

# Cub Scout Day Camps

## Akela Day Camp

Effingham Sportsman's Club  
June 5th & 6th

## Redhawk Day Camp

Casey City Park  
June 16th - 20th

## Railsplitter Day Camp

Knights of Columbus Park  
June 18th - 20th

## Decatur Day Camp

Grace United Methodist Church  
June 6th



## President's Volunteer Service Award

President George W. Bush, in his 2002 State of the Union Address, challenged all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and nation through service. He asked for each person to contribute at least 4,000 hours of service over their lifetime. The USA Freedom Corp was established to help foster this culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility.

The BSA has recently become a leadership organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. This launches a great opportunity for our local council. This means our council can present the President's Volunteer Service Award to your deserving Scouts and Scouters, recognizing the value Scouting delivers to your community.

This award provides a great opportunity for your district to receive positive publicity through your local media. When you look at the qualifications for the award, you will find that every Eagle Scout qualifies for at least the bronze level. Don't forget your long time Scouters who have reached the Lifetime Achievement level. Good Turn for America continues to be the BSA's avenue for tracking the number of projects and hours of service contributed by units. Utilize the reporting mechanisms to recognize your units that have provided more than 200 hours of service during the year.

*(all hours must be within one year)*

### **Bronze Level**

Kids: 50 - 74 Hours  
Young Adults: 100-174 Hours  
Adults: 100-249 Hours  
Family and Groups: 200-499 Hours

### **Silver Level**

Kids: 75-99 Hours  
Young Adults: 175-249 Hours  
Adults: 250-499 Hours  
Family and Groups: 500-999 Hours

## Registration and Boys' Life Fees for May & June (Including Insurance)

**May Registration - \$7.50 Boys' Life - \$8.00**

**June Registration - \$6.55 Boys' Life - \$7.00**

## Training Boy Leaders

As a Scoutmaster, one of your most important responsibilities is to train boys to fill leadership roles in your troop.

They may begin as assistant patrol leaders or patrol quartermaster. They move into a position on the troop leader's council...patrol leaders, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, etc. With each new step, each new responsibility, the Scout grows. He matures into the kind of leader any Scoutmaster would be proud of.

Life's a lot easier as Scoutmaster with seasoned Scouts at the helm. Once you get them trained, you want to keep them.

*Right? Well...Maybe...*

But there are younger Scouts waiting in line for their turn at the helm... and those top notch PLC members you trained up so well still need some new challenges so they can continue to grow.

Remember we said one of your most important responsibilities is to train boys to be leaders? Not just to be leaders of your troop, but to be leaders in life.

So what can you do? It's hard to ask a boy who's a great senior patrol leader to step aside and take a back seat while some newbie takes over.

There is a solution! A place for your well trained Scouts to find a new challenge. A place that will appeal to his sense of adventure, his need for new horizons, and his emerging and broadening interests.

*OK...I'll say it...That place is VENTURING!!!*

Venturing is open to young men and women 14 and in High School, up to age 21. A great place for those 18 year olds who still would like to be Scouts. Venturing can be about camping and high adventure, but it doesn't have to be. Event more than in Boy Scouting, the program of a Venturing Crew is directed and guided by the Venturers themselves.

You can start a Venturing Crew with the same Chartered Organization as your troop and maintain a close connection to those great boy leaders you've trained. As a matter of fact, Venturing Advancement Awards require Venturers to learn a new skill and in turn teach it to someone else. Who better to benefit from skills instruction than the Scouts in your troop? Your Venturing Crew can be an excellent resource for troop program. It can also expand your ability to train more boys to become responsible, strong leaders.

For more information on Venturing, go to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and click on Venturing or call the Lincoln Trails Council at 1-800-416-2328.

### **Gold Level**

Kids: 100 Hours or more  
Young Adults: 250 Hours or more  
Adults: 500 Hours or more  
Family and Groups: 1,000 Hours or more

### **President's Call to Service Award**

All Ages: 4,000 Hours or more of volunteer service over a lifetime.