

# Akela Newsletter

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## It's Almost Summer

We are just two months away from school being out for summer. You know what that means? Kids need something to do so they won't be bored. Let me tell you now, I think we are going to have several opportunities for our cub scouts this year. There are day camps, resident camps, council camps, etc. That's just the camping events. Follow this link for the council camping information:

<http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org/camping/cubscouts/resident.aspx>

The Pack Committee determined the events and dates for our summer program at the last committee meeting. Some of the events include: the Schweitzerfest Parade, fishing derby, family campout, swim party, belt loop day, boat regatta, space derby, etc. If you would like to help with one of these events, please come to our next committee meeting on April 21st. If you have questions or want to help, please contact Kelly Dahm or Gary Miller.

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## Candy Bar Fundraiser

We are just starting our Candy Bar Fundraiser, which ends at the end of April. Every scout has the opportunity to earn money for their account with this fundraiser. Each candy earns 30 cents in profit. The pack, den, and scout will receive a portion of the profit for the candy bars sold. We will be selling in front of the Walmart store on April 8-10th. **Signup sheets will be available at the Pack Meeting or online on the web site.** Please contact James Bursey (651-0472) for more information.

## Silver Lake Clean Up

Starting at 8:00 a.m. on April 23rd, we will be helping clean up Silver Lake with the other boy scout, cub scout, venturing, and girl scout units in town. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the cleanup starts at 9:00 a.m. If you registered early, you will be receiving a t-shirt for this event. There will be a group picture taken around 8:30 a.m. before the cleanup starts. At the end of the clean up around noon time, there will be hot dogs, chips, and drinks available. For more information, please contact Rachel Dugan at (618) 604-0301 or [rachel@dugancompany.com](mailto:rachel@dugancompany.com).

## Pack Committee Meeting

Our monthly Pack Committee Meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the EVUCC Youth Room starting at 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcomed to attend this meeting and help us make the program better for the boys.

The Pack Committee is looking for several individuals to help fill the following roles: Secretary, ScoutParent Coordinator, Public Relations Chair, and Friends of Scouting Chair. Most of these roles only require a couple hours per month, plus attending the Pack Committee Meeting. If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact Gary Miller.



## Communicating Belt Loop and Pin

### Belt Loop

Complete these three requirements:

1. Tell a story or relate an incident to a group of people, such as your family, den, or members of your class.
2. Write and send a letter to a friend or relative.
3. Make a poster about something that interests you. Explain the poster to your den.

### Academics Pin

Earn the Communicating belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Write an original poem or story.
2. Keep a journal of daily activities for at least seven days.
3. Listen to a news story on television or the radio. Discuss the information with an adult.
4. Go to the library. Use the card catalog or computer reference system to find a book, and then check it out.
5. Read a book that has been approved by your parent or teacher. Discuss the book with an adult.
6. With a friend, develop a skit. Perform it at a Scout meeting, family meeting, or school event.
7. Learn the alphabet in sign language and demonstrate it to your den or an adult family member by showing how to sign 10 words.
8. With an adult, use the Internet to search for information on a topic of interest to you.
9. Watch three television commercials and discuss the information in them with your parent or den leader.
10. Read the directions for a new game. Explain to a family member or friend how to play it.
11. Learn about "reading" materials for people who have poor vision or who are blind. Tell your den or an adult family member about what you have learned.
12. While traveling, make a list of road signs, animals, or license plates that you see. Tell your den or an adult family member about what you have learned.

When you are finished with the belt loop and pin, please turn in the worksheet to your den leader so they can update the system.

## Pack Calendar of Events

### **April 7 – Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM, EVUCC**

Theme: Faith

Pre-pack activities start at 6:30 PM

### **April 16 – Lumberjack Challenge**

See article at the end of the newsletter

### **April 21 – Pack Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**

EVUCC Youth Room

### **April 23 – Silver Lake Clean Up**

Check in starts at 8:00 AM

### **April 28 – Spring Registration Night**

Scouts need to invite their friends to join our pack.

We will have activities for the new boys while the leaders talk to the parents.

## Pack Survey

We successfully promoted all of our scouts to their new rank at the Blue and Gold Banquet last month! Without the help of the pack leadership and you, the parents, this would have not been possible. Now we get to have fun the rest of the scouting year earning belt loops, pins, electives, and other awards. The Pack Committee's goal is to provide the best Scouting Program for your boys. With this intent, the Pack Committee would like to ask each of you to fill out a pack survey and let us know how you feel about your den and the pack.

The survey is available on line at the link:

<http://fs11.formsite.com/glmiller/form788799137/index.html>

Please try to complete the survey before April 15th. We will be reviewing the results at our next Pack Committee meeting on April 21st.

## Contact Us

Kelly Dahm, Cubmaster, 654-7596

Gary Miller, Committee Chair, 792-0180

[www.highlandpack43.org](http://www.highlandpack43.org)

## Spring Registration

On April 28, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the EVUCC Fellowship Hall, we will be having our Spring Registration for new scouts. We are sending flyers home in the Friday Folders two weeks before this event. One den leader is needed to meet with the new parents and then we need help in entertaining the new scouts while we talk with the new parents. If you are available to help, please let Kelly Dahm or Gary Miller know as soon as possible.

## Highland Cub Scout Day Camp

Our council has many opportunities this summer for your scout to attend a camp. June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Day Camp in Highland at Silver Lake Park. The cost for the camp is \$47.50 per scout for the three day session which includes a t-shirt, cup, and craft materials. This camp will fulfill one of the requirements for the Outdoor Activity Award.

**We will be registering our scouts as a unit for the day camp in Highland. If your scout would like to attend the camp, please bring a check payable to Pack 43 to our pack meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Gary Miller will add your name to the registration list. You can use the money in the scout's account for this activity. Deadline for registration is May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Volunteers are needed at the Day Camp for helping with the stations, registration, trading post, etc. If you volunteer for all three days, you can deduct \$25 from your scout's registration (one scout only per family). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gary Miller or Kelly Dahm as soon as possible. There will be a training day on June 4th for the camp in Highland.

We would like to see all our scouts attend one of the camps this summer!!

## Upcoming BALOO Training

Whether you are an experienced camper or have not spent any time in the outdoors, BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) has something to offer you. It is a seven-hour entry-level training session which will help you understand the BSA progressive camping program, the value of the BSA outdoor program, and national and council policies and guidelines.

This course will cover everything you need to know to plan and hold a successful pack outdoor event. We will cover ideas for outdoor activities, ceremonies and games, how to select and use camping gear, ideas for your campfire program, and even a demonstration of outdoor cooking (where lunch will be provided.)

At least one BALOO-trained adult from your pack must be listed on all tour permits, and present at your outdoor activities when your pack goes camping. All adults who are involved in your program are encouraged to attend - the more trained adults, the better your pack's program will be!

### Location:

Camp Warren Levis, Swaim Lodge

### When:

May 14, 2011, 8:30a

### Cost:

\$12 if paid by May 9, 2011

\$3 late fee after May 9

You can register online by going to the following link:

<http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org/districts/cahokiamounds.aspx>

And click on the IOLS & BALOO Training option.

When you have finished this training course, please send a copy of the training card to Gary Miller so it can be recorded in the Pack Master system.

## Dad and Lad Campout



The Dad and Lad “Tool Time” weekend campout is rapidly approaching! Registered Cub Scouts and their Dads, come on out for a fun weekend of archery, BB’s, fishing, biking and handyman activities at Camp Warren Levis Apr 29-May 1. This campout is open to all registered Cub Scouts and their Dads (or other adult male relative). Sorry, no siblings or non-Scouts are allowed. Go to [www.lewisandclarkbsa.org](http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org) and register today!

## Lincoln Pilgrimage

The Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield, IL has become the largest, one day, annual Scouting event in the country. This year it will be held on Sunday, May 1st. In addition, many take advantage of the journey to Springfield and take part in a host of activities described in the attached brochure. They welcome members of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts USA of all ages.

Come, and enjoy a trip back in history, as well as Scouting Fellowship, as tribute is paid to America’s greatest president, Abraham Lincoln.

### Sunday’s Pilgrimage (tentative)

- All participants are asked to be at Lincoln’s Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery by 11:45 a.m.
- Come earlier to enter the tomb and visit the War Memorials.
- Bring your American Flag to the top of the Tomb at 11:55 a.m.
- The program begins shortly after noon, with patriotic songs and a tribute to Mr. Lincoln.

- The Parade to the Old State Capitol begins at 1:00 p.m.
- Out-of-towners should be on the road home by 2:00 p.m.
- Parking is limited at Oak Ridge. Many groups drop their youth off and take their vehicles downtown for easy departure.



If anyone would like to attend the Sunday program, May 1st, we will be taking reservations and payments at the next pack meeting. The Pack will leave at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1st, from the back parking lot at the EVUCC church. The cost of the event is \$13 per person which includes the Program, Parade, and a commemorative cap (first 1500 participants only). Please write a check to Pack 43 and turn it into Gary Miller at the Pack Meeting on April 7th. The reservation will be made on April 8th, **all reservations and payments MUST be turned in on April 7th.**

For more information about the event, go to the link below:

[http://www.alincolnbsa.org/lincoln\\_pilgrimage/lincoln\\_pilgrimage.htm](http://www.alincolnbsa.org/lincoln_pilgrimage/lincoln_pilgrimage.htm)

# Upcoming Webelos IOLS Training

IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) is the required outdoor training for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Webelos Den Leaders, and Assistant Webelos Den Leaders; but it is open (and recommended) to all registered adult Scout leaders.

This course provides a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills critical to any successful Scouting program; allowing the new leader a way to build confidence and the seasoned leader a chance to refresh and share their knowledge.

Topics covered include all of those needed to guide a Scout on their path to First Class rank: camp site selection, fire building, knots and lashings, first aid, cooking, hiking, woods tools, map and compass, campfire programs, Leave No Trace, Scouts Own services, flag handling and etiquette, and nature identification.

Saturday breakfast (continental), lunch, and cracker barrel will be provided; you will cook Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast in your patrols (we provide cooking gear, menu, and food). You must supply your own camping gear.

**Location:**

Camp Warren Levis, Winter Lodge

**When:**

May 14, 2011, 7:30a -  
May 15, 2011

**Cost:**

\$20 if paid by May 6, 2011  
\$10 late fee after May 6

You can register online by going to the following link:

<http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org/districts/cahokiamounds.aspx>

And click on the IOLS & BALOO Training option.

When you have finished this training course, please send a copy of the training card to Gary Miller so it can be recorded in the Pack Master system.

# Lumberjack Challenge

The Lumberjack Challenge is the Cub Scout version of a Klondike Derby. It's a chance for Webelos Scouts to experience the thrills of Boy Scouting first hand. The Lumberjack Challenge offers opportunities for Webelos to test their skills and challenge them to use what they have learned as a Cub Scout to transition into the Boy Scout experience. You won't want your Scout(s) to miss this exciting event!

Multiple stations will be run by our local Boy Scout Troops. This is a great way for your Webelos to interact with Boy Scouts.

Whether you have 2 Scouts or 15 from your Pack, register today. You can make changes or add a Scout or two the day of the event. Each unit will receive a program outline after we receive your registration.

There will be a special station that the Webelos will visit for lunch. Each team should pack their own lunch, either individually or as a group. Points can be earned for most creative (fun, different, yummy), healthiest (i.e. how many food groups did they include?), and the heartiest (i.e. the best fuel for the day).

**When:**

Saturday, April 16, 2011

**Where:**

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site  
One Lewis & Clark Trail  
Hartford, Illinois

**Cost:**

\$10 per Scout (includes patch)  
\$3.50 per Guests that are purchasing their lunch

You can register online by going to the following link:

<http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org>

And click on the Lumberjack Challenge option in the middle column of the web site.

Team building activities will include: Log Pulling , Lumberjack Spirit, Iron Branding, Log Throw, Cross Cut Contest, Snow Shoe Relay, Power Lunch Competition, First Aid Skills, Toggle Making, Navigation Station, Stump Swamp, Knot Tying Contest, and Sled Race.