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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Robeson Scout Shop—Your place for all things Scouty

NEW SHOP HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9:00am—6:00pm

*Tuesday/Thursday
12:00pm—6:00pm

Saturday (2nd & 4th of the month)
9:00am—1:00pm

*Office business hours will be
9:00am—6:00pm

The Robeson Scout Shop within the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center will have new store hours beginning Monday January 30, 2012! The schedule is posted directly to the left. Please note that the offices of the professional staff will still be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM-12:00PM even though the Scout Shop will be closed. Please spread the word to all of your Scout Parents so unnecessary trips are not made out to the store! Please never hesitate to “phone first” before coming to the Scout Shop.

With the reorganization of the Council at the first of the year, these new hours were needed. The entire staff is committed to serving your Scouting needs. Thank you!



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Upcoming Council Dates

- TRAINING
 - *PTC—Feb 11
 - *Committee—February 22
 - *POST—March 10
 - *Committee—March 28
- COMMISSIONERS
 - *Roundtables
 - “Northeast” District—April 10
 - Prairie Fire District—April 11
- ACTIVITIES
 - *Eagle Scout Dinner—Feb 18
 - *Mountainfilm on tour—Mar 6
 - *Trail Tromp & Compass Day—Mar 31
- CAMPING
 - *Property Committee—Feb 20
 - *Order of the Arrow—Mar 4
 - *“Tool time” - Mar 17
 - *Program Committee—Mar 19
- ADMINISTRATIVE
 - *BSA 102 Anniversary—Feb 8
 - *Scout Shop open—Feb 11 & 25
 - *CAMP CASH—Feb 17
 - *Executive Committee—Feb 27

Mountainfilm Festival

The Mountainfilm Tour presented by *Champaign Surplus* is once again making it's annual stop in Prairielands Council! Don't miss this exciting evening of adventure and nature films. Most are short so you have the opportunity to see lots of different ones. Be in awe as you see how people perform amazing feats of strength and endurance and laugh at the comedy antics in other films. There's something for everyone. All proceeds from the event support the outdoor programs of the Prairielands Council. Plan now to be at Parkland College Theater (2400 W. Bradley, Champaign) on March 6, 2012. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the films start at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10. Come early to get a good seat as this event usually sells out.



*See page two about a special **Camp Drake Bonus for attendance at the Mountainfilm fest***



Photo Contest – The Film Festival too will once again host an amateur photography contest. First Prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Champaign Surplus! All of the finalists' photographs will be on display in the theatre lobby the evening of the film festival, and movie goers will be able to cast a ballot for their favorites.

CAMP CASH SPRING SALE

Before we know it the sounds of summer will be upon us and time to go to Summer Camp! Two fabulous options are available for your Scouts to help earn their way to Camp in the “Camp Cash Spring Sale” extravaganza! Both sales involve selling product, and both will definitely help you earn needed funds.

1. Camp Candy Sales—this sale is a “cash on delivery”
2. Camp Battery Sales—this sale is a “take order”

Both sales begin February 17 and conclude on March 30, however there are some other differences:

- Commissions—Candy commissions are .25 of every \$1.00 sale
Battery commissions are 36% of every sale
- Prizes—There is a candy prize package (details to follow soon)
There is no battery prize package

Units and Scouts can participate in one or both of the sales! Please fill out a commitment form soon so we know the intent of your unit. We will have forms available on line, at the January Roundtable, as well as the weekly email blasts sent from the Council.



CAMP CASH

- Unit commitment
Jan—Feb
- Sale starts—Feb 17
- Sale ends—March 30
- Payments:
Candy—April 2
Battery—April 30



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Program News

Camp Drake Upcoming Activities



Get your trail on in March!

Walk the Onaquississippi Trail and uncover secrets of camping past and prizes for our leaders of tomorrow. TROMP IT! Enjoy a beautiful morning along the banks of the Salt fork River, hiking the historic trail with all of your scouting buddies. From 9:00 until 12:00 noon on March 31 all arrowmen and their special guests are invited to get their boots and go tromping. Experience all the beauty of camp

Tool Time

Spring cleaning or the annual Spring "Tool Time" is happening on Saturday March 17 beginning at 9:00AM. Meet at the north end of the tin shed at Camp Robert Drake. ALL Scouts, Scouters and parents are welcome to help prepare camp for all of the fabulous activities in 2012. Primary projects focus on clearing campsites and removing brush, brambles, and leaves from program areas. Basic cleaning of cabins and buildings is needed as well. If you have construction talents, additional projects will be available by contacting Mike Graham at mike.graham@scouting.org. All participants should bring their own equipment if possible, but some rakes, brooms and loppers are available. Lunch will be served at 12:15 and a recognition thank you at 3:00. Please encourage your Pack, Troop or Crew to help this Tool time date or the one on May 17.

Compass Day—All newer Boy Scouts are invited to attend this special orientation as well as their junior leaders and Scoutmasters. There is no fee for compass day, but participants must use the registration form to reserve their attendance. March 31st is set for a fun filled orientation for current fifth grade Scouts. They will be introduced to Camp Drake opportunities through outdoor merit badges such as archery and orienteering. All new Boy Scouts will receive a compass as recognition of participation in compass day. In addition, any compass day Scout who attends Camp Drake Summer Camp in 2012 will receive an official "Camp Drake souvenir.



Venturing Officers Association

Did you know there is a Council Venturing Officers Association? Each Crew within the Council is encouraged to send a representative from your Crew to be a part of this association. Please contact Association President Jacob Ramsey at: j.c.ramsey@comcast.net for more information or questions.

Marksmanship Challenge—Test your aim for trophies and prizes at the Nogle Shooting Sports Area on Saturday, March 31 from 1:00—4:00 at beautiful Camp Robert Drake. The Spring Marksmanship challenge is open to Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers interested in testing their marksmanship abilities in several shooting disciplines. Participants will be allowed one practice round and then shoot for a score in any or all events they wish to compete in. The \$20 fee includes use of camp shooting equipment, ammunition, prizes, snacks, and awards. Please DO NOT bring your personal shooting equipment.



Cub Scout Day Camps are a great way to introduce your incoming Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts to the activities of Scouting in the summer time! The always popular BB and archer ranges are a flutter with all kinds of activity during the month of June. Make plans to visit the Camp closest to you, or the one that fits your summer calendar best!

Cub day Camp for Iroquois/Ford Counties—June 8-9

Cub Day Camp @ Camp Drake—June 11-14

Cub Day Camp @ Champaign County Fairgrounds—June 11-15

Cub Day Camp @ Tuscola city Park—June 18-22



Mountain Film Bonus

Join the night-time fun of the Mountain Film Fest and receive special moon-lit bonuses at Camp Robert Drake this summer. Any 8 Boy Scouts from the same troop who attend the Film Fest at the Parkland College Theatre on Tuesday, March 6th will be awarded a series of special opportunities during their visit to summer camp. If your patrol qualifies for the Night Owl Award, you will receive under the stars thrills at Camp Drake during the summer of 2012. ALL THIS FUN AND YOU HELP THE OUTDOOR PROGRAMS. All proceeds from the Mountain Film Festival go to the fabulous out of doors programs made available in Prairielands Council. See you at Parkland Theatre on March 6!

Prairielands Council Staff directory

The always friendly and helpful staff of the Prairielands Council is just a call or click away!

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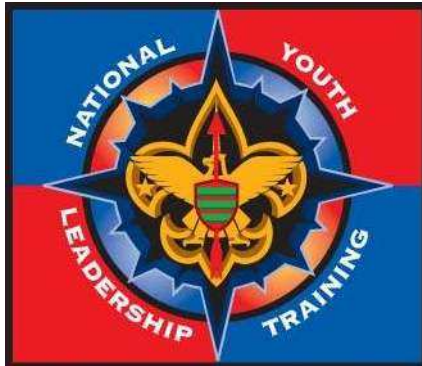
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National Youth Leader Training

Prairielands Council's version of Boy Scouts National Youth Leadership Training, Trailhead will be held at Camp Drake June 1-6, 2012. Trailhead is a 6-day intensive course in Scout leadership and the Patrol Method, conducted in an outdoor camping setting, and taught by Scouts and adult advisors. Scoutmaster recommendation and parental approval are required. Build your youth leadership in your troop by sending qualified



Scouts to the National Youth Leadership Training in July. The National Youth Leadership Training will provide the definitive education on troop administration for boy-led units.

Special Thanks

Thank you to Curt Ware, the Order of the Arrow and all others who helped with the Pinewood Derby 101 on January 22 at Worden Martin. It was a great success and literally hundreds of Cub scouts were able to complete their race cars for the upcoming famous Pinewood Derby with in their individual Packs.

National Jamboree—2013

Are you a Boy scout looking for the ultimate trip? Or perhaps you are a Webelos Scout dreaming of the adventures you will have once in a Troop? If either of these statements are true, look no further than the Prairielands Council contingent trip to the 2013 National Jamboree. The Jamboree is the ultimate campout and will be something you can tell your kids and grandkids that you were a part of. The Jamboree only occurs every four years, and what makes this one even more



rare is it will be the first one at Scouting's new permanent home for the Jamboree—Summit Bechtel Reserve. Only 26 spots remain! Visit: http://prairielandsbsa.org/page.php?page_id=3923 to learn more and register today!

Congratulations Eagles!!

Dennis Bartley	Troop 272
Justin Fielder	Troop 272
Alexander Kemp	Troop 95
Kyle Knox	Troop 101
Dustin Long	Troop 55
Robert McMillen	Troop 101
Matthew Vanderwerf	Troop 101



"The Scouting situation is the first one that really led me to an idea of my whole community and what was involved there. It clearly was a tremendously formative influence."

Richard Lugar—U.S. Senate, Indiana, Eagle Scout 1946

Council Friends of Scouting Campaign

Your investment in Scouting plays a vital role in helping to build character and create a foundation of leadership for the youth of our communities. Your Friends of Scouting dollars work to provide a year-round program of activities, leadership training, and community service that instills positive ethical and moral values in our youth. The Prairielands Council serves 3,200 young people and their families. Through the Scouting program they learn teamwork, participate in new and adventurous opportunities, and build positive character traits. Scouting programs like Exploring even offer a look at exciting career development opportunities. With your support, we can grow our community and build leaders for tomorrow.

\$160 supports one Scout for one year. Is there really any other better value? A special gift of a Camp Drake 80th anniversary shoulder patch is received with a donation of \$160.

Please when asked, open the doors to your Pack, Troop, and Crew for the families of your group to hear the story of the Prairielands Council. Who knows maybe you'll be entertained and/or even learn something!

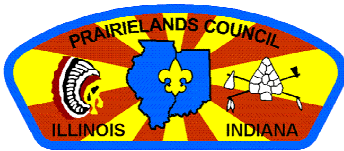


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Prairielands Training College

PTC...The Place To BE!! **STILL TIME!!**
Prairielands Training College registration is now LIVE! Go to www.prairielandsbsa.org, click on training and get the info and link to registration. This is THE ONE you want to go to: lots of great fun and interesting classes to choose from, plus an opportunity to meet and listen to Ask Andy, Scouting's own Dear Abby. Save February 11, 2012 for this once-in-a-lifetime event. The cost is just \$25 if you register early. We will be at The High School of St. Thomas More in northwest Champaign. SEE YOU THERE!



American Legion/ Scouting Scholarships



The American Legion has scholarship opportunities available for a variety of areas. They include:

- *Eagle Scout of the year
- *Venture Scout Silver Award
- *Order of the Arrow Conf.
- *National Jamboree
- *Boy Scout Summer Camp
- *Wood Badge Training

Forms are available at the Service Center and more information by calling Legionnaire Scouter Marty Zvonar at 377-1415.

Tributes & Memorials



Gifts to the Tribute Fund can be made for any amount and all funds are used to support the Scouting program in Prairielands Council. An acknowledgement is sent to those being honored, though the amount of the gift is kept strictly confidential.

To make a gift to the Tribute Fund, simply send a check to the Prairielands Council, P.O. Box 6267, Champaign, IL 61826-6267. Please provide the following information: 1) The name of the person being honored or remembered; 2) The name and address of the person who should receive acknowledgement of the gift; and 3) your name and address.

In memory of Eagle Scout Jamie Ping:
Kurland Steel Company