

Cub Scout Rookie Camp

206 new Cub Scouts and their recruiters came to Rhodes France Scout Reservation on Saturday, October 6th for Cub Scout Rookie Camp. The Scouts participated in the events of archery, bb guns, marbles, hiking, soap carving, race cars, crafts, and the alligator bridge.

A big thank you goes to the staff: Ron and Sue Ingram, Sam, Quentin, and Melissa Webb, Jenny Hardin, Sterling Walden, Mark Kirkpatrick, Allison and Durell Mammen, Shad Edwards, and Lawrence Trimble. A special thank you goes out to Troop 64 and their leaders Dennis Hostetter and Lynn White who cooked the lunch and ran a morning event.

Each new Cub Scout and recruiter's name was entered into a drawing for camping equipment. The winners were:

Ian Manley - Pack 85 - Sleeping Bag
Kanen Finke - Pack 335 - Tent
Michael Bruck - Pack 315 - Tent
Austin Wendling - Pack 140 - Lantern

Membership Inventory

During the month of November, your unit commissioner will be asking your unit membership chairman to cross check your roster with the Service Center's roster. Following the fall recruitment, we want to make sure that all youth are properly registered so they are covered by insurance, can receive timely advancements, and tenure is accurate.

Popcorn & Recharterers

Units must have their popcorn payments and recharterers to the Council Service Center on or before December 7th. If you have either done before that date it is suggested that you bring them to the Service Center early. Just a reminder that one check should be made out for the balance due to the council for popcorn. The council WILL NOT ACCEPT individual checks. A separate check should be made out to cover the cost of rechartering. Checks should be made payable to Lincoln Trails Council.

Caterpillar MB Fair

Caterpillar will once again be hosting a Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair on Saturday, February 16th. More details will be made available through the mail and on the council's website as they are finalized. The 2007 Merit Badge Fair at Caterpillar was a huge success and next year's event looks to be even better. Make plans now to attend this unique event.



2008 Klondike Derby

The Council-Wide Klondike Derby will be held Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Wolf Creek State Park. Registration will begin at 8:30am and events will start at 9:00am.

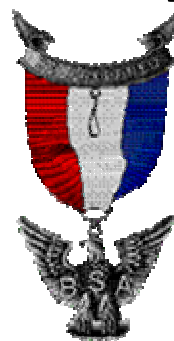
All participants are to wear proper winter footwear (no tennis shoes) and appropriate winter clothing. Each Scout patrol will need a Klondike sled and other miscellaneous materials to be announced at a later date. The sled must be built to carry a passenger and the patrol's gear. All patrols must have a patrol flag on a pole attached to their sled. All units will be responsible for their noon meals. You must haul out your garbage.

Each Troop may camp overnight, either Friday and/or Saturday, but arrangements must be made with Wolf Creek State Park in advance. If the temperature is 32° or colder, Scouts will qualify for the Polar Bear Patch.

If you have any questions about the Klondike Derby, please contact Doug Zaring at 217-620-0772.

Orndorff Eagle Scout Scholarship

The Orndorff Eagle Scout Scholarship, established in honor of E. Eugene Orndorff, offers \$2,500 to students who have earned the rank of registered Eagle Scout, who have earned a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT score, and who have demonstrated leadership in Scouting. This scholarship was established in 2006 and will be awarded for the Fall 2008 entering class at Millikin University in Decatur. More information can be found at the following site, www.millikin.edu/student_service_center/scholarships_grants.asp.



VFW National Scout of the Year

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts of America have actively worked together since the early 1930's. As a part of their community outreach program, they have established the "Scout of the Year" program.

The VFW has established a \$5,000 scholarship to be presented to the "National Scout of the Year" at the 2008 VFW National Convention. Recipients of the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award, of Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, ages 15 to 18 years of age and enrolled in high school are eligible to apply. A copy of the application can be obtained through the Council Service Center. The deadline for submitting a completed entry to a VFW post in your community is March 1, 2008.

Concession Trailer For Sale

Please Contact Dan or Diane Brookman
at 217-539-4464
for more information.