

Scouting's Anniversary Week

February 3rd - 9th, 2008

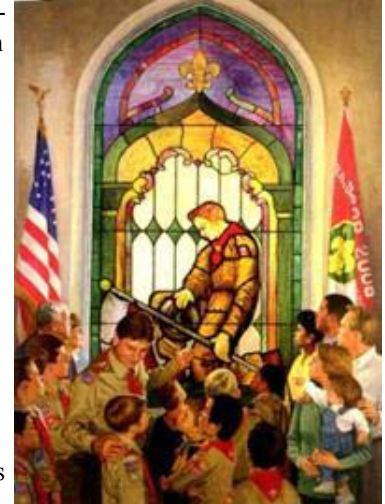


Ways to Celebrate Scout Sunday - Feb. 3rd

The week of February 3rd - 9th is Boy Scout Anniversary Week. All units in Lincoln Trails Council are encouraged to showcase what Scouting is doing in our Central Illinois area and to show that Scouting is alive and thriving. Units can do a service project, participate in a Mall Show, or wear their uniforms to church on February 3rd. Let's go out and show our Scouting spirit and celebrate this important week in Scouting history.

It is hard to believe that the Scouting program is almost 100 years old. From "One Good Turn" by a British Scout we have the Scouting program today which boasts a membership of over 5 million Scouts and Scouters. There are few programs that give their members a program of character, education, physical fitness, positive values, and family morals.

February 3rd is marked as Scout Sunday and Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to attend a service at their local church wearing their Scout uniform. Units are encouraged to help in anyway the church will allow. This will show the churches that sponsor and support our units just how much we appreciate them.



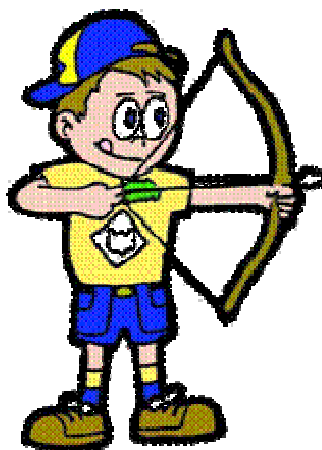
Encourage your church to take part and plan a special service and have all of your Scouts attend in uniform. Your unit can purchase a special program cover to be used from the Council Service Center.

If your unit is sponsored by a church, attendance there will show the congregation how much the unit appreciates the support. If not a church sponsored unit, you could start a tradition and rotate attendance each year among the religions represented in your unit. Many boys get their first contact with a church through Scouting.

Silver Beaver Nominations Due

The Silver Beaver is the highest award presented by Lincoln Trails Council to volunteers for outstanding service to youth. Nominations for this prestigious recognition are open until February 29th. The only way a worthy individual can be selected is by someone nominating him or her. Take time to nominate that volunteer you know who goes the extra mile for the youth of our council as well as their community. Nomination forms can be obtained at your district roundtable meetings as well as the Council Service Center. The nominations must be returned to the Service Center no later than February 29th to be considered. Please turn in the nomination in a sealed envelope addressed to the Silver Beaver Selection Committee. The award(s) will be presented at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner on April 20th.

Cub Scout Summer Program



Now is the time to start promoting the fun-filled summertime program to all Cub Scouts in Lincoln Trails Council. We are looking forward to some new and exciting changes to our summer program. Cub Scout summer camps are held at many locations throughout our council so every Scouts will have a good opportunity to take part in them.

Cub Scouts will be able to work on belt loops and activity pins at the camps again this year. Information packets for all of the camps will be sent directly to every registered Cub Scout in late March or early April. Cubmasters will receive the Cub Scout Summer Camp Leader's Guide on CD in the near future as well. All individual registration forms must be turned into your Cubmaster. The Cubmaster will then submit all forms and applicable fees to the Council Service Center. If you would like to view last year's Cub Scout Summer Camp Leader's Guide it is available online at www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org under the resources menu.

The Council Annual Business Meeting will be held on May 20th.