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## Abraham Lincoln Council Boy Scouts of America

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### Exciting Plans for the New Scouting Year? How will you pay for them?

Activities, badges, outings and travel- all of these things make Scouting fun. Unfortunately, they all cost money. The alternative is sitting in a church hall or basement and spending your time thinking about what you could be doing. That isn't much fun for the Scouts or for adults.

Of course, dedicating a bit of time to a well organized fundraiser can take the sting away from families and leaders and cover all of your expenses for the year.

Our annual popcorn sale, scheduled for October 7-23 can be the answer to your concerns. Units can earn as much as 32% of their sales, plus prizes for their Scouts in the form of gift cards with the sale.

We recommend that units set a budget, and determine how much they need to cover their normal operating expenses... perhaps \$200 per youth member (generating up to \$64 per youth for the unit). After that, the balance of their commission goes into a Scout Account, to be used for Scouting activities- registration, camping fees, high adventure trips, uniforms, gear, etc.

If that approach is used, a youth member can use the funds as long as he is in Scouting- even moving from Cubs to Boy Scouts. If he should drop out, the funds revert to the unit's general fund or needy Scout fund.

Think about it and plan on participating in this year's sale!

Click [here](#) for additional sale information and updates.

### Trailblazer Award Dinner & Auction

Established in 2010, the Trailblazer Award recognizes a local citizen who has lived their life according to the Scout Oath and Law and made an exceptional contribution to Central Illinois through their leadership in their profession.

Our recipient in 2011 will be Evelyn Brandt Thomas, of Brandt Consolidated. Mrs. Thomas has been an exceptional leader in her field and generous with her time in the community.



She will be honored at a dinner on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Erin's Pavilion in Southwind Park. The evening will include a silent and live auction. Proceeds from the event will benefit the council.

For information on attending, donating auction items or sponsorship, click [here](#).

### District Program Kick Offs

August marks the start of a new program year. Each district has a dynamic kick off planned, including information on:

- Recruiting new leaders
- Reaching new youth members
- Training opportunities
- Program events
- Summer 2012 information
- National Jamboree 2013 information

Go to [alincolnbsa.org](http://alincolnbsa.org) for more information on your district's program kick off.

### Training Opportunities

Is leadership a natural talent, or is it taught? Do we all have the ability, but just lack the tools to bring it to the surface?

Visit the [council website's Training Page](#) for details on all of the upcoming courses, but please take note of the following:

**Online Training:** Many of your immediate needs can be met through online training. Click [here](#) for more information.

**National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)** will be offered July 23-28. It is open to boys who are at least 13 years old. Additional information can be found [here](#). Hurry! It is fast approaching.

**Leave No Trace Master Educator's Course:** Sept 30<sup>th</sup>- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> AND Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> (must attend both weekends), Camp Illinek. Learn how to practice and teach Leave No Trace principals. Limited to 12 participants. For full details, click [here](#).

**Wood Badge:** Sept 15-17 AND Oct 20-22 (must attend both sessions). This advanced leadership course is full. Adults are encouraged to plan on attending next year when it is hosted by Decatur or Quincy.

**University of Scouting:** November 5, Lincoln Land Community College. Join in the fun and fellowship of learning new things and sharing ideas in this one day of adult leader training. Watch our website at [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org) for updates and registration information.

## Fall Recruiting

The sure way to put a Scout Unit- Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post- out of business is to skip a year of recruiting new members. New members provide fresh enthusiasm, ideas, and potential leaders in the form of parents and grandparents.

Plan your recruiting efforts, and sell the sizzle of your Scout unit... tell them what you've done in the past, what you hope to do in the future and, with their help, deliver on the promise.

We all believe in the values of Scouting. Let's make sure that others in your community have the chance to experience them.



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## Combined Federal Campaign

Federal Employees are encouraged to look for the Boy Scouts of America, Abraham Lincoln Council in their Combined Federal Campaign booklet this fall. We are listed among the independent charities and appreciate a portion of your gift.

## Special Programs for Scouts

As we approach mid-July, our thoughts are turning to late summer, cooling temperatures, and, for most families, the start of another school year. There are many special events and opportunities on the horizon and we hope that you can take part in one or more.

A thumbnail sketch of these opportunities is included below, along with a link to complete details. If you have any questions, email [AskAbe@scouting.org](mailto:AskAbe@scouting.org).

- **Horsemanship Merit Badge Day:** Hosted by the pro's at the Quarter B Farm in Pleasant Plains, Boy Scouts will have the chance to earn Horsemanship Merit Badge on August 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. Only a few spots remain. Email your name, troop number and interest to [AskAbe@scouting.org](mailto:AskAbe@scouting.org).
- **Skipper's Cup:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, Camp Bunn. Race follows a 9:30 a.m. practice time. Cheer on the top sailors from Camp Bunn's 2011 Sailing Program as they compete for a share of more than \$1,000 in college scholarship money.
- **Scout Day at the Fair:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, Illinois State Fairgrounds. Scouts in uniform or with their membership card will get in free. The first 1,000 Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts to visit the Scout Day Tent will get a free patch. Click [here](#) for additional information.
- **Follow the Flag 2011:** August 26-28<sup>th</sup>: Take part in ceremonies sponsored by the U.S. Emergency Chaplain Corps, remembering the victims and First Responders from 9/11 as well as our vets. Click [here](#) for additional information.
- **Free Family History Camp:** September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am until noon, Hilton Hotel, Springfield. The Federation of Genealogical Societies is holding their annual convention in Springfield and is inviting Boy Scouts, ages 10 to 14, to attend a special session dedicated to the Genealogy Merit Badge. Pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) for full details.
- **Lincoln Memorial Garden 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2- 3:30 pm at The Garden. Scouts have played an important part in the Garden's history since the beginning. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- **Fall Day Camp:** Especially designed for new Cub Scouts recruited in the fall, Cubs get a taste of safety training and using bb guns and our archery equipment, plus an intro to Cub Scouting. For full details, go to [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org). Information and registration coming soon!
- **Webelos Woods:** October 14-16, Camp Illinek. Current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Webelos Dens are invited to Camp Illinek for this great program hosted by the Order of the Arrow. Interact with Boy Scout troops, learn how Boy Scouting differs from Cub Scouting. Watch our website at [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org) for more information.

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