



The Buck



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Fever for the Flap

The new Illini Lodge embroidered emblem has a dizzying effect. If you stare into the cloth and thread long enough, you will have a higher vision of an antlered symbol of our local brotherhood. Join the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a new emblem of your support. Illini Lodge will be commemorating the centennial celebration with a colorful lodge flap, designed by arrowman Willie Campbell of Troop 40 in St. Joseph. The emblems will be on sale at the spring fellowship, and all 100th Anniversary Lodge Flap retail outlets in the area.



Marksmanship Award

Illini Lodge is looking for marksmen to test the bow,...and the rifle at the Nogle Shooting Sports Area at Camp Robert Drake. Under the leadership of Council Shooting Sports Chairman Tony Martin, the #55 Challenge award has been developed to recognize shooting sports talents. The award will be introduced at the Spring Fellowship, along with the Black Powder shooting and tomahawk throwing activities set up for the weekend of May 14-16, 2010. Plan to make your mark on the Illini Lodge 55 Challenge.

O.A. BIG GAMES
XL FUN ON THE PRAIRIE
GIANT-SIZED SPORTS!
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
AT CAMP THIS SUMMER

Section C-6A Conclave Excitement

Nineteen Arrowmen from Illini Lodge 55 attended the first ever Section C-6-A Conclave on April 16-18. The Conclave was held at Cary Camp just outside of Lafayette, Indiana. The new Section includes Lodges from four councils in Indiana and two councils in Illinois. There were many highlights for the Illini Lodge during the weekend but none more than the performance by our Ceremony Team of Derek Shreeves, Will Provin, Carson Lewis and Jared Clark. This team competed in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition and fell only 3 points short of taking home the win. Great job guys! On Saturday afternoon the Conclave contingents were entertained by a Miami Indian Drum and Song Team. This was some really neat stuff.

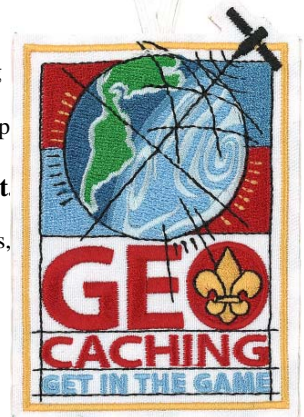
Our own Carson Lewis and Robert Sloan served as Conclave Vice Chiefs (CVC) during the event. Carson served as the CVC for Shows while Robert served as CVC for the Section Trading Post. Both guys did a great job taking on weighty responsibilities while cheerfully serving their fellow Arrowmen. Section Conclaves are filled with training, fun, food, and fellowship. If you could not go this year you will want to mark your calendar for April 15-17, 2011 for next years Section C-6-A Conclave. The 2011 Conclave will be hosted by the Woapink Lodge at Rhodes France Scout Reservation near Pana, IL. You won't want to miss it!

Get in the Game!

What game? The Geocaching game! Geocaching is an outdoor sport where players use Global Positioning System (GPS) units to find hidden treasures called caches. In support of the National BSA program, Get in the Game, the Prairielands Council will host a Geocaching game from May 15 through October 2 at Camp Robert Drake. Twelve caches will be hidden along the Onaquispasippi Trail.

Individuals finding ten of the twelve caches will be eligible to register for a prize drawing of 2010 BSA Geocaching Coins. The cache coordinates will be available at the Scout Shop and the Camp Drake office. A **grand prize winner will receive their own GPS unit**

A Geocaching toolbox containing GPS units, instructions for the GPS units, and the brand new requirements for the Geocaching merit badge plus coordinates for the Camp Drake caches will be available from the Prairielands Council. To learn more about Geocaching, checkout www.geocaching.com.

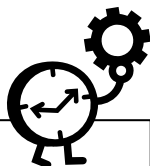


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LODGE NEWS & NOTES

Visit www.prairielandsbsa.org and click on the Boy Scout section for more info on OA action and **Illini Lodge 55!**



Camp Drake Tool Times

Sammy Stave wants you! With the summer camp season approaching, all of Illini Lodge's Arrowmen are being called upon to help camp get started on the right foot. The last Tool Time will be held on May 8 from 9AM-3PM at Camp Drake. Bring your rakes, shovels, etc. as well as your Brothers in Cheerful service to help prepare camp for the "Centennial Celebration" season. Remember—a good Arrowman always wears his work gloves.

Trail Tromp Acknowledgements

Congratulations to all of the Tromping participants in the 2010 Trail Tromp at Camp Drake who explored the uncharted territories of the northwest wetlands. Despite the cold and wet conditions, 88 Scouts, leaders, and ducks hiked the perimeter path with a newt on their minds. Thanks to Trail Tromp Chairman Quintin McCabe and clan for his trail leadership efforts on the banks of the Salt Fork. Special appreciation goes to Trail Advisor Bob Bantz and Associate Lodge Advisor Matt Crawford for their dedication to opening the trail for 2010 in fine fashion.



Emerald Honor Awarded

Congratulations to Sam Trusner and Terran Trusner of Troop 490 in Monticello for being the first Scouts to earn the Emerald Honor at Camp Drake. Their support in March helped provided a wonderful Trail Day experience. On Saturday, May 8th, all volunteers are encouraged to the last chance to attend a Tool Time Work Day.

Election Administrative Details

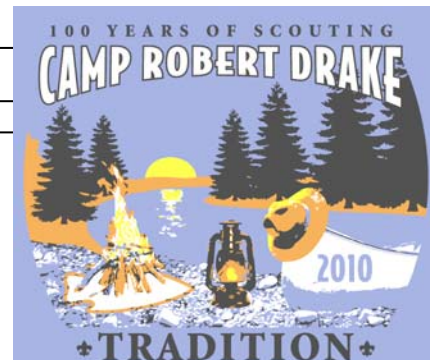
All election should be completed by the Spring Fellowship on May 15th. All paperwork for youth elections should be submitted to the chapter chief or the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center by the Spring Fellowship. All applications for adult membership should be presented to the Lodge Advisor for review by the Lodge Adult Selection Committee prior to approval by the Council Scout Executive. For final assistance in the first part of May, please contact your chapter for election support:

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Okaw: Ryan Rodgers, T 490, Monticello
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Counselors-in-Training Interviews

Camp Robert Drake is looking for energetic youth to serve as counselors-in-training for the 2010 summer. Any registered Scout or Scouter, older than age 14 on June 1, 2010, can apply by completing the Staff Application, located on the information page of www.campdrake.com. Please turn the application into Camp Director Mike Graham at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center, 3301 Farber Drive in Champaign, IL 61826. Interviews for potential counselors-in-training can be arranged by calling Camp Director Mike Graham at (217) 356-7291, ext. 6447.

Order of the Arrow "7 - Day O. A." Camp Programs



Camp Robert Drake is the place where the Order of the Arrow will highlight the "7-Day OA" Program during the summer of 2010. Each day of the camp week, Illini Lodge will conduct an event that will inspire, entertain, or inform Scouts, leaders, and guests. If you are a member of the lodge, your leadership in conducting these activities will be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY: Arrow of Light recognition ceremony at the opening campfire

MONDAY: BIG GAMES ON THE PRAIRIE plus OA Ice Cream Social—Spoon + Sash = Fun on Monday night at the Dining Hall! All OA members and Scoutmasters are invited to attend this cool fellowship opportunity.

TUESDAY: Brotherhood Pizza—OA Troop Representatives and new Ordeals are invited to this special lunch, where they'll get to know the OA.

WEDNESDAY: Call-out ceremony at Jack Jones Arena

THURSDAY: Ordeal Inductions and Brotherhood Ceremonies at Friendship Circle in the afternoon.

FRIDAY: New Ordeal Orientation and Flag retirement ceremony at Closing Campfire

SATURDAY: Just a small amount of fun at the Morning Mini Games on the cross walk!

Get on the Illini Active List

There are two quick steps to becoming an active member of Illini Lodge. By becoming an active member, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service grows in its ability to support our local Scouting movement in many methods and builds youth leadership in improving communication links.

NUMBER ONE:

Pay your annual dues. Your \$10.00 dues payment shows your commitment to the OA and helps fund dozens of projects that build Scouting. Please make your dues payment no later than June 30, 2010.

NUMBER TWO:

Join the e-mail listing. Be sure to get your name into Lodge Clerk Susan Coller at susan.coller@Scouting.org to get regular lodge updates on fast-breaking happenings of the arrow. Keep up-to-date with your links to the lodge under the Boy Scout tab on <http://www.prairielandsbsa.org/>

Five Centers good wood for Trading Post

Contact your friendly Chapter Chief to schedule your coin collection program. The wooden nickels will be distributed throughout the spring to encourage camp attendance during the summer of 2010. All Scouts bringing wooden nickels to Camp Drake will be eligible for perks in the Trading Post. Trading Post Manager Robert Sloan has a special bunch of treats lined up for nickel totin' campers:

- A free flavor ice
- Popcorn Perks
- Camp Drake postcard
- Sammy Stave action figure kit
- Cub/Cards Checkerboard
- Pick-A-Patch Grab Bag



Illini Lodge needs you!

All Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to become more involved with serving scouting.

Both youth and adults arrowmen are required to conduct the various duties of the lodge.

Select and join a committee that you could help. Contact Lodge Chief Carson Lewis at leagle-i@comcast.net

Ceremonies Team: Portray a part of the ceremony or serve in a supporting/staging role
Ordeal Committee: Assist with the induction activities and membership tracking
Service Committee: Coordinate the lodge service efforts in and around the council
Communications Committee: Help maintain an interesting and dynamic web page.
Troop Representatives: Develop lodge/troop relationships and service awareness
Brotherhood Committee: Promote and counsel members to learn more about OA
Publications Committee: Report and write the entertaining articles for the newsletter
Camp Promotions Team: Create the marketing plans for camp Drake in 2011.
Activities Committee: Oversee events and games for the Fall Fellowship in September.
Vigil Honor Committee: Review and select the Vigil Honor members for this year.
Onaquississippi Trail Crew: Maintain and build the best perimeter trail ever at camp



Just like Boy Scouting, the Order of the Arrow is expected to be a youth led organization. The youth arrowman's first duty is to support the troop and its operations. Beyond the troop, scouts are needed to accept responsibility and coordinate other lodge members for OA duties. The role of the adult advisor is to support the youth arrowmen in their duties and decisions. Adult arrowmen are needed to encourage youth leadership and coach the operating committees of the lodge. One simple way to help Illini Lodge is to provide transportation to meetings and events for the youth.

**Build a better BROTHERHOOD of CHEERFUL SERVICE!
REMEMBER: "The one who chose you, need you."**

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