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2023 TRAILBLAZER- A FANTASTIC EVENING!



Last night, George Preckwinkle was honored as the 2023 Recipient!

A huge THANK YOU to everybody that attended and making it a special event once again!





A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR 2023 TRAILBLAZER!

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**WEBELOS WOODS 2023- STARTS FRIDAY
15TH!!**



Camp Illinek
Friday 09-15-2023 5:00 PM CT to
Sunday 09-17-2023 11:00 AM CT

**Webelos Woods program is designed to get your Webelos or Arrow of Light
ready to join Scouts BSA!**
More information is coming soon.

A whole new world opens up in Scouts BSA, including:

- True leadership opportunities: - Scouts plan their program with adult guidance. - Scouts serve in leadership positions with responsibilities. - Youth Leadership Training is available on a troop and council level.
- Scouts learn to put the Scout Oath and Law into action, including planning and participating in community service projects.
- Eligible for High Adventure experiences, planned on a troop level or those sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Council, such as:
 - Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico
 - Florida Sea Base, The Keys
 - The Summit, West Virginia
 - The Northern Tier, Minnesota
- More camping experiences: - More weekend experiences (recommended monthly).
- Week-long summer camp at Camp Bunn in Hettick, IL. Don't miss out on the next step of the great adventure of Scouting...transition into Scouts, BSA!

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click Here for All Information](#)

**LIFE SCOUT TO EAGLE SCOUT SEMINAR-
20TH SEPTEMBER!**





LIFE SCOUT TO EAGLE SCOUT SEMINAR

An orientation and guide to completing the requirements to become an Eagle Scout candidate, once you have become a Life Scout.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. Adult Unit Leaders only

7:00 p.m. Life Scouts and parents

Abraham Lincoln Council – Scout Office Training Room

Covering:

- Active Service**
- Leadership**
- Merit Badges**
- Eagle Service Project – Workbook**
- Submitting the Project Proposal**

Please register on the ALC website at: alincolnbsa.org

Please bring a blank or draft printout of the latest Workbook:

Conducted by members of the Lincoln Home Eagle Project Review Team

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2023 FALL FAMILY FUN DAY– SEPTEMBER 23RD!



Camp Illinek
Saturday 09-23-2023
9:00 AM CT to 2:00 PM CT

This is a fun time for Families in Scouting to be in the outdoors! This event is for new and returning Scouts to help deliver the promise of FUN in the outdoors. The \$5 per person (youth & adult that is) covers the patch, shooting sports, fun games, crafts, **and a hot dog lunch** (11:30PM-1:30PM).

Special Note: Adults only pay if they are eating. Patch is only for the Scouts.

Activities

- Fishing
- Archery
- BB Guns
- Rocket Shooting
- Nature Walk
- and MORE!

We will have a select uniform and other store options to purchase in Booth Lodge, along with candy and other goodies. Feel free to preorder your purchase by calling the office and asking for Jen; 217.529.2727. Then you can pick-it up that day during the event.

[EVENT FLYER](#)

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TWELTH POINT- ZOOM EVENT

Twelfth Point Zoom Event
Learn about Religious Emblems
September 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm



Save the date September 28, 2023, at 7:00 pm for a 30-minute seminar to get you kick-started in pursuit of a religious emblem of your faith. This council-wide event is for all scouts and is presented in two sessions. A 15-minute introductory session will discuss the basics of the emblem program. We will then break into faith groups for a better understanding and begin your route to earn the emblem for your faith.

The 12th point of the Scout Law is a very important part of Scouting - A Scout is Reverent. This twelfth Point Zoom event is open to leaders and youth of all ages. It will show you how and why you should earn your religious emblem regardless of your faith.

Religious emblems are an essential part of Scout advancement in your journey to become an Eagle Scout. Earning the emblem will satisfy the Duty to God Adventures in Cub Scouts, Scout Spirit requirements in Scouts BSA, and TRUST Award for Venturers.

Make it an event and have your whole unit join us for this zoom meeting.

Scouts without internet access or with scheduling conflicts will receive complete information by mail for their respective faith. Choose this option when you register.

Register for the event HERE <https://tinyurl.com/46mau5x8>

For more information, or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Ben Brennecke at (314) 660-8930 or ben.brennecke@scouting.org

[Click Here for Registration!](#)

BALOO TRAINING



October 20-21, 2023

Camp Illinek

Friday 10-20-2023 7:00 PM CT to

Saturday 10-21-2023 7:00 PM CT

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's the introductory training Cub Scout leaders should complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip.

Recent updates to this two-part course make the content more impactful, useful and convenient.

The new BALOO combines the previous BALOO and a course called Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, or OWL.

DUTY TO GOD- UPDATE

Virtual P.R.A.Y. Program

Emblems for Grades K-12, Teaching About the Protestant & Independent Christian Faith
Sundays This Fall via Zoom. Register Online By September 30th.

Prerequisites:

- ⇒ Parents must attend all online sessions.
- ⇒ Families must purchase a Student Workbook for each child. Plan ahead and order in time for our first meeting. <https://store.pravpub.org/protestant-program-booklets>
- ⇒ Students must answer all questions, complete the activity, and complete service projects at home.
- ⇒ Families will be responsible for submitting the youth registration upon completion of the program and purchasing recognitions via the P.R.A.Y. online store.
- ⇒ Final Review:
 - ⇒ Grades K-5: A final review with Counselors will be held during our last session.
 - ⇒ Grades 6-12: A final review with a Pastor will be held in January.
 - ⇒ All Grades: Parents also have the option of scheduling a final review with their own pastors.

Class Schedules:

Jesus & Me (K & 1st Grade): 3pm-3:50pm (central)

⇒ October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th

God & Me (1st - 3rd Grade): 6pm-6:50pm (central)

⇒ October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th

God & Family (4th - 5th Grade): 6pm-6:50pm (central)

⇒ October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th,
December 3rd

God & Church (6th - 8th Grade): 4pm-5:30pm (central)

⇒ October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th,
December 3rd, 10th

God & Life (9th - 12th Grade): 4pm-5:30pm (central)

⇒ October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th,
December 3rd, 10th



Register via the Article Link at www.dutytogodbsa.org

Please note: The P.R.A.Y. awards are used by Protestant and Independent Christian Churches. These classes will not shortcut the program but will provide instruction and opportunity for interaction to help each child fulfill the requirements and grow stronger in their Christian faith on a virtual platform.

ORDER OF THE ARROW!



Click on the image above for August registration!

In our lodge, we refer to our induction weekends as "fellowships". Over the past year, these events have become much more than an induction, but rather an event for all arrowmen to come out and enjoy! Each Fellowship has a theme set for the entire weekend. You can see the presence of this theme in the Camp, activities, and even the food! You can also give back to your camp through cheerful service throughout the weekend. We even hold a Brotherhood Transition at each one! These events only happen 3 times a year, so you want to make sure you're there!

October Fellowship

Camp Illinek

Friday 10-13-2023 6:00 AM CT to

Sunday 10-15-2023 10:00 AM CT

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION EAGLE SCOUT AWARD (SCHOLARSHIP)

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Award (Scholarship)

Sons of the American Revolution ("S.A.R.") invites qualified Eagle Scouts to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award. The annual contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application (see website below regarding extensions that may have been granted to complete Eagle Scout). Each Eagle Scout must complete an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word patriotic themed essay. The Eagle Scout should enter the contest with their local chapter. Springfield Chapter covers Mason, Menard, Logan, Sangamon, and northern Macoupin Counties. The winner of the Springfield Chapter Award (\$500) will be chosen from applicants from those five counties. The **deadline** for application submission to Springfield Chapter is **December 31st**. Earlier submissions are encouraged.

The Springfield Chapter winner's application will be forwarded to the State level to be considered for the State scholarship. The Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ("ILSSAR") winner will be invited to the annual meeting (meal expense paid) and be awarded the S.A.R. Eagle Scout Trophy along with a \$1,500 cash award. The second place State winner will receive an award of \$500. The State first place winner's application will then advance to the National SAR ("NSSAR") level.

The NSSAR will then select 15 winners in the national Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Competition. NSSAR awards are as follows: National First Place Winner receives \$10,000; 2nd Place – \$6,000; 3rd Place – \$4,000; 4th Place – \$2,000; 5th Place – \$1000; 6th thru 10th – \$500; and 11th thru 15th – \$200.

It is possible for an Eagle Scout to win up to three scholarships: chapter, State, and National.

For further information regarding the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Competition along with the appropriate forms please go to the following site:

<https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/>

Applications must be completed on a computer and sent to George Tinkham, Eagle Scout scholarship chairman, at coolbreeze@att.net. Mr. Tinkham may be reached via his cell phone at [\(217\) 753-2737](tel:(217)753-2737).



Office Hours

M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Store Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tues, Thurs: 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Starting August 14, 2023

Phone: 217.529.2727

Website: www.alincolnbsa.org

NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND 12-MONTH CALENDARS

New Program Highlights and 12-month Calendars.

The Council Program Committees have out together a Pack and Troop version of our calendar and events. This will be mailed out to every Scouting family in

September. This is designed to help communicate when our events are. It's also designed to help Troops and Packs plan to go to these events with their Scouts.

Button below for Calendar Highlights

PACK

TROOP

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE PROCESS ANNOUNCED

BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.



2023 BSA National Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

\$80/YR.	<p>Participants in kindergarten through age 20.</p> 
\$50/YR.	 <p>For all Exploring youth and adults.</p>
\$60/YR.	 <p>All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).</p>
\$30/YR.	<p>Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20.</p> 
\$25/YR.	 <p>This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.</p> <p><small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.</small></p>

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE.

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT CHARTER FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and rechartering units.

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE





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2023 FALL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN



To check out all of the exciting resources available to help your unit have a successful recruitment process and GROW by clicking on the box below!

[Click Here!](#)



SCOUTBOOK

IMPORTANT PO SYSTEM FEATURE UPDATE IN SCOUTBOOK!

Just recently, and against many local council's that operate their own independent Scout Shops, BSA IT released a new feature into Scoutbook where Purchase Orders can be sent to the Official BSA® Scout Shop. While we fully

endorse the concept and believe it could add value, it was poorly thought out and implemented. We believe that users will get unnecessarily frustrated.

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Council's charter is to be the voice of the customer. When features are released, we are normally given time to review, comment, and test the implementation in a back-end QA system. This feature was given to us with short notice, but even so, we found issues and communicated with BSA IT in time to delay release, but they were ignored. Issues include:

1. There is **NO** way to cancel items sent via Add PO Items to Cart, even if by mistake. The PO will be locked and cannot be changed, edited or deleted in Scoutbook. The only option is to actually purchase the items. We recommend **NOT** using this feature until the ability to cancel the cart has been implemented.
2. **Items can only be added to the cart to be shipped (Units are responsible for shipping costs.)**
3. If items are not in stock, a warning message will be displayed on the Purchase Order page. Listed items must be deleted from the Purchase Order before the Add PO Items to Cart is clicked again to order remaining items. Deleted items are returned to the Needs Purchase report. This is cumbersome and requires a lot of "clicking" by the user and could easily be automated.
4. There is no provision for tax exempt units to avoid paying sales tax.

Units may still continue to use the previous method, and print an advancement report to purchase items at our local Scout Shop. The Abraham Lincoln Council recommends that this method still be used until the wrinkles are ironed out with the new feature.

Investment in Scouting 2023!



Click on the image above for all the information!

Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign for the Abraham Lincoln Council that helps provide the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting

program for every youth. Friends of Scouting donations make up 15% of our income each year, and is vital to the programs and services of the Council.

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Youth Protection Training

The preferred method to take this required for ALL leaders training is online via my.scouting.org/. If you would like someone to do an in-person training contact your local pro for more information

National Organization Updates

Aaron On Scouting



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Consider donating to the Abraham Lincoln Council online today. Your donation is important in keeping Scouting strong in Central Illinois.

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