

BLAZIN NEWS

OF TROOP 83

February 2012 Theme: Communications



Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal (A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation), helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

January Rank Advancement

Jake D – EAGLE

Jacob Z - Tenderfoot

January Merit Badges Earned

Daniel F – Fishing

Stephen O-Citizen in Community

- **Communications**
- **Physical Fitness**

Zachary R- Citizen in Community

February

28-Troop Meeting

March

5-Pulaski Day

6-PLC

10-Midwest Generations Power Plant

13-Troop Meeting

18-Red & Green Banquet

20-Troop Meeting

23-25 Starved Rock

27- Troop Mtg/Elections

Fundraising Opportunities

Candy bars sales are under way. If you need boxes of bars please contact Mrs. Darche. There is a \$15 deposit a box which in turn you sell the candy for \$1 each making \$15 profit for their scout accounts. The troop does not take any money except the cost of the candy. If you are unable to do this right now that is ok, it will run May 15. Something new to us are Butterbraids, wonderful coffee cakes. We will be selling them from February 27th to March 13th, with delivery on April 3rd.

These are both good ways for scouts to raise money to pay for dues, camping trips, summer camp, high adventure and even equipment for these campouts.

Recap **January 28th Volo Auto Museum**

19 people attended this automotive extravaganza.

Recap **February 5th Scout Sunday**

The attendance of this event was very light. Along with this being a National Scouting Event, St John Lutheran is our sponsor and we need to support them with a better showing in the future.

February 17th to 19th Cascade Mountain

We are going to Cascade Mountain in Portage Wisconsin for our Ski Trip. We will be staying at the Sky High Camping Resort which is just 1 mile from Cascade Mountain and here is the link to find out more about the place.

March 10th Midwest Generations Power Plant Tour

March is Environmental Science month and we will tour this plant and find out how this company helps the environment. There is a \$2 fee for gas and the event itself is free.

March 18th Red and Green Banquet

The banquet will be held from 1-4pm. The cost is \$10 per person and children under 3 are free. The afternoon is to recognize the accomplishment of the Scout for the last six months.

March 23rd to 25th Starved Rock

This is a hiking experience not to be missed. The scenery is spectacular with its caverns, waterfall and trails. With all this gorgeous scenery it would be a shame not to bring binoculars to extend your vision, hiking shoes to be more comfortable and maybe even a camera to try to catch an eagle in flight.

March 24th Rainbow Council Scout Night with the Chicago Wolves

The Chicago Wolves will be at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road in Rosemont. Games starts at 7pm. For more information go to www.rcscouts.org

March 31 Beaver Days

April 14th to 15th Scouting 101

What this campout is set up to do is to introduce new Scouts to the world of camping out, without the pressures of the entire troop. The scouts will be introduced to the way the troop performs BSA style campouts with the patrol method and what is expected of each scout. The boys will also be learning skills needed to obtain future ranks and that will ultimately be remembered for your entire life.

May 5th Hike the Chief Shabbona Trail

What? Hike the 16 mile Official Boy Scout Historical Trail (est. 1960) and earn a Patch.

Who? Boy Scouts – Ages 11 and up.

Where? The hike starts at Channahon State Park and finishes at Gebhard woods in Morris.

When? May 5th, 2012 – hike begins between 7-9 am

Why? You learn about a local Indian hero, the I & M Canal and have fun;

For more information, please contact shabbonatrail@aol.com

All Troops are responsible for following official BSA rules and guidelines

Hike the Shabbona Trail can be found in the January Cyberscouter.

May 6th Chicago Rush Arena Football 2012 Scout Day

The game starts at 3pm. Scouts will be able to take part in pre-game festivities, scout only raffles, and in game promotions. After the game you can get autographs. For more information go to www.rcscouts.org

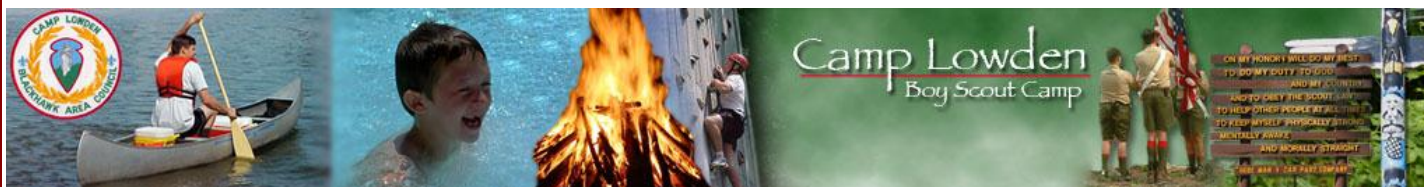
May 18th to 20th Waapi Lenaswa District Campout Weekend

This campout is for all levels of scouting. The weekend is full of activities that you choose to participate in or not. It is set up to be a fun weekend. For more information go to

www.rcscouts.org

June 15th to 23rd High Adventure to the Northern Tier There will be several canoeing practice dates, dates will come later. There are several items required for the trip; boots are required while canoeing, portaging and swimming (jungle boots are recommended because they drain water quickly), rain coat and pants (No poncho), synthetic quick dry convertible pants (jeans take too long to dry and will chafe), lightweight sleeping bag or fleece sleeping bag, compression sack, ground pad, hat, and a sweatshirt/jacket. There are several recommended items lightweight wool socks, moisture wicking t-shirts, sunglasses, fishing

pole, a parachute hammock that can come in handy to use between two canoes and sail for a while to save some arm strength, camera, money (on average they say that boys spend \$100 at the trading post). There is an online trading post at www.northerntiertradingpost.org and the handbook is at www.scouting.org/filestore/NorthernTier/pdf/VoyageurHandbook.pdf



June 24th to 30th Camp Lowden Summer Camp

Camp Lowden is located in Oregon Illinois, which is about 88 miles northwest of us. The address is Camp Lowden, 4418 South Scout Road, Oregon, IL 61061-9727. Phone 815-732-6674 & FAX 815-732-4817. You can go to Camp Lowden website and get the summer camp schedule information you will need *now* at www.camplowden.org. Camp Lowden was established in 1940 on the estate of the former Illinois Governor Frank Lowden. Mr. Lowden was governor from 1917 to 1921 where he introduces the state budget system for state expenditures, which reduced the rate of taxation despite the rising prices. He supported the death penalty and vetoed a bill in 1918 that both houses of the assembly want to abolish capital punishment. He was instrumental in gathering resources from his state to support World War I. As governor he supported the woman's right to vote and enforced prohibition. Side note: the first documented violation of prohibition took place in Chicago, where 6 armed men stole \$100,000 of medicinal whiskey from a freight train. Opposing the League of Nations was done without reservation because he thought it would create a super state; in the current day it is called the United Nations and has gone through many changes since League of Nations. The camp is part of the Blackhawk Area Council and is 250 acres of wooded land surrounded by Lowden-Miller State Forest. Also remember that a physical is required once a year for campouts lasting a week or more.

2013 National Jamboree at Bechtel Summit Reserve

You can be part of the most exciting Scouting event ever—the 2013 National Scout Jamboree! It's so big it only happens once every four years, and it's just for Scouts and Venturers. Check out mountain biking, paddleboarding, zip lines, canopy tours, rafting, kayaking, and much, much more. The jamboree will be July 15–24, 2013, and it's the very first event at the BSA's new jamboree home, the Summit, in the mountains of West Virginia. You can learn more at www.bsajamboree.org, or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit](https://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit).

To attend, a Scout must meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least a First Class Scout at time of attendance at Jamboree
- Be at least 12 years of age by July 15, 2013 or be 11 and have graduated sixth grade and have not reached your 18th birthday by July 25th, 2013
- Be approved by your Unit Leader and the local Council Jamboree Committee.
- Participate in mandatory pre-jamboree training experiences
- *All Scouts must be in good physical condition and be able to withstand the rigors of travel and the Jamboree Experience. Weather in West Virginia, in July can be hot and humid.*
- Submit a Jamboree Medical Form
- Complete the online registration for Jamboree at www.summit.scouting.org

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TROOP GUIDE

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Your \$10 dues are to be turned in at first Troop meeting of the month and given to your patrol leader to turn in.



Troop Hats
still available \$10

meritbadge.org

Is the place to go when you need information on merit badges and the merit badge worksheets can be printed from this site. It also gives you suggestions on links to help with the badges.

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