dietary needs of youth and adult participants prior to your arrival at camp. Campers will eat family style with breakfast at 8:00am, lunch at 12:15pm and dinner at 5:45pm.

HEALTH/FIRST AID ROOM

The First Aid room is well-equipped and staffed by a Health Officer at all times. All illnesses and injuries requiring additional attention will be taken either to the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center-Logan Campus or Carle Clinic in Danville. If anyone requires hospitalization, a parent or spouse will be notified. Prescription medication is kept secured with the Unit Leader or in the First Aid Room and distributed by the Health Officer. *This applies to youth and adult campers.*

TRAINING CENTER

In the same building as the First Aid Room, a Training Room has been set up for the convenience of all campers. During the weekday mornings of summer camp, all adult leaders are welcome to participate in educational BSA courses.

CAMPFIRE ARENA

Excellent seating for up to 600 viewers is in place at the Jack Jones campfire arena. Evening shows provide entertainment for the opening and closing programs as well as the Family Night OA ceremonies. The arena is equipped with a quality sound system, lighting, slide show capabilities, and a scenic outdoor stage.

SWIMMING POOL AND SHOWERHOUSE

The Keith Hutson Showerhouse is divided into four shower areas. The swimming pool is adjacent to the showerhouse and divided into three sections - swimmer, beginner, learner - in accordance with BSA policy.

CHAPEL

On a secluded ridge on the east side of camp, the camp's chapel hosts religious services conducted in camp. Troops are invited to conduct their own religious program, or join in the camp wide services.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Located in the center of camp, the Friendship Circle is an outdoor gathering place for social activities, camp meetings, or simple relaxation. Adirondack chairs provide comfortable seating for campers.

TRADING POST

The social center of camp, the Trading Post is next to the camp office. Scouts and leaders can purchase souvenirs, snacks, camping supplies, and other miscellaneous items throughout the week.

CAMPSITES

All campsites are equipped with a latrine, washstand, and bulletin board. Your campsite is your home during your camp visit. Your troop is responsible for the cleanliness and attractiveness of your campsite. The troop will be held responsible for any damage to the site or equipment.

ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE

If your troop would like to assist with the development of your favorite Camp Drake campsite, an ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE program will encourage support for campsite facilities. Contact Camping Properties Chairman Jeff Ping or Camp Director Mike Graham to set up arrangements to improve your site.

PROGRAM AREAS



In the many program areas at Camp Drake, opportunities are provided for basic and advanced instruction in a variety of outdoor skills. In each of these areas, qualified and trained staff members specialize in merit badge counseling and provide fun activities as well as challenging contests. All campers are encouraged to enjoy the positive learning atmosphere.

FIRST YEAR CAMPER For younger Boy Scouts, advancement sessions allow campers to work on requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks on their own schedule. Known as the Pollywog Program, first year campers have a new home in the Stiverson Family Shelter, located in central camp near the Friendship Circle to work on basic outdoor skills. Designated counselors for the first year program provide guidance on rank requirements, as well as exercises to reinforce learning.

VERMILION TREX - OLDER SCOUT PROGRAM A balance of activities based on outdoor trek excitement is available exclusively for older Scouts at Camp Drake. Since this exciting new program's inception in 2010, older scouts have enjoyed the thrills it offers of SCUBA, zip-line, river trips, outpost campouts, ATV riding, and so much more! Please visit www.campdrake.com/VermilionTrex for more info!

RANGE The Nogle Shooting Sports area allows campers to sharpen their marksmanship and learn proper handling techniques for firearms and bows. Target competitions, troop shoots, and Scoutmaster contests are some of the events available. Safety is very important in this area, and the rifle and archery ranges are operated by BSA certified staff members. Scouts can choose from bows, 0.22 caliber rifles, air rifles, black powder muzzleloaders, and shotguns

HANDICRAFT Develop your creative talents in the handicraft area. Counselors provide guidance in basketry, leathercraft, and other handicraft skills. Build useful items to enhance your campsite. Tools are available for woodcarving and woodworking projects. Visit the Handicraft area in the Sadorus shelter, next to the pool, to make the best of it.

LANTERN PROGRAM Many miscellaneous merit badges are conducted as a part of the Lantern programs. Based on many varieties of communications skills, the Lantern shine is an ideal location for outdoor education, the Myers Shelter, just north of the Trading Post. This modern structure offers a comfortable building for educational sessions and important skill lessons for Scouts & leaders.

ECOLOGY On the trail to Poncho Pond is the ecology area, which offers the ideal opportunity for Scouts to discover the great outdoors. From its scenic location overlooking the river, the ecology staff organizes conservation events and nature studies. Under the Brian Plawer Pavilion, interested Scouts can work on requirements for the World Conservation Award. Visit the Arboretum, which consists of over sixty labeled trees.

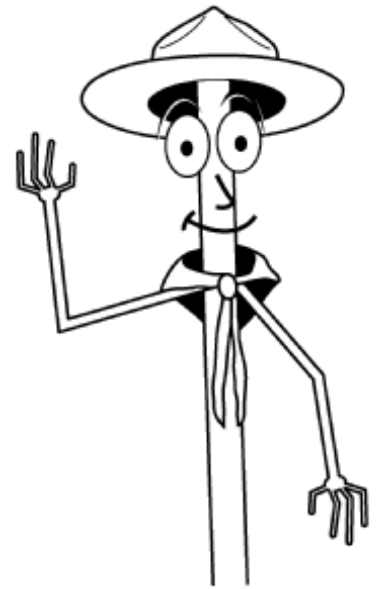
POOL Dive into all the exciting events at the swimming pool. Early morning activities focus on mile swim training. The aquatics staff provides an instructional swim for Scouts needing assistance. Older Scouts and leaders can work toward a new certification in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming & Water Rescue. In the hot afternoon sun, free swims are open for troops to cool down and splash. In the evenings, the addition of night lights at the pool allow for evening aquatic activities.

SCOUTCRAFT The Rankin Outdoor Adventure Place in the southern territory of camp. The Scoutcraft area or R.O.A.P. is where camping skills are highlighted. Outdoor cooking techniques make tasty treats. Intricate camp gadgets are lashed together. Leave No Trace principles are experienced. Orienteering events direct map and compass abilities. Scoutcraft counselors guide new Scouts on proper use of woods tools for Totin' Chip cards or fire safety for Firem'n Chit certification.

PONCHO POND Boating and fishing activities take place at Poncho Pond, located at the northern edge of camp. Additional areas of the waterfront have been opened for Scouts to test their canoeing, rowing, and sailing skills. A fishing trail has been created to allow easier access to the pond. Cruise the pond in style on a fast-moving kayak. Merit badge instruction begins at the Mayfield Shelter in the center of the action.

SPORTS CENTER In the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, the Sports Center allows Scouts to explore their physical fitness. Teaching personal fitness, golf, and sports merit badges, Scouts will be able to expand their skills and knowledge in these areas. In the afternoon, troop and individual sport activities will be played including volleyball, soccer, softball, and ultimate frisbee. An 18 hole golf course is located 4 miles from camp for recreation or advancement.

FUN FEATURES



ONAQUISPASIPPI TRAIL

Hike throughout the boundaries of camp along the Onaquispasippi Trail. The trail follows the perimeter of the camp property and takes campers to little used areas in the wilderness. Discover the historic landmarks, the hidden valleys, and the scenic views along the way. The Onaquispasippi can be hiked in segments or all at once in a long afternoon. Pick up a special patch or trail medal once you've completed your journey.

INNER TUBE FLOAT TRIP

Your most enjoyable excursion of the week will be a float trip down the Salt Fork River. Arranged transportation will be needed to take your group to the drop-off point up-river from camp and you'll drift down the lazy Salt Fork to the swinging bridge at camp. The Safety Afloat requirements must be met for this activity. Troops select from early morning or late afternoon float trips. All Scouts and leaders must be swimmers to participate on an Inner Tube Float Trip.

EVENING AQUATICS EVENT

Water is the theme for Tuesday night, as the pool games take the spotlight for the evening. Bring your trunks, make a splash, and enjoy the fun and games at the pool and enjoy Drake's famous slip n' slide on the plateau. Other nighttime swimming opportunities for individual troops are available, as well.

EARLY BIRD CANOE HIKE

Travel through the backwater ponds of the Pollywogs with your troop. Staff members will guide Scouts and leaders through the Pollywogs during the early-morning hours. Canoe hikes can be scheduled when you arrive at camp. Beginner swimmers must be paired with staff members. All other participants must be swimmers.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

A non-denominational religious service is open to all Scouts and leaders. There is a chapel service at 1:15pm every day. Please encourage your Scouts to attend. The chapel, located off the trail behind the Scoutcraft area, is available throughout the week for your troop or individual use as well. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the "Duty to God" patch.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Three evening campfire programs will provide entertainment for Scouts, leaders, and visitors. On Sunday night, the Camp Drake Staff will welcome all campers with the opening campfire. Skits and stunts will preview the upcoming programs. Family and friends are invited to enjoy the Wednesday evening campfire. Tour the camp and enjoy program demonstrations. Share in Scouting fellowship with songs and stories in the Friendship Circle prior to the Order of the Arrow Call-Out ceremony, an impressive and inspiring campfire. To close the week, the Friday night campfire allows Scouts to participate with their own troop skits and stunts. Recognition for Scouts, leaders, patrols and troops will be awarded at this campfire.

PICTURES OF CAMP

Did You Know that you can purchase a CD filled with pictures from your week at summer camp? Available all week long to preorder in the Trading Post will be the 2016 Camp Drake Picture CD. It's also a great way to show your parents how much fun you had during your week at beautiful Camp Drake.

FIRST YEAR CAMPER ACTIVITIES

The Pollywog Program for 1st Year Scouts will work on the skills to advance new campers through the first three ranks. Skill sessions provide the basic information of Scouting to provide a great foundation for outdoor living and patrol involvement.

MEALTIME TREATS

The Friday Night Supper Club caters to campers with fine dining and spirited entertainment. On the last night of camp, the staff serves the campers while musical performances enhance the atmosphere. Bring your enormous appetite to the Lumberjack Breakfast on Saturday morning. You will be treated to flapjacks so huge, we have to flip them with a shovel. Line up early near the outdoor griddle, to experience a meal big enough for Paul Bunyan.

ADVANCEMENT



Camp Drake can be the perfect time to enjoy camping, learn Scouting skills, and experience new things, but it is also a time to work on advancement along the trail to Eagle. The camp staff members counsel Scouts on a variety of merit badges and are available to teach other skills necessary to earn the first three badges of rank. It is important to note prior to camp participation that Camp Drake has fantastic facilities for outdoor instruction for aquatic skills, ecology knowledge, and shooting sports talents. Summer camp is the best place to earn many of the badges in the outdoor setting. Advancement opportunities are offered during the morning, afternoon, and a few evening merit badge sessions. It is possible for a Scout to earn in excess of six merit badges during the week, but it is suggested that the Scout attempt a more reasonable number (3 or 4). Attempting too many badges can leave the boys feeling like they are still in school, and prevent them from enjoying the other opportunities at camp. Encourage your Scouts to work on advancement, but don't forget about free swim, hiking, open boating, and exploring the outdoors.

MERIT BADGES

Camp is a great place to earn some badges because of the resources available. Please share the merit badge schedule with your Scouts as soon as possible. Some merit badges can be completed at camp only if prior work is complete before camp. Scouts should read through the requirements and be ready for the badge before they come to camp, and they should be aware that they will be required to complete all of the requirements in order to receive the badge.

Scouts who do not complete all requirements for a badge will be given a record card. It is the responsibility of the Scout and his leaders to find a suitable counselor to complete the badge in his own community. To improve our administrative service to Scouts and leaders, the traditional three-part blue cards will be used for tracking of merit badge requirements. These forms will allow the troop leaders to return a portion of the merit badge record for the Scout to use as a guide to both completed and unfinished advancement duties. The advancement blue cards will be available at the conclusion of the camp week, providing the Scouts and leaders with the completion records from camp. Scoutmasters are responsible for picking up all badge and skill award paperwork before they leave camp.

RANK REQUIREMENTS

The Pollywog Program offers individuals teaching sessions for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class for any Scout needing assistance. These sessions are set up like a merit badge sessions on an hourly basis each of the five program scheduled days of the camp period. Scouts may choose to take only one rank session or join all three, depending on their interest. At the end of the camp week, troop leadership will be presented a listing of the requirements covered during the sessions. The Camp Drake counselors will NOT sign requirements in the book, allowing adult leadership to oversee the skill proficiency required for their troop.

Rank advancement is considered an important part of each troop program. The Camp Commissioner is available to arrange Boards of Review, through volunteer personnel. To encourage advancement while at camp, the Program Director will recognize all Scouts who do advance in rank throughout the week. Scouts will have their names placed on the advancement board in the Dining Hall.

ADDITIONAL HONORS

There are many other opportunities for recognition in the wide variety of programs provided at Camp Robert Drake. Several Boy Scouts of America awards are also provided through the program area staff. These opportunities include Snorkeling and Mile Swim at the Pool, Paddlecraft Safety at Poncho Pond, and the Paul Bunyan Award in the R.O.A.P. area. Additional safety skills instruction courses are held to provide certification cards in wood tools and aquatics safety.

Look to earn recognition through the Camp Drake awards in several program areas. Scouts who specialize in marksmanship, nature identification, first aid talents, and sports may be honored at the Friday night closing campfire. Every day in the Dining Hall, contests are provided for talented Scouts in a variety of enjoyable Camp Drake traditions.

LEADERSHIP



SCOUTMASTER ACTIVITIES

Coffee and afternoon naps aren't the only activities Scoutmasters can do at camp. Daily information meetings will inform leaders regarding the latest campwide news and upcoming events for both youth and adults. Programs for leaders include aquatics games, a Scoutmaster Shoot competition and other fun filled activities. The ultimate challenge for adults in camp is the Dutch Oven Cook-off. Leaders who accept the challenge will prepare their own entree or dessert in a competition of taste.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING COURSES

The Prairielands Council Training Committee is planning to provide adult leader training courses for any interested volunteers during the camp session. Guest speakers provide informative sessions on topics including Safe Swim Defense, Trek Safely, and Geocaching. A full day of training will be offered as the Boy Scout Leader Specific Training emphasizes all the necessary steps to troop leadership.

SENIOR PATROL LEADER HONOR

A unique opportunity for a youth leader is serving as the Senior Patrol Leader for summer camp. As the Scout in charge of troop operations, this individual has many duties to oversee during the outdoor session. As a reward for completing a series of camp responsibilities, the SPL for each troop is able to earn a special patch. The recognition will be presented at the closing ceremony on Saturday morning.

ROBERT DRAKE AWARD

The cleanliness and safety of troop campsites is an ongoing concern during your week at Camp Drake. All campsites will be visited daily by the Camp Commissioner or an assistant. This visit will be conducted with the Senior Patrol Leader or his designee so the Commissioner can make suggestions for campsite improvement, or offer congratulations for a job well done. The Robert Drake Award is presented to all troops that maintain clean and safe campsites, as determined by the Commissioner.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Prairielands Council invites Scouts to participate in Camp Drake's CIT program. Scouts will attend two weeks of summer camp as staff members, learning the skills necessary to become a full-time staff counselor. Participants will choose two weeks to participate in the program on a first-come, first-served basis. An option for additional camp service is possible if both the CIT and camp management are interested. To register for a CIT position, contact the Camp Director to set up an interview.

DRAKE CORPS JUNIOR STAFF OPTION

An option in leadership development has been created to allow Camp Drake campers to attend a week of summer camp and serve on the Camp Drake staff at the same time. Scouts interested in joining the "*DRAKE CORPS*" must be at least fourteen years of age and have attained the Star rank. These Scouts will meet with the Program Director on afternoon of the first day of camp to review their area assignments and set a schedule for the week. The "*DRAKE CORPS*" members will be able to participate in certain traditional camp activities, including the activities that are part of the Vermilion TreX Older Scout Program, but will also serve as an assistant in conducting camp events. These Scouts will camp with their own troop, but will be charged with a certain level of responsibility in order to earn their "staff shirt".

ORDER of the ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is a premier leadership development organization within the Boy Scouts of Americas. Known as the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, the Order of the Arrow (or O.A.) recognizes honor campers within each troop and provides management experience in conducting beneficial programs to Camp Drake and the Prairielands Council. Members, called arrowmen, organize service weekend for camp improvement, host fun activities, and support Cub Scouts in their outdoor skills development.

TROOP OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Illini Lodge 55 is recruiting youth & adult arrowmen to serve in an important role in the lodge. Order of the Arrow Troop (or Team) Representatives are a youth liaison and his advisor serving between the local O.A. lodge and his unit. The representatives serve as a communication and program link to the unit Arrowmen, as well as adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. They do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and the purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, they enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop or team.

INDUCTIONS FOR ORDEAL MEMBERS

Illini Lodge 55 is very active during the summer months at Camp Drake. The Lodge will conduct a Call-Out ceremony each Wednesday evening. Scouts who have been elected to join the Order of the Arrow are recognized with an impressive Call-Out Ceremony, introducing the new candidates selected by their troop. Units visiting from other councils may participate in this ceremony as long as they have written permission from their own lodge chief. Illini Lodge will conduct the Ordeal for new members, beginning late Wednesday evening and concluding with an Ordeal Ceremony on Thursday night. Current arrowmen are needed to assist with the Ordeal process.

BROTHERHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

Scouts and Scouters who are already Ordeal members in Lodge 55 may choose to seal their membership in the Order by completing Brotherhood ceremonies. The ceremony will be held each week of camp. Please encourage all current Ordeal members to participate. Order of the Arrow camp staff members will be available to assist your Scouts in preparing for the requirements for Brotherhood. See your Order of the Arrow handbook for more information on this topic.

CAMP DRAKE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

Each troop is encouraged to host a Camp Drake Promotional Program for Scouts and parents this spring. The Illini Lodge Camp Promotions Team has created a new presentation of exciting camp traditions to provide an entertaining view of the thrills of summer camp. Your troop can choose to conduct the Camp Drake Promotional Program on your own or invite a celebrity, such as a District Camping Committee member or a Camp Promotions Team specialist. A new camp promotions packet allows your troop to bring the Promotional action of Camp Drake to your troop meeting. The Promotion Information Packet will include a camp details, program literature, and promotional handouts.

CALLING ALL ARROWMEN

Illini Lodge is restructuring itself to give YOU the opportunity to play a large role in its future. Update your contact information and pay your \$10.00 annual dues to support the lodge. For all your up-to-date news on your local Order of the Arrow business, look to www.illinilodge55.com for news articles, lodge forms, and chiefly ideas.

ATTENTION lodge members: Illini Lodge will be having another Summer Reunion in August. The lodge will be doing service for Camp Drake in the morning and then in the afternoon, fun events will be set up throughout camp. An informative lodge meeting will be conducted. This was an Illini Lodge tradition for many years and the lodge leadership decided to bring this event back. It was a rousing success. Last summer, there was a really good turnout, which is why the Summer Reunion is continuing.





POLICIES

NONDISCRIMINATION

Camp Robert Drake will be open to all Scouts regardless of race, color, religion, disability, or national origin.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS...**Remember to use the form from the National BSA office.**

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As the adult leader you should take the time to review these forms with enough time to correct any problems. Please check for the following errors and omissions.

- >Missing date under the doctor's signature in Part C.
- >Missing Parent/Guardian signature in Part B.
- > Rubber stamp only for doctor's signature
- > Missing health history, Part A.
- > Missing Health insurance card copy and information, attached.
- >Missing doctor's signature in Part C.
- >**Date of doctor's visit within the past year**
- > Signature in pen is required.
- > Missing immunization record, Part A.

VISITORS

Parents, friends, and relatives are invited to visit program areas while camp is in session. All visitors must check in at the camp office. Meal tickets **MAY** be available for guests in the dining hall during the week, however there is a limit to how many persons can be seated and fed per meal. Tickets are sold in the trading post on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for guests can be made by emailing CampDrakeKitchen@Gmail.com, and getting a confirming email back that there is room for your group. For the evening campfire programs, guests may bring lawn chairs for added comfort.

SHOOTING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

No personal firearms or archery equipment should be brought to Camp Drake. The new Nogle Shooting Sports area is equipped with all of the properly approved Boy Scouts of America shooting supplies needed.

BICYCLE USE

Campers are welcome to bring their own bicycles for merit badge instruction, Vermilion TreX participation and transportation use as long as camp guidelines are followed. Bicycle riding is permitted only on the gravel roads throughout camp and a helmet must be worn at all times during riding. Recreational riding on the bike trail or for merit badge requirements will be allowed special opportunities to traverse other paths of the prairie area. No bike riding is allowed on the grass or sidewalks and parking of the bicycles must be out of the path of camp service vehicles.

UNIFORM

Scouts are encouraged to wear their official uniform at camp. The 'Official' uniform is typically worn at the evening flag ceremony and meal. During all other times Scouts can wear a T-shirt and suitable shorts or long pants.

CAMPER INSURANCE

All youth participants in council and district sponsored activities are covered by a Camper Health and Accident Insurance Policy. *Adult leaders are not covered* under the council accident insurance policy. Any injury incurred prior to leaving home but still requiring medical attention after arrival in camp, is not covered under this policy. This insurance covers costs in excess of \$150.00 only when the claimant is not covered under any other insurance policy. Every illness or injury must be reported immediately to the health officer and be logged in order to receive this coverage. Medical expenses incurred after leaving camp due to an accident or injury sustained at camp should be reported immediately to the Prairielands Council Office at 217-356-7291 Ext 6440.

PARKING AREA

All vehicles driven to camp are to be parked in the parking lot. In order to maintain a good camping atmosphere, only authorized vehicles will be permitted outside the parking area. No personal vehicles are allowed to drive back to the campsites. Heavy equipment and troop trailers will be transported to and from your campsite by staff personnel.

HEALTH & SAFETY



The Praierlands Council is accredited each year by the Boy Scouts of America to conduct a safe camping program for youth and adult participants and guests. Please help keep Camp Drake a safe environment by assisting our staff and volunteer leaders in following these following rules. Share these important safety regulations with your Scouts, leaders, and prospective guests prior to attending Camp Drake.

- 1** In accordance with Boy Scouts of America policy, only registered Boy Scouts are eligible to participate as youth at camp. Non-Boy Scout youth are able to visit Camp Drake, but cannot stay overnight.
- 2** No one may leave camp property without permission. Leaders and parents must inform the Camp Director when they plan to be absent and must secure alternate supervision for their campsite in their absence. All Scouts and leaders are required to sign in and out at the camp office.
- 3** Proper instruction should precede the handling of any axe, knife, or saw. Please request assistance from the staff. Chainsaw use at camp is restricted to properly trained BSA personnel. No sheath knives are allowed.
- 4** All accidents and illness should be reported to the health officer immediately. Accidents not involving injury should be reported to the Camp Director or appropriate staff member.
- 5** Campers must stay on all designated trails throughout camp. Unless marked, all ravines are off limits.
- 6** Shoes must be worn at all times, unless in the shower/pool area or sleeping.
- 7** NO FIREARMS or archery equipment is allowed to be brought to camp.
- 8** NO FIREWORKS. Individuals possessing or using fireworks will be dismissed from camp.
- 9** NO ALCOHOL. No alcohol is permitted on camp property.
- 10** NO PETS are allowed in camp.
- 11** NO SWIMMING is allowed in the Salt Fork River. No unsupervised swimming is allowed in the pool.
- 12** Taps will be played at 10:00pm and all Scouts are required to be in their campsite at this time. Troops should respect neighboring campsites in the evening with quiet hours until 7:00 am the next morning.
- 13** Do not leave valuable items around camp. In the campsite, maintain a secure container for valuable items. Do not take any valuable items to the shower house. A "Lost and Found" box is kept in the camp office.
- 14** No liquid fuels may be used or stored at the campsites for fire-starting. Liquid fuel appliances may be used only by adults or under adult supervision. Please notify the Camp Commissioner upon your arrival if you plan to use such appliances.
- 15** It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in the program. As a result, it is the policy of the BSA that leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth .

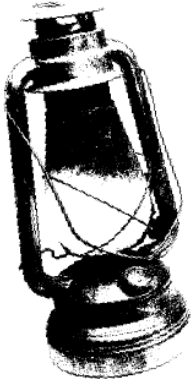
WATERFRONT SAFETY

Camp Drake adheres to the BSA Safe Swim Defense Plan. The course is taught at the Sunday night leaders meeting at 7:00 pm. Upon arrival at camp, everyone must take a swim test. Campers and leaders will be placed into one of three ability groups. See your Scoutmaster Handbook for an outline of the swim test. The ability groups will be used to determine a boy's eligibility to participate in aquatics activities. The pool and pond both use the Buddy System. Remember to check in & out of the swimming/boating areas.

SALT FORK RIVER TRIP SAFETY

In regards to the Inner Tube Float trips for troops attending Camp Drake the Praierlands Council follows the Safety Afloat requirements for this activity, so in addition to Safe Swim Defense procedures, the BSA boating policies are also met. Two deep leadership policies are required for the trip, so if this causes a hardship with the troop, either for the float trippers or for the Scouts remaining in camp, arrangements can be made through the Camp Drake management. Adults from multiple troops can be arranged to meet the two-deep leader qualifications on the trip or in the campsite. All Scouts and leaders must be swimmers to participate on an Inner Tube Float Trip. All Inner Tube Floaters will wear a lifejacket and protective footwear. Prior to each trip, a safety briefing will remind participants of the pertinent factors and stress the buddy system. The weather conditions and river water levels will be reviewed with trip leaders prior to each excursion.

CHECKLIST



Prior to camp

- Turn in a camp reservation form with your \$100 deposit.
- Arrange for a Camp Drake Promotional Night at a Troop meeting.
(The OA Camp Promotions team will assist when requested.)
- Go over the merit badge list with your Scouts. Discuss any work they need to do prior to arriving at camp. Prepare a list of each Scout's selections.
- Pay fees early to avoid late charges. (Review page 1 for registration details.)

- Double check adult leadership for every night.
- Notify parents of all plans and emergency numbers.
- Prepare Troop advancement records that will be needed for camp.
- Inventory and service any Troop equipment to be used at camp.
- Go over summer camp program, camp rules & policies with your Scouts.
- Secure all adult and Scout physicals and Health Histories. Ensure only the BSA form is used, and that all sections have been completed.
- Notify Camp Director of any special needs for camping arrangements or scheduling issues.
- Notify **only** CampDrakeKitchen@gmail.com with any special dietary needs ***at least two weeks*** prior to your unit's arrival at camp. Please communicate singularly about your Scout's dietary needs with this e-mail contact to avoid miscommunication.

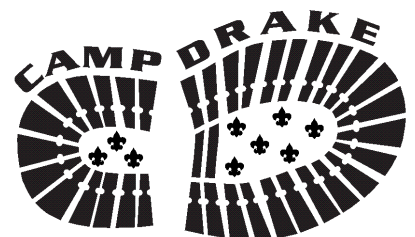
Arrival at CAMP DRAKE

You should plan to arrive on Sunday of your week at camp, between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Units unable to arrive during this time should make prior arrangements with the Camp Director. Upon arrival in the parking lot, a staff guide will welcome you and assist you in the check-in process. The staff guide will take your troop to the designated campsite and assist with your set-up.

After dropping off your equipment and doing a little primary set-up, your guide will lead your unit to the location of the medical re-checks. Please have Scout and adult physical forms on hand to turn over to the Health Officer. The troop will then have their orientation and swim check in the pool, and a briefing on dining hall procedures. Your troop will then have an opportunity to return to camp to complete their set-up.

Sunday supper will be the first meal served, and will be at 5:45 pm. The first flag ceremony is at 5:35 pm. After dinner there will be a leaders meeting, additional tours of camp for Scouts, and the opening campfire hosted by the Camp Staff in the arena.

Troop trailers will be allowed in campsites, but will need to be transported by official camp vehicles and staff. Personal vehicles will not be permitted in campsites.



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CAMP ROBERT DRAKE



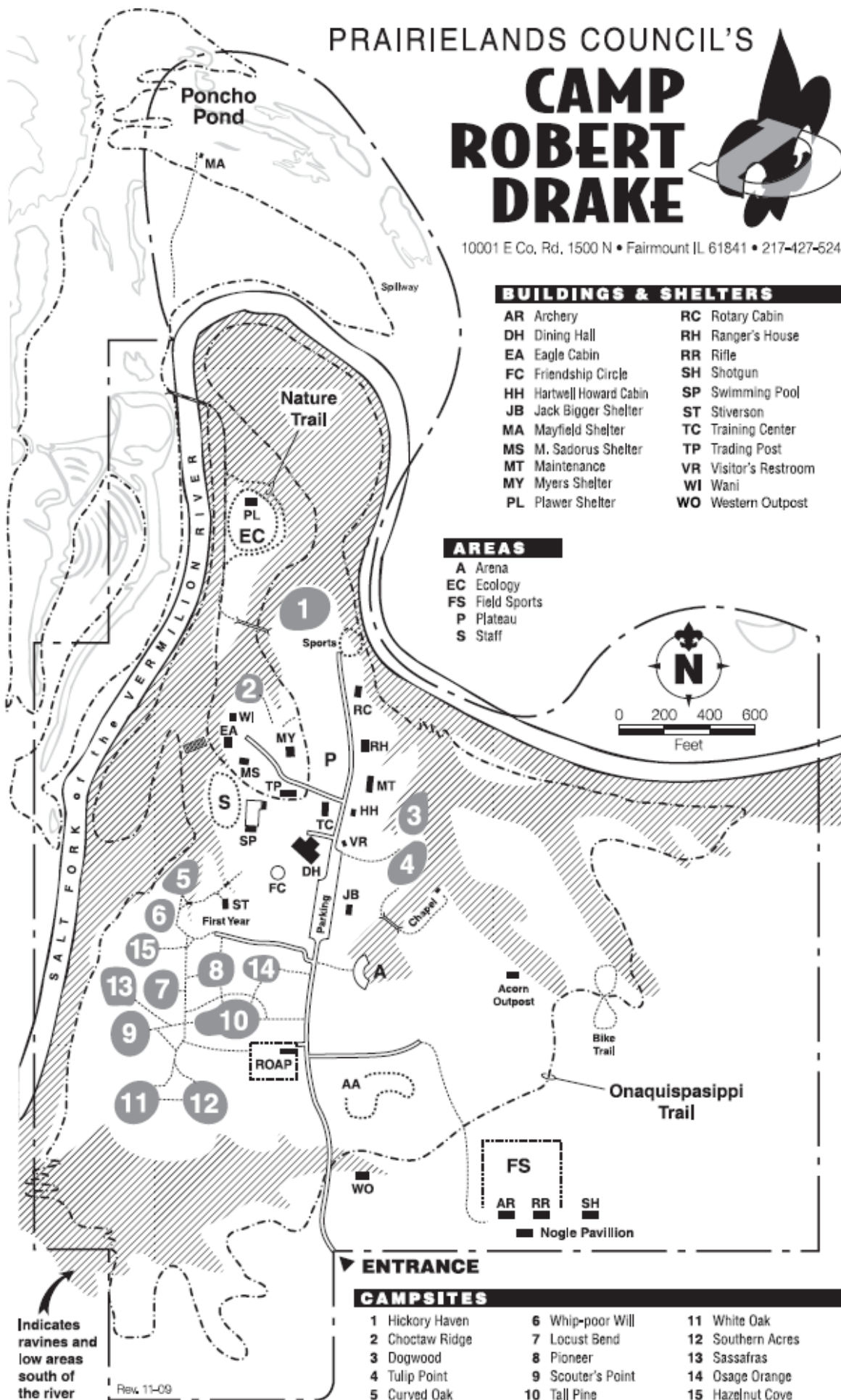
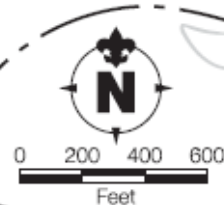
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BUILDINGS & SHELTERS

AR Archery	RC Rotary Cabin
DH Dining Hall	RH Ranger's House
EA Eagle Cabin	RR Rifle
FC Friendship Circle	SH Shotgun
HH Hartwell Howard Cabin	SP Swimming Pool
JB Jack Bigger Shelter	ST Stiverson
MA Mayfield Shelter	TC Training Center
MS M. Sadorus Shelter	TP Trading Post
MT Maintenance	VR Visitor's Restroom
MY Myers Shelter	WI Wani
PL Plawer Shelter	WO Western Outpost

AREAS

A Arena
EC Ecology
FS Field Sports
P Plateau
S Staff



Indicates ravines and low areas south of the river

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ENTRANCE

CAMPSITES

1 Hickory Haven	6 Whip-poor Will	11 White Oak
2 Choctaw Ridge	7 Locust Bend	12 Southern Acres
3 Dogwood	8 Pioneer	13 Sassafras
4 Tulip Point	9 Scouter's Point	14 Osage Orange
5 Curved Oak	10 Tall Pine	15 Hazelnut Cove