

National Youth Leadership Training - Brownsea 2008

Training a troop's youth leaders is important to the success of the troop and helps the troop and the individual Scouts grow and develop. The Boy Scouts of America has developed a *new and improved* leadership training course that will prove valuable in training Boy Scouts in leadership skills. We call our version of the course Brownsea National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and we invite your eligible youth leaders to attend. We sent information about this course to each Scoutmaster in Lincoln Trails Council in January.

To be eligible to participate, a Scout must be at least 13 years old, at least First Class in rank, and be currently filling a leadership position in the troop. He may already be a Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant SPL, or he may be a Scout who you feel is destined for the SPL position. Scouts may attend the conference at the recommendation of their Scoutmaster. Since we conduct the conference in a camp setting, it is important that any Scout attending has skills in camping and cooking and has attended at least one long-term camp. This new course concentrates on leadership skills, *not* camping skills. This course is even recommended for Scouts that have already been to the old Junior Leader Training course.

The 2008 conference will be held June 8 - 14, 2008 at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Someone should contact potential conference attendees and arrange for them to attend

this course. It is important that registration forms be completed and submitted to the Council Service Center along with a deposit of \$90.00 per attendee **as soon as possible**, but no later than April 4th, 2008. The total fee for the conference is \$190.00 per Scout with the balance of all fees due by **May 16th, 2008**. We suggest that each troop help their Scouts by covering some or all of the cost so that all eligible candidates will be able to attend. Units not paying the fee on time will be charged an additional \$20.00 per Scout. Although forms and fees are not due until April, it is helpful in planning for the conference if troops submit forms and fees as early as possible.

This is a great opportunity for your Scouts and your troop, as this program can make a positive difference in the life of every Scout who participates and in the quality of every troop in our council. If you have any questions about this new conference please feel free to contact Course Scoutmaster Rick Tucker at 217-429-1734 or by email at rtucker-man5@hotmail.com. You may also inquire at the Council Service Center.



3rd Annual Council Spring Rendezvous & DNR's Links to the Future

Area Scouting units and the public are invited to the Lincoln Trails Council Spring Rendezvous to be held May 16th - 18th at Wolf Creek State Park. Lincoln Trails Council and the Department of Natural Resources have developed a plan to use our Rendezvous and their Links to the Future program together for a bigger and better event.

Registration for the Rendezvous will begin at 5:00pm on Friday. Registration will also be running on Saturday morning for those units that can not arrive on Friday night. John Ingram and Richard Glazebrook are co-chairmen for the event.

There will be factions at this Rendezvous representing both the 1700's and 1800's. Traders, blacksmiths, black powder demonstrations, longbow makers, and knife and tomahawk throwing are just some of the many ongoing exhibits during the weekend. There will also be other exhibits including leather craft, knife making, rope making, flint napping, and game call making.

There will be an encampment of enactors representing the 1700's and 1800's. They will set up their own camp using tents, clothing, and food of that era. Vendors will be present to show off their wares on trade blankets. The camps will be open for everyone to walk through, ask questions, and observe.

The Blue and Gray will also be present to re-enact a portion of the Civil War. They will have an 1800's camp and enactors will tell the history of the war and talk about various aspects of life during that time period. They will have examples of herbal medicines, period weapons, flags, cooking, money, and even a

cannon. The General's tent will feature a mini museum of actual artifacts from the war. Group photos can be taken by the cannon, so bring your cameras.

The Links to the Future portion of the program will feature Ducks Unlimited, a NRA booth, Turkeys Unlimited, White-tail Deer Unlimited, kayaking, fishing, shooting demonstrations, and much more.

Other activities for Saturday night will include church services with "old time" preachers. The campfire program will be highlighted by story telling, period music, and more.

The event fee will be \$10 per Scout. Adult fees will be \$7. The fee includes two nights of camping, event patch, and program materials for the weekend. The fees will be \$15 per Scout and \$10 per adult if paid after May 12th. Cub Scouts are welcome to come and visit during the day on Saturday as well. If you wish to come for the day the cost will be \$6 or \$11 if paid after May 12th. For more information, contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326 or 1-800-416-2328

