



# Prairielands Post

Serving over 3,000 families in nine counties of east central Illinois and western Indiana



## Fall Recruitment Starts Out Strong

*Leaders Reminded Registration Not Complete until Paperwork is Done*

In Packs running their fall recruitment School Nights are reporting a high turnout of interested boys and.....parents taking on more volunteer positions. This is great news for everyone as more and more families get involved in Scouting.

The response to the new Recruitment Packet has been very positive. The packet, distributed at the time of the in-school presentations includes the Pack's personalized flyer with School Night information, the new Parent's Introduction to Cub Scouts, a Join Cub Scouts sticker, and a page of Cub Scout word games for boys to play at home. Because the information is in a specially designed envelope, it is believed that these are getting home and into the hands of parents better than just the School Night flyer. The new Parent's Introduction to Cub Scouts is also getting good reviews as a tool to answer many parent questions before they get to School Night.

Packs also have available Join Cub Scout Posters and Yard Signs. These are more great tools for getting the word out that it's time to join Cub Scouts!! To get your materials, schedule your School Night or confirm District assistance at your School Night, contact your Senior District Executive, Lovetta Ash-Simpson, Prairie Fire District, at 217-531-0217 or at [Lovetta.ash-simpson@scouting.org](mailto:Lovetta.ash-simpson@scouting.org) or Mike Graham, Many Trails District, at 217-531-0212 or at [mike.graham@scouting.org](mailto:mike.graham@scouting.org)

Leaders are also reminded that a boy is not officially a member of the Boy Scouts of America until the registration application and fees have been submitted to the Council Service Center. It is very important for insurance purposes that a new member or leader are registered as soon as they join your Pack.

## Good Time for Boy Scout and Venturing Recruitment too!

Fall recruitment isn't just about Cub Scouts.....it's a great time to welcome new Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members as well.

## Cub Scout Packs.... Free Pinewood Derby Cars!!!



Pack leaders, don't forget that your Pack can earn free Pinewood Derby cars for the Cub Scouts in your Pack!

1. Submit your Pack charter in on time
2. Participate in the FOS campaign with a Family Presentation
3. Conduct a spring recruitment rally for new Tiger Cubs
4. Have a fall recruitment for new Cub Scouts

Recognition: A) Free Pinewood Derby Car for each new Cub Scout recruited between April 1 & Oct 31

B) If the Pack has more Cub Scouts on Oct 31 than the end of 2012; free cars for the whole Pack!

Check with your Senior District Executive for more details!



## Get Your Free Advancements, Free Advancements here!

Troops have an opportunity to earn free cloth rank advancement for their efforts to bring more boys into Scouting. Thirteen Troops earned free rank patches through the end of the year by having more Scouts than last June on June 30, 2013. Troop can earn this to July 2014 by having more registered Boy Scouts of December 31, 2013. The Troop must also recharter on time and participate in the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign to qualify.

Check with your Senior District Executive for more details on this great opportunity.



## It's Almost Popcorn Time!!

It's almost time for your Pack, Troop or Crew to make enough money to fund your entire program year through the council-coordinated Popcorn Sale. Units in Prairielands Council have traditionally raised over \$200,000 just for unit programs. The sale is set up to help your unit be as successful as possible.

Here are some tips for the most successful sale ever: 1) Participate in both the Show & Deliver Sale and Take order Sale. 2) Set a unit goal of dollars to raise; divide that by the number of Scouts in your unit to set a "per Scout goal"; 3) Set an expectation that Scouts will participate and meet their individual goal---encourage them; 4) Promote the Mystery Houses.....this will give Scouts a reason to go door to door. 5) Set up on-line ordering for Scouts who want to sell to grandparents, aunts & uncle who don't live in the area. 6) Ask for a weekly update to know how the sale is progressing.

Below are key dates for the coming sale:

**Friday, August 9, 2013: On-line sales kicks-off. (Already brining in sales!)**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013; All Popcorn Show & Deliver Orders Due**  
**Saturday, September 28, 2013; Show & Deliver Distribution; Popcorn Sale Begins**  
**Monday, October 28, 2013; Show & Deliver Money Due; Take Order & Prize Orders Due**  
**Saturday, November 9, 2013; Take Order Popcorn Due**  
**Monday, December 9, 2013; Take Order Money Due to Service Centers**  
**January 2014; Special Recognition Event for \$1,000 more sellers. (Details to come later)**

For any kind of assistance with planning your sale, please contact Elliot Smith at 217-531-3011 or at [elliott.smith@scouting](mailto:elliott.smith@scouting)



# Council Recognition Event to Honor Volunteers

## *Award Nominations Still Being Accepted*

The Council Volunteer Recognition Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The event will be held at the Pollard Forum of Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana beginning at 3:00 pm. Registration information will be available soon.

This event will feature the presentation of a Scouting council's highest honors for volunteer service. All Scouters are invited to attend this event to help recognize their peers for outstanding service to Scouting and their community. Presentations to be included are:

**The District Award of Merit** The District Award of Merit is the highest award a district can present to an adult volunteer. Recipients must be registered leaders in Scouting, be over 21 years of age and have given service to the district. The nomination form available on the council website. Award of Merit honorees will be selected by separate committees of the districts and will be presented by members of the Prairie Fire District and Many Trails District Committees.

**The Silver Beaver Award** The Silver Beaver Award is a national award presented by the local council. It is awarded for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters in the jurisdiction of Prairielands Council. The nominee must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and must be at least 21 years of age. The nomination form is posted on the council website.

**Endowment Awards** Also being honored at this event are those people who have supported the council through a gift to the Endowment Fund. New recipients of the James E. West Fellowship, Second Century Club and members of the Council Heritage Society will be recognized.

Other awards for significant service will also be presented.



## Golf Outing to Support Prairielands Scouting

Rainbow International Golf Outing for Scouting will be held on Monday, September 16 beginning with registration and a shotgun start at 12:00 noon at the Urbana Country Club. The outing is sponsored by Rainbow International, a leading home restoration company that specializes in carpet cleaning, water restoration, smoke and fire restoration and mold remediation. Registration for the Golf Outing is \$75.00 per person and includes all fees, lunch, dinner and awards. Hole sponsors are also available for \$125.00 each. For more information and to register go to the Rainbow International of East Central Illinois Facebook Page and click on the event.



## Sporting Clays for Scouting a Big Success!!

Held August 24<sup>th</sup> at Olde Barn Sporting Clays in Oakland



Left: Jeff Ping (middle) and the Kurland Steel Team  
Right: The Troop 9 Team



Left: Immediate Past President Eric Meyer & son Mack  
Right: The "Bud Root Team"





## Come See New Stuff in the Robeson Scout Shop

Fall is our busiest season at the Robeson Scout Shop as we welcome many new Scouts returning to school. New in the store this year are lines of Cub Scout and Boy Scout themed binders, notebooks, folders, and pencils for your back-to-school needs. We also have Cub Scout lunch bags and book bags.

National Geographic Channel ran a mini-series earlier this year, *Are You Tougher Than A Boy Scout?*, that saw six Boy Scouts face off against six adult men in a series of scout-themed challenges. The DVD box set of all six episodes is now in the Scout Shop for \$29.99, including *Canoe Jousting*, *Ninja Scouts*, *Buoy Scouts*, *Where Eagles Fly*, *Man vs. Scout*, and *Face Plant*.

Are you Boy Scouts a little tired of the same old 39 standard patrol emblems? The national Supply Group has released 17 new offerings for today's Scouts: Alien, Black Mamba, Bull, Bulldog, Computer Geek, Coyote, Falcon, Game Master, Knight, Native American, Ninja, Old Goat, Phoenix, Robot, Squirrel, T-Rex, and Zombie. We have all of them for you!

Do you live in the Danville area? Your Scout Shop orders can be phoned in (217-531-3010) or emailed ([glenn.overby@scouting.org](mailto:glenn.overby@scouting.org)) and the merchandise transported to the Danville office for pick-up there during the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon hours. We can also ship to other parts of the council service area. We're here to serve you!!

## Holiday Weekend Family Camping Available at Camp Drake



Scouting families are invited to enjoy and safe and sane Labor Day weekend at Camp Robert Drake. All of the campsites are available for use, along with all the hiking trails and fishing areas. The cost for the entire weekend is \$20.00 per family or \$8.00 per individual for the entire four day period. Meals are not included and alcohol is not permitted. To register download the form from the council website at [www.prairielandsbsa.org](http://www.prairielandsbsa.org) For more information, contact Glenn Overby at 217-531-3010 or at [glenn.overby@scouting.org](mailto:glenn.overby@scouting.org)



## Camping Committee Needs Your Help!

Camp Drake needs your help! Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas for the Prairielands Council Camping Committee. The Prairielands Council Program Committee needs your help! The Camping Program Committee oversees the operation of Camp Drake's summer camp, as well as all year-round programs out at Camp. Adult volunteers are needed to help advise and oversee program areas and events throughout the year. The committee meets an average of 8 times a year, and volunteer positions are available that fit all types of Scouters and a variety of schedule availability. If you are interested in contributing your thoughts, ideas, and talents to the betterment of Camp Drake, please contact Camping Committee Chair John Marquardt at [jmarqua@illinois.edu](mailto:jmarqua@illinois.edu). Opportunities are available in a variety of areas, skill sets, and time commitments!



## Introduce New Cub Scouts to Scouting Outdoor Fun; Cub Scout Fun Days!!

Sunday, September 28 in Champaign & Danville

### ***UI Fire Institute, Champaign***

1:00 to 4:00 pm

New Cub Scouts in Prairie Fire District will only want MORE after they come to Cub Scout Fun Day at the Fire Institute.

- BB Guns, Sling shots, Archery, Sports, Live Demonstrations
- .....and more!!

Register at the Council Service Center or on site at the event. \$5.00 per Scout or guest includes lunch and a patch (additional lunches available for \$2.00).



### ***Ellsworth Park, Danville***

1:00 to 4:00 pm

As a part of the FUN for the Prairielands Council in the fall of 2013, the Many Trails Cub Scout Fun Day on Sunday, September 29 will celebrate the benefits provided by outing in Scouting. All Cub Scout members, both new and returning, will enjoy archery, water bottle rockets, Cubmobiles, and all kinds of games. Make the trip to Ellsworth Park in Danville on 9/29 to enjoy the Cub Scout festivities. This is a rain or shine event. No postponement date will be possible. Let's see t

### **Smiling Pumpkin Targets Cub Scout Fun**

Bring your whole pack and all their family members to the fun and excitement of the Smilin' Pumpkin Shooting Sports Fest at Camp Robert Drake on Sunday, October 27th, 2013. The event will be an afternoon of outdoor activities throughout the trails and prairies of our favorite Boy Scout camp. Three different shooting sports ranges will be set up to provide Cub Scouts and their friends and family members to aim at a variety of targets with different difficulties. In addition to the shooting activities, sporting games will be arranged in the central camp area. Youth will also be able to race around a campsite in Pedal Cars.

Family participation is encouraged so siblings can attend and participate. Any participating youth (age 5 to 17) will pay a \$6.00 activity fee; no fee for adults. Please pre-register for the Smilin' Pumpkin by calling Susan Collier Program Pumpkin at (217) 356-7291, ext. 6441.

### **Cub Scout Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation & Webelos Outdoor Leader Training**

Be the best Cub Scout leader possible by being trained in outdoor program delivery for Cub Scouts.

#### **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)**

*Required to conduct Cub Scout outdoor programs*

October 5<sup>th</sup>; 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Camp Robert Drake; \$15.00 fee includes lunch; register by September 27

#### **Outdoor Leader Skills Training for Webelos Leaders (OWL) and Boy Scout Leaders (OLST)**

October 4 – 6<sup>th</sup>; Camp Robert Drake; \$35.00 fee includes meals; register by September 27

For more information or to register contact Glenn Overby at 217-531-3010 or at [glenn.overby@scouting.org](mailto:glenn.overby@scouting.org)

## **Leave No Trace Trainer's Class**

**September 13-14 @ Camp Drake**

Become a Leave No Trace Trainer to run workshops teaching low-impact camping and hiking using LNT principles. This is the required course for Boy Scouts who want the troop LNT Trainer position.

This class is open to adult Scouters plus Scouts and Venturers 14 years and older (if accompanied by a paid responsible adult). Registration begins 5:00 pm on Friday, September 13 with class beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. It ends at 8:00 pm on Saturday.

The fee for the course is \$50:00 per person until August 31; after the deadline the fee is \$60.00. A minimum of 8 paid registrants is due by August 31 to hold the class; it is limited to 20 people.

Some parts of the course will be held outdoors; dress appropriately. Everyone will need to prepare an 8-12 minute presentation on one of the 7 LNT principles during the weekend.

Questions? Contact Ralph Kuchenbrod at [ralph@flightstar.com](mailto:ralph@flightstar.com) or at 217-351-7700.

## **Tread Lightly Trainer's Class**

**September 15 @ Camp Drake**

Become a Tread Lightly Trainer to run workshops teaching low-impact activities including the use of motorized vehicles. The class is open to adult Scouters plus Scouts and Venturers 14 years and older (with a paid adult). Registration begins at 7:30 am and the class starts promptly at 8:00 am; ending at 4:00 pm.

The fee for the course is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch, handouts and the Trainer Kit. After August 31 the fee increases to \$50.00. This class will be cancelled if the corresponding Leave No Trace class is cancelled due to low registration. If you are taking the LNT Trainer class as well, the fee is \$35.00 (\$45.00 late). Those taking the LNT Trainer Class can camp on Saturday night. Bring your own breakfast for Sunday morning.

Everyone will need to prepare an 8-12 minutes presentation on one of the 5 Tread Lightly principles during the weekend. If you are also taking the LNT Trainer class you only have to do one presentation.

For more information contact Ralph Kuchenbrod at [ralph@flightstar.com](mailto:ralph@flightstar.com) or at 217-351-7700.

### **Prairielands One Stop Training (POST)**

**Saturday, October 19; LDS Church, 604 W. Windsor Road, Champaign**

Mandatory Youth Protection Training at 9:00 am; No Fee

Cub Scout Leader, Den Chief, Boy Scout Leader and Venturing Leader Specific Training  
10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Fee: \$15.00; early bird of just \$12.00 if paid by October 14<sup>th</sup>! Fee includes materials and lunch.

For more information or to register contact Glenn Overby at 217-531-3010 or at [glenn.overby@scouting.org](mailto:glenn.overby@scouting.org)



## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Two Weekend Course; February 21-23 & March 7-9, 2014

Camp Robert Drake (Cabin Camping)

A nationally recognized Mountain-top training experience for Boy Scouts and Venturers. Participants are provided leadership skills and experiences to become superior leaders in their Troops and Crews and future leadership roles.

Total course fee is \$200.00 if registration and balance is paid by December 21, 2013 (\$220.00 after December 21<sup>st</sup>).

For additional information, contact:

Paul Lang at 217-649-5070 or [pjlang121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjlang121@sbcglobal.net)

Wayne Frankie at 217-840-1068

Dawn Pajor at 217-283-4217

## Venturing Officers Association (VOA) Calendar of Fun!

Are you beginning to fill out your calendar for the upcoming year? Don't forget the VOA in your planning

Sept. 9 - 1st VOA Meeting-Glow-in the dark  
Putt-putt  
7 p.m. Arrowhead Lanes in Champaign

Oct. 7 - VOA Meeting--Recruiting for YOUR  
Crew  
7 p.m. Champaign Library

Nov. 4 - Officers meeting

Nov.23 - STEM Workshop

Dec. 2 - VOA Meeting--Venturing Holiday Party

Jan. 10-11 - Area 3 Venturing Conference  
Normal, IL

Feb. 3 - VOA Meeting--Kayak Water Polo  
ARC on U of I Campus

March 3 - Officer Meeting

March 8 - Road Rally  
University of Illinois Campus

April 7 - VOA Meeting--The New Venturing  
7 p.m. Champaign Library

May 5 - VOA Meeting--Frisbee  
6 p.m. Hessel Park

And a short thing about our first meeting...

Have No Fear the VOA is Here!  
Does the thought of starting school have you feeling down in the dumps? Let us make the start of a new school year more enjoyable by joining the Venturing Officers Association in celebrating the beginning of a new year at Arrowhead Lanes in Champaign, IL. Starting at 7 p.m. on September 9, show off your mad Putt Putt skills in a game of Glow in the Dark Putt Putt and meet the new officers and some fellow Venturers from the Council. This event is open to ALL Venturers. Help us make the start of a new year a great one!

# Prairie Fire District

## September

- 2 Labor Day – Council Service Center closed
- 11 District Commissioner meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS, 604 W. Windsor Road  
Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, 604 W. Windsor Road.
- 18 Popcorn Show & Sell Orders due to Service Center
- 20-22 Fall Camporee, Forest Glen Preserve, Westville, IL
- 28 Popcorn Sales Begins, Show & Sell Distribution
- 29 District Cub Scout Family Fun Day, Illinois Fire Institute, Champaign, 1:00-4:00 p.m.;  
Cost \$5 per Scout and siblings

## October

- 9 District Commissioner meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Church, 604 W. Windsor Rd.
- 27 Smilin' Pumpkin for Cub Scouts, Camp Drake, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 28 Popcorn Order, Prize Order due; Show & Sell Money Due

### **Prairie Fire September 11 Roundtable**

Attention Leaders!!!! Prairie Fire District is having another Roundtable on September 11 at 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, 604 W. Windsor Road. This will be our regular Cub Scout and Boy Scout separate breakout sessions, come hear the latest news and rub elbows with other leaders to learn new ideas! Contact Dan Strole for more information at [dstrole@yahoo.com](mailto:dstrole@yahoo.com), our district Roundtable Commissioner.

### **Membership Rally! Leaders, have you made your checklist?**

September is recruiting month!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Who is your school night recruitment Chairperson?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What day and time will your "boy talk" be held?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Who will be doing your "boy talk"?
- \_\_\_\_\_ When will you hold your School Night recruitment sign-up night?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you placed your order for recruitment fliers?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need yard signs, posters, stickers, mini Boys Life Mags?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you called or emailed your District Executive with your Date and time?

Membership recruiting is the lifeblood of the Scouting program and ALL Units should participate with the fall sign-up period to publicize their Scouting efforts in the schools and communities. Contact Lovetta Ash-Simpson, your District Executive, [lovetta.ash-simpson@scouting.org](mailto:lovetta.ash-simpson@scouting.org), 531-0217 for more information or to schedule a boy talk!

### **Can You "Survive" the Joint District Fall Camporee**

September 20-22, 2013, Forrest Glen Reserve

Get ready Get ready to have some super "Survival Fun" all Boy Scout Troops, Ventures and Webelos Scouts (who are invited with a troop) with Many Trail & Prairie Fire district fall camporee at Forrest Glen Reserve!! Yes that right fall camporee is just around the corner and this year theme is "Survival" based on the T.V. show. We want to see how your Scouts and Ventures will put their scouting knowledge, teamwork and skills to the test of who can "SURVIVE"! Bob Bantz is the event chairman his contact information is [r-bantz@illinois.edu](mailto:r-bantz@illinois.edu) or 217 377-7554. The early bird sign up cost is \$13.00 per person on or before September 11, 2013 or \$18.00 per person after September 12, 2013. BSA medical forms are REQUIRED at check-in (just part A & B) Camporee flier will be on Council website starting August 1.

### **Commissioners**

Commissioners meeting will be September 11, 6:00 p.m., LDS Church. Commissioners please take the time to log in your units visits into the Journey to Excellence (JTE) system. It is really important for you as a Commissioner so we can track the strong and weak points of your Units. Contact our District Commissioner Linda Atherton @ [latherton@mac.com](mailto:latherton@mac.com) if you are having trouble or need assistance in entering the data.



# Many Trails District

## CUB SCOUT SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL NIGHT TIPS

1. **MAKE AN AGENDA** – Assign speaking roles and set time limits!
2. **ASSIGN VARIOUS DUTIES** – use lots of leaders to do different jobs  
(Registration, new den orientations, games, refreshments, speakers, training)
3. **FOLLOW AGENDA** – Set time limits, change speakers, don't ramble on!
4. **USE HANDOUTS** – but not more than two pages, keep it simple  
(Definitely distribute upcoming schedule of fun events)
5. **BE ENTHUSIASTIC and END ON A HIGH NOTE!**

## FINAL STRETCH FOR F.O.S.

The Many Trails District is close to reaching from its annual Friends of Scouting goal for 2013. If you have not yet made your financial commitment to the council in 2013, please make a donation to the Many Trails District Friends of Scouting drive today. Contact District Executive Mike Graham at (217) 356-7291, ext. 6447 to pledge to support the Boy Scouts of America.

## Commissioners Needed

District Commissioner Kent McMahan is looking for district level volunteers to serve as unit mentors that assist packs, troops, and crews with advice, counseling and as an idea source. In Scouting, this type of volunteer is known as a Unit Commissioner. The goal of the Unit Commissioner is to help Scouting programs to be successful by providing resource information, leadership coaching, and unit committee building. Commissioner McMahan is seeking a "Scouting mentor" in each community that can help packs, troops, and crews as needed.

**Next Roundtable: November 8 in Hoopeston!!**

## Scouting Supplies in Danville

The Danville Scout Shop has Scouting supplies for your new member recruiting this fall. Posters, flyers, and yard signs to show off your local Cub pack are available at 305 W. Woodbury, (behind Payless Shoes on Gilbert St.). If you need BSA supplies from the council Scout Shop, orders placed by 5:00 pm Monday or Wednesday can be delivered to Danville on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact Susan Collier at 531-0219 for additional Scouting details.

## FUN DAY on a SUNDAY

As a part of the FUN for the Prairielands Council in the fall of 2013, the Many Trails Cub Scout Fun Day on Sunday, September 29 will celebrate the benefits provided by outing in Scouting. All Cub Scout members, both new and returning, will enjoy archery, water bottle rockets, Cubmobiles, and all kinds of games. Make the trip to Ellsworth Park in Danville on 9/29 to enjoy the Cub Scout festivities. This is a rain or shine event. No postponement date will be possible. Let's see the Cubs shine!

## POPCORN REMINDERS: SET GOALS FOR SUCCESS

In order to achieve success, your unit should define your fund-raising target. Each Scout should have an objective to strive for to be recognized. The new prize flyer is available which describes all of the varied options for prizes for the youth members. Please encourage your sales team to set goals for their efforts, whether it is a dollar amount or a prize level.

## PACKET PICK-UP

Please contact Mike Graham if you have not received your popcorn packet, in order to get your Popcorn Packet to the proper locale. It is important to contact him soon if you do not have your sales materials via email or his phone is (800) 464-7291, ext. 6447

## SAFETY REMINDER

Please spend time with your popcorn-selling Scouts with caution reminders about selling with a buddy, not entering customer homes, and sales after dark. Practice simple sales techniques as a reminder for safety tips and etiquette hints for Scouts. Please guide all of your sales team regarding proper sales methods and common sense safety factors.



## Drake Digest

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Camp Launch for the 2014 camping season will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14 at Provena (now Presence) Covenant Hospital, located at 1400 W. Park Street in Urbana, just off of University Avenue. Reservations for 2014 Boy Scout Resident Camp can be made today by contacting Susan Collier at the Prairielands Council Scout Office at [Susan.Coller@Scouting.org](mailto:Susan.Coller@Scouting.org). Plan ahead today for a fantastic 2014 camping season!

### Tree House Cabin Available for Rent

The triangular cabin is built on the edge of a ravine, just east of the main parking lot, is accessible for all units to rent for a weekend. Twelve bunk beds, a loft, food prep area and storage spaces provide a very functional living area, despite its small size. Similarities to the living arrangements on the International Space Station are unavoidable. Use the normal camp use application to reserve your weekend in the trees.

### Lots Going on at Camp Drake's Harold Nogle Shooting Sports Center

#### **NRA Basic Training**

Saturday, November 16, 2013

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$50.00 per person

Open to all Prairielands Council Adult Scouters

Space Limited to 12 Participants

Firearms provided

Register at the Council Service Center by November 14, 2013

#### **Fall Turkey Shoot**

Saturday, November 23, 2013

12 Noon to 4:00 pm

\$25.00 per person

Open to all registered Boy Scout & Venturing youth and adult leaders

Competition: 100 rounds of trap

*Note: No turkeys will be harmed at the "Turkey Shoot"; only Clay Pigeons*

#### **Recruit'n & Shoot'n**

Bring a friend to Camp Drake to compete on the Range

Cub Scouts: BB Guns

Webelos: .177 Air Rifles

Boy Scouts: .22 Target Rifle

\$25.00 per team; Register by November 20<sup>th</sup>

Other fun events like Tomahawk Toss, Bowie Knife Throwing, Archery & Atlati

#### **Log-On and Connect with Camp Drake Year-Round!**

Never miss out on Camp Drake breaking news and program information again! Connect with Camp Drake on Facebook (Camp Robert Drake) and follow Camp Drake on Twitter (@campdrakebsa) today! As always, [www.CampDrake.com](http://www.CampDrake.com) remains the premiere location for all critical Camp Drake leader updates, program information and registration, games, news bulletins, training opportunities, and more!





# Order of the Arrow News

Hello Prairielands Council! Illini Lodge has had a great summer induction over 40 new Ordeal Members in addition to 20 new Brotherhood Members. We look forward to seeing these new members at some of the events we have coming up!

We hope to see all of the troops in Prairielands Council - Watseka to Hume, Monticello to Covington, Champaign to Urbana!- represented in the coming events! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me at [owenmyers113@gmail.com](mailto:owenmyers113@gmail.com) or 217-621-3574. See you down the Scouting Trail and thank you all for your support of Illini Lodge 55 this summer and of the Scouting Program.

## Fall Pow Wow, Old Sport!

(October Lodge Meeting)

- October 11-13<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00 p.m. Friday-around 10:00 a.m. Sunday
- Location: Camp Robert Drake
- Cost: \$20 until Oct. 4th, \$25 after
- Additional \$10 for Cabin Rental
- \$40 Ordeal Fee (for weekend),
- \$20 Brotherhood Fee (for ceremony)
- REMINDER:  
*You must have a physical to spend the night at Camp Drake. NO EXCEPTIONS.*
- Have you seen the Green Light, Old Sport?

This event will take place over a weekend. We begin with the start of the Ordeal for members called out during summer camp who could not do it then. The next morning we have service for camp followed by lunch and afternoon activities. The evening will start off with ceremonies, followed by the dinner party! Lodge Officer elections will be held during this event (if you know an Arrowman who would like to run for: Chief, Vice Chief of Administration/Activities/Inductions, Secretary, or Treasurer- contact John Marquardt at [jmarqua@illinois.edu](mailto:jmarqua@illinois.edu) for an Officer Election Form!). There will be elections for the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Ken Fredrick Award, and the Founder's Award for both the youth and adult side. Last but not least! We will also be having our Vigil call-out during the Saturday evening ceremonies.

## Leadership Development Conference

As an Order of the Arrow member, young adults are expected to act as a leader. The many aspects of people management will be reviewed in context with lodge and troop operations at the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference on Sunday, November 3rd. High level instructors have been recruited to provide a top-notch educational experience for youth leaders and their adult advisors. Refreshments will be provided, and there is no registration fee. Illini Lodge invites all arrowmen to attend the annual leadership seminar to provide instruction on management techniques that will be useful throughout your life- in and out of Scouting. Topics for this session will review leadership styles, effective communications, and the committee structure of Illini Lodge. All arrowmen, both youth and adult, are encouraged to participate in this lodge-building activity. Plan to prepare for additional Cheerful Brotherhoodyness.

# Fall Pow Wow Fun

The Illini Lodge will conduct a fun weekend of lodge activities on the weekend of October 11-13, 2013. The weekend will include Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor ceremonies. New officers will be elected to lead the lodge for 2014. Activities will be planned for arrowmen to enjoy the cheerful aspect of the order.

## Officer Elections

The top leadership for Illini Lodge will be selected at the Fall Pow Wow on the evening of Saturday, October 12th. Arrowmen will elect the top six lodge positions to guide our council's honor society for 2013-14. The positions include Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice-Chief of Activities, Vice-Chief of Inductions, Secretary, and Treasurer. All dues-paying Illini Lodge youth members are eligible to run for a position and participate in the election. In the Order of the Arrow, you are considered a youth member until you turn 21 years of age.

## Brotherhood Achievement

Each Ordeal member should strive to attain the Brotherhood level of the Order of the Arrow. At the Fall Pow Wow, knowledgeable Arrowmen will assist members on their journey to Brotherhood. The ceremonies take place Saturday evening. Plan to seal your membership in the OA by completing the Brotherhood Honor soon. Check your OA HANDBOOK for detailed requirements to achieve this important goal.

## Light the Jack-O-Lantern

Brave men of the lodge are required to fan the flame of service for the fabulous Smilin Pumpkin Outdoor Sports Fest. At least 30 lodge members are needed to run the afternoon of outdoor games for current & potential Cub Scouts and families. Current Cub Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend to discover the opportunities in Scouting. The Smilin' Pumpkin event is set for Sunday, October 27th at Camp Drake. Illini Lodge arrowmen will be the shining candle of spirit in the Jack-o-Lantern of fun. Let's see your spark in October!

## Medical Forms

When you come out to Order of the Arrow events, especially when you spend the night for Fall Pow Wow, make sure that you have your B.S.A. certified medical form with you. Copies can be collected by the Health and Safety Officer at these events for your convenience. If you know anyone who is planning to come to complete their Ordeal or Brotherhood, please! Make sure that they know to bring this information with them. Thank you!

## Merchandise and Dues

Have you seen the new Illini Lodge 55 drawstring bags? If you haven't, you need to! They are AWESOME. Durable, spacious, and all the rave of Arrowmen everywhere (at least East Central Illinois and Western Indiana...that's everywhere, right!), you need to buy your bag TODAY. While you are shopping you may also notice the new Illini Lodge 55 tee shirts, or maybe! You will notice the new Lodge flap! The first new design in 20 years! BUT WAIT!! There's more! The price of the Illini Lodge 55 Speed Pass that gets you into Summer Reunion, Fall Pow Wow, Winter Banquet, and the front of Cracker Barrel lines is now only \$55! (It is \$35 if you have already paid your dues.) Speaking of dues, if you haven't paid them yet you need to! Before you can run for office, attend events, or anything- your dues need paid! Head to the Scout shop today to do your duty to do the dues!



## Council September/October Calendar

### September

- 1 & 2      Camp Drake Open for Holiday Weekend Family Camping
- 2      LABOR DAY; Council Service Centers Closed
- 13-14      Leave no Trace Training, Camp Drake (See article on page 6)
- 14      **Scout Shop Open; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- 16      **POPCORN SHOW & DELIVER ORDERS DUE**
- 16      Council Program Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm, Raymond Lee Scout Service Center
- 19      Council Training Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm, Flightstar, Savoy
- 23      Council Executive Board Meeting; 5:45 pm, New Horizon UMC, Champaign
- 28      **POPCORN SALES BEGIN; SHOW & DELIVER DISTRIBUTION, Champaign**
- 28      **Scout Shop Open; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

### October

- 4      BALOO & OWL Training, Camp Drake (See article on page 5)
- 4-6      Outdoor leaders Skills Training, Camp Drake (See article on page 5)
- 11-13      Order of the Arrow POW WOW, Camp Drake
- 12      **Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- 17      Council Training Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm, Flightstar, Savoy
- 19      Prairielands One Stop Training (POST) (See article on page 6)
- 20      Council Volunteer Recognition Celebration, 3:00 pm, Carle Forum, Champaign  
(See article on page 2)
- 21      Council Properties Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Raymond Lee Scout Service Center
- 26      **Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- 27      SMILIN' PUMPKIN, Camp Robert Drake
- 28      **POPCORN TAKE ORDER DUE; SHOW & DELIVER MONEY DUE**

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Tuesday and Thursday: 12 Noon – 6:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm