

## Upcoming Dates

### January 2012

6 Harlem Globetrotters Scout Night  
7 Annual District Meeting at Ponderosa  
7 Boy Scout Night with Springfield Jr. Blues  
9 Roundtable \*  
28 Klondike Derby

### February

5 District Meeting\*\*  
13 Citizenship Day  
13 Roundtable\*  
22 Eagle Board  
25 First Aid Meet

### March

3 Sports and Academics Day  
5 District Meeting\*\*  
12 Roundtable \*  
24 Scouting for Food Pick Up  
31 District Pinewood Derby

### April

2 District Meeting\*\*  
9 Roundtable\*  
20-21 BS Leader Specific Training  
25 Eagle Board  
27-29 Lincoln Pilgrimage

### May

4-5 BS Outdoor Leader Training  
7 District Meeting\*\*  
14 Roundtable\*  
18-20 Spring Camporee

\*Roundtables are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville @ 7:00pm

\*\*District Committee Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at the IRC building on Sandusky in Jacksonville at 7:00pm

## Honest Abe District January Correspondence



Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA

## Boy Scout Night with the Springfield Jr. Blues

Special discounted tickets for All Scouts,  
Leaders and Families

**\$4 per person**

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. @  
The Nelson Center

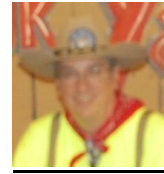
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1601 North 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
Please call 217-525-2589 for details.**



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## Who's Who in the District?



Tom L. Atkins

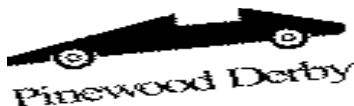
*Position: District Chair since Oct. 2009*

Tom Atkins has been involved in scouting for 31 years as an adult leader. He is also served as a Cub Day Camp director, longer as Yell/skits/songs/ and performance coach, Pinewood Derby Chair, District Camp Chair, Roundtable staff, Cubmaster Pack 118, Boy Scout Leader Troop 118, and an Assistant Boy Scout Leader at Troop 113.

Tom is a husband and father of 40+ years. He has received the District Award of Merit, Duty to God, and the Silver Beaver.

His most memorable moment in scouting is as a cub scout I was in a pack meeting dressed as a pirate. In another I performed magic tricks that failed miserably. It felt like the crowd was huge – later in life I realized the auditorium only held about 80 people.

I have enjoyed successful moments with scouts as they met challenges and appreciated the efforts I put in. Having a scout call me after years away saying they wanted to thank me for service rendered and that I meant something in their life.



Pinewood Derby just for Adults.

When: January 9, 2012

Where: Lincoln Avenue Baptist

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per racer

There will be a traveling Trophy.

**\*\*Rules: Please follow the same rules that are used for all scout cars.\*\***

If you have any questions, please contact, Leslie Winkleman at  
217- 691-9521

**LET THE RACING BEGIN!!!!**

I have been privileged to serve as District Chair for the past two years. That is what I agreed to and I have given it my all.

There is so much more to do. I want as well, to establish that all our volunteer positions are not marriage covenants – 'til death do us part'. I believe in transition in leadership, shared responsibility, and the value of creative new thought. So, I am not accepting a re-nomination to the position. Rather, I hope to continue to serve in other capacities in the district, stay highly engaged, and be a full support for the new chair – to help them be as successful as I feel you have allowed me to be.

It is so important that we preserve and thrive with this bastion of good effort in a world that is abandoning these same values we hold dear. Thank you for being the examples you are. Our next meeting is the Annual Meeting to be held at Ponderosa at 4:30 on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Atkins

## HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS 2012 WORLD TOUR SCOUT NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 7:00 p.m. @  
The Prairie Capital Convention Center

Don't miss out on high-flying action and non-stop excitement. With blazing ball-handling wizardry, mesmerizing gravity-defying dunks, side-splitting comedy and crowd interaction, the Globetrotters captivate both the young and the young at heart. Treat your group to a wholesome family entertainment experience that will create lifelong memories and always leaves fans smiling and cheering for more...the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters!

<http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pdf/Harlem%20Globetrotters.pdf>

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## Klondike Derby



**January 28, 2012**

**Camp Ilinek Springfield, IL**

What is it all about?



Practical problems involving basic Scouting skills or patrol teamwork will be encountered at each station. Depending on how well the team works out each contest problem, they will be awarded a number points (nuggets), and have their score sheet marked. Points will also be awarded based on teamwork, patrol spirit, and scout spirit.

After completing the tasks at each station, they will be off to the next event, visiting each station in rotation to participate in all events.

After the last station, with the "nuggets" collected on the trail, the team is on the final stretch. Report to the Assay Office station to have your score sheets checked and recorded.

Saturday night after church services, "nuggets" earned during the day at each station will be used by patrols to bid on patrol items at the Saturday night auction. At least \$1000.00 worth of camping gear will be up for auction.

In order to remain fair, patrols will not be able to combine their points.

### **Saturday January 28**

7:00 – 8:45am Hot Breakfast  
7:30-9:00am Patrol Check-in  
9:00-Noon Klondike Derby  
Noon-1:00pm Lunch on your own  
1:00-4:30pm Klondike Derby  
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner provided  
6:45-7:15pm Chapel Services  
9:00pm Auction & Check out

### **Cost:**

***Polar Bear Camporee/Klondike:***  
*\$12.00 per person through January 20*  
*\$17.00 After January 20*  
*\$20.00 Day of the event*

Registration is online via [www.alinconbsa.org](http://www.alinconbsa.org)

### ***The \$12 price includes:***

A Cracker-barrel  
Friday Night (for SM & SPL)  
Breakfast Saturday morning\*  
Hot to get you started  
Dinner Saturday night  
Warm you up from the cold  
A Klondike booklet  
Each youth patrol patrols that pre-register will receive a booklet in advance.  
A patch for each attendee  
Auction items for the Saturday night auction  
Bid on gear for your patrol

*Patrols have won in the past:*

Cook Kits	Coolers	Griddles
Stoves	Dutch ovens	Camp Chairs
Chef Kits	Camp Tools	

**\*We can only guarantee food Saturday morning to those who pre-register. A limited amount will be available for walk-ins.**

Questions:  
call or e-mail Bob Smith  
(217) 546-1780  
[bob.smith@llcc.edu](mailto:bob.smith@llcc.edu)

## Honest Abe District BSA Citizenship Day 2012

The 74nd annual Honest Abe District Boy Scouts of America Citizenship Day is set for Monday, February 13, 2012. Since 1939 Citizenship Day has arranged for civic leaders from area communities to sponsor Boy Scouts from across the District and offer local scouts an opportunity to experience duties and responsibilities of civic and business leaders up close and personal in their workplace.

Other Citizenship activities involve the Scouts' participation in the South Jacksonville Village Board meeting as well as the Jacksonville City Council meeting. At these meetings, the Scouts take over the positions and responsibilities involved with the proceedings of these meetings. In other words, the Scouts are allowed to participate first hand, virtually in place of their elected official hosts, with discrete coaching as needed.

Scouts do not have to be from the Jacksonville area to participate. All scouts in the District (encompassing Cass, Morgan, Scott and northern Greene Counties) are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sponsors will be assigned to all Scout participants.

Scouts must be First Class, Star, Life, or Eagle rank and be recommended by their Scoutmaster.

For more information contact:  
Bruce Selway  
HAD Citizenship Day Chairman  
217-370-1886  
[bruce.selway@yahoo.com](mailto:bruce.selway@yahoo.com)

## **Save The Date!!**

### **First Aid Meet**

When: February 25, 2012

Where: Illinois National Guard Armory

Time: First Wave at 8:00 a.m.  
Second Wave at 10:30 a.m.

**Registration will be online by Dec. 9**

## **Save The Date!!**