



CreekSide



April 2013

Forging ahead through Scouting Spring Camporee Camp Rotary April 12,13,14 2013

This is a list of the skill set's that the scout's and patrols need for the camporee Refer to the Scout Handbook, field book, Merit badge books, Patrol, Leaders Hand book, Knots, Lashings, Map & compass, Nature, First aid Packing for a day hike, Cooking, Leave no trace, Tracking, Stalking, Trail Signs, Patrol Flag. All of the skills of the first 3 scout Ranks Read your Hand book and Field Book **BE PREPARED To Have FUN!** Note a Scout Patrol is 6 to 8 Scouts - one of the members is the patrol leader.

ALSO (4/13) Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training. This is a day of fun and learning which prepares Pack Leaders to plan and carry out outdoor experiences.

A BALOO-trained leader is required for Pack Family camping.

Also given will be Hazardous Weather Training: Presents safety precautions for eight different types of weather, as well as planning, preparation, and traditional weather signs.

The activities will include BALOO the sessions, why and how of Cub Scout camping. Planning, equipment, communications, meal preparation and campfire programs.

WHERE: Spring Camporee at the Camp Rotary dining hall. (9am – 3pm)

COST: Early Bird Registration is \$5.00 per person if registered by April 5, 2013.

Registration starting April 6, 2013 will be \$10 per person.

Registration includes lunch, insurance and all program materials.



Do you have a good idea, article or pictures to share for the next newsletter?

E-mail them to: mt@ilines.net

This newsletter and past newsletters can be seen at <http://sugarcreek.homestead.com>

Events

Popcorn

It's not too early to be thinking about...POPCORN!!! Now is the time to identify your unit's popcorn kernel and to start planning blitz events and unit incentives. You'll be hearing from our district staff during the coming weeks to get popcorn commitments, kernel names and contact information so that your unit can have the latest, most up to date information about the fall sale. It's VERY important to get this information to us as soon as possible so you don't miss out on important information! Sign-up cards will be available at both the April and May roundtables, or you can email Juli Smith at jusmith@crossroadsbsa.org with the information as well. If you need program planning and budgeting training to help you figure out how to meet your program's needs through popcorn fundraising, just let us know and we'll be happy to work with you one-on-one!

Training

Sugar Creek District is making it a priority to get its leaders basic trained, and we have trainers ready to help make it happen on an "On-Demand" schedule. Our district training team will be reaching out to Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters to arrange dates and times to come train members of your leadership teams that are not basic-trained. If you have any questions about what trainings you or your unit's leaders still need, or if you would like to schedule a training to



Above picture of New Eagle Scouts

Morgan Dillon and Cole Thompson

From Troop 350

take place during one of your unit's leader meetings, please feel free to call Steve Taylor (765-676-6666) in Boone County or Clinton County, or Will Turner (765-267-0948) in Montgomery County or Hendricks County.

Recruitment

Spring recruitment is also getting ready to roll out. If your Cub Scout pack has an active summer program and you would like to bring new members on board this spring so that they can have additional months of fun with your unit, let us know what date you would like to hold your recruitment, and we will assist you with boy talks, flyers, and other promotion. Clinton County units can contact Bryan McCarty at inspectorbryan@gmail.com, Montgomery County units can contact Charlotte Daron at biyzimom@yahoo.com, and Boone County units can contact Donna Curry at d.curry1@comcast.net.

Camping

Is everyone ready for summer camp? Early bird registration is complete, but it's not too late to sign up for camp if you haven't done so yet. Our Rotary Day Camp will be held July 8-12 at Camp Rotary in Crawfordsville, and there's plenty of room for all to enjoy! Please contact Mike McKeown (Camping and Outdoor Activity chair) at (765) 376-2960, Scott Richardson (District Day Camp Co-Director) at (765) 364-8971, or Linda Taylor-Solano (District Day Camp Co-Director) at (765) 362-7066 with any questions!

It's not too late to hold a camp promotion for your pack or troop! Our Camping and Outdoor Activity Committee would be happy to come out and talk to your members and their parents about all the fun that can be had at summer camp. If you would like to schedule a date for a camp promotion, please contact Mike McKeown (Camping and Outdoor Activity Chair) at (765) 376-2960 or mckeownm@ymail.com for promotions in Montgomery County, Bill Moore (Camping Promotions Chair – Boone/Hendricks County) at (317) 508-8463 or bjmoore@customtime.net, or David Hovde (Camping High Adventure Chair) at (765) 296-9926 or davidhovde@comcast.net for promotions in Clinton County.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

By Chuck Prass

The Sugar Creek Annual Scouting For Food is off and running, and has so far compiled nearly 4700 reported items as of the end of March. A record 30 units will be involved in this year's efforts. The food pickups will continue through April 20. Our goal this year is in the 16,000 to 18,000 range, but it would be grand to top the 20,000 mark as we did in 2009.

Remember to check in with the Activities Director with your totals, volunteers, and hours when complete. Let's

have another successful Scouting For Food drive this year, and show our Scouting Principles through service to our communities in this effort.



The Scout Fair will be on April 27th

The Scout Fair a fun exciting event will be 9am to 1pm at the Boone County Fairgrounds. The event includes, BB Guns, Sling Shots, a Monkey Bridge (schedule permitting), Amateur Radio station, class for the Merit Badge Fingerprinting, Cub/Scout mobiles, District Pinewood Derby, plus several make it and take it activities.

We will also have a large tow truck, drag race car, and potential SWAT vehicle on static display.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help see Joe Leising.

Webelos to Boy Scout Transition

by Richard Vogler

The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. By the time Webelos Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure. The Webelos Scout's graduation ceremony should clearly signify his transition to a new level of Scouting, and could include the presentation of his Arrow of Light Award, a *Boy Scout Handbook*, and or a troop neckerchief with loops.

The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Ideally both the pack and the troop leaders are working together to help move Webelos Scouts into a Boy Scout troop. There are a number of ways a pack and troop can work together to enhance the Scouting experience of their boys. To help assure maximum transition requires cooperation between pack leaders, troop leaders, the unit commissioner and the parents.

Cub Scout Leaders:

Please confirm with your District Webelos Transition Chair that you have a 2nd year Webelos to Scout Transition Plan and that a visit with a Boy Scout program has been completed or arranged. If you do not have a plan, it is not too late. Please help keep scouting active and contact your District Webelos Transition Chair.

Boy Scout Leaders:

When contacted by a Cub Scout program please be sure to "**Be Prepared**" for the visit. Having a well planned and exciting event (meeting or outing) is an important aspect of

attracting potential Webelos Scouts and parents. If you need support or would like some ideas feel free to contact your District Webelos Transition Chair.

Our objective is to crossover 100% of Webelos into Boy Scouting. If you need assistance with this process or have any questions please feel free to contact us anytime:

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Thank you for your support as we help ensure a safe and successful Webelos to Scout Transition