

## BOY SCOUTS ORDER OF THE ARROW'S "COLLECTION OF AMERICAN FLAGS"

The Boy Scouts working through the Illinek Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will hold an annual 'One Day of Service' to collect worn and tattered American flags to be properly retired. The One Day of Service will be held on April 12, 2008. The Lodge through the Scouting units in various Districts will be collecting worn American flags at various locations throughout the Abraham Lincoln Council, which includes Morgan, Sangamon, Montgomery, Christian, Menard, Cass, Scott Counties, and part of Green County. The Scouts then take the worn American flags to the Council's camp, Camp Illinek, on Lake Springfield to be given a proper retirement.

More than 5,000 worn flags have been collected and honorably retired during the first five years of this event. In 2007, members of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts retired over 1,400 flags and worked approximately 450+/- hours in a combined effort to make this event a success.

Anyone interested in more information concerning the project, or to be a future collection site, contact the Order of the Arrow's One Day of Service Coordinator Peter Schmidt at 217-585-0367, or the Lodge Chief Paul Schmidt at 217-585-0367, or the Abraham Lincoln Council Boy Scout Office at 217-546-5570.