

# THE OLD MAN OF THE POLLYWOGS

(A poem by Jim Sampson. First partially written in the 1950's and finished in 2007)

Have you ever stood by the blasted dam and thought to wonder why  
What water worn secrets the old stones hold as the water eddies by  
When the cold pale moon peers down through the trees  
And a distant hound bays out  
Have you ever gazed at that ruined dam  
In the dark of the river trail  
And sort of wished the stones would speak  
And tell their fearful tale?  
Some say there's a certain night of the year  
When the stones groan out those words  
But nobody now knows the date of that night  
When the story can be heard.  
However, we do know what must prevail  
In terms of weather and all—  
We know that the night must be fair and clear  
And the moon a suspended ball  
As it hangs "just so" in a star bright sky  
Like it did so long ago  
When a terrible blast shook the river's bed  
And set the heavens aglow.  
And one more thing that we know for sure  
Which is told along with this tale  
Is that on this night an old, old man  
Goes wandering over the trails.  
As the legend goes, it all took place  
Back a hundred years or more  
When the land around this part of the woods  
Was changed forevermore.  
Coal was king in that yesteryear—  
There was money to be made  
And a coal company rooted, and scratched, and dug  
In forest and in glade.  
Across the river some veins were found  
So they blasted open a mine  
And down they went, through the rich coal beds  
In the ever deepening slime.  
They stripped the land and piled the dirt  
Like ever burrowing moles  
And when they finished they let it lie  
And ponds filled up the holes.....to be continued at Camp  
Robert Drake

2008 CAMP DRAKE LANTERN  
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## CAMP ROBERT DRAKE ADDRESS AND PHONE

Each campsite has a mailbox for mail and phone messages. This mailbox is located in the Trading Post and is available during regular Trading Post hours. Letters mailed after Thursday morning will not reach camp in time.

The camp address is:  
 Scout's Name Troop Number  
 Camp Robert Drake  
 10001 E 1500 N. Road  
 Fairmount, IL 61841

The camp phone number for emergencies is 217-427-5243. Be prepared to leave a message.

The camp fax number is (217) 427-2111. Messages will be placed in the troop mailbox.

Any camp related e-mail can be sent to the Camp Director Mike Graham at [mgraham@bsamail.org](mailto:mgraham@bsamail.org)  
 During the summer camp season of June and July, please direct e-mails to [mikeg@campdrake.com](mailto:mikeg@campdrake.com)

Check out Camp Drake on the Internet at [www.campdrake.com](http://www.campdrake.com)

The Prairielands Council address is: P.O. Box 6267, Champaign, IL 61826-6267

The Prairielands Council phone no. is (217) 356-7291 or (800) 464-7291 and the fax number is (217) 356-7785. For camp related concerns, select extension 222.





# Registration

## INDIVIDUAL YOUTH REGISTRATION

The registration fee for one week of Boy Scout camp for registered Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts from the Prairielands Council, is \$180. Scouts from other councils, can register for \$195. Total payment for both youth and adult campers for June sessions (weeks #1, #2,) are due at the Council Service Center, Box 6267, Champaign, IL, 61826-6267, by Tuesday, May 1, 2008. Total payment for both youth and adult campers for July sessions (weeks #3, #4 and #5) are due by Friday, June 1st, 2008.

Registration payments received after the above dates will be charged an additional \$15.00 late fee per person. A Health History & Medical Evaluation is required for each Scout and Scouter. Copies of the medical form will be available at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center in Champaign and the Danville Service Center. Completion of both sections of the form is necessary for all campers. Please bring these forms to camp and present them to the health officer during check-in procedures. *Do not turn the forms in to the Council Service Center.*

## PROVISIONAL CAMPING

Join the Bugle Troop. Scouts can attend camp without their hometown Scoutmasters. This opportunity is available for troops unable to secure proper adult leadership. Provisional camping also provides leadership for Scouts who cannot attend camp with their troop or who wish to attend more than one week of camp. The Bugle Troop will be available during the 4th session (July 13-July 19, 2008). Reservations can be made by using the Bugle Troop registration form in the appendix. Parents or leaders are welcome to join the Bugle Troop as assistant leaders for the entire week, or specific days.

## ADULT LEADER FEES

In following the national Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Guidelines, all troops attending summer camp must have at least two adults present at all times. One leader must be at least 21 years of age, and all additional leaders must be at least 18 years of age. Adult registration fees are due according to the same schedule as the youth fees. Late fees are applicable to adult registration fees.

The fees for adults who accompany a troop are as follows:

1- 8 boys – 1 adult free  
9-16 boys – 2 adults free  
17-24 boys – 3 adults free  
Additional adult leaders = \$90.00 each

For troops of 25 or larger, continue this sequence to calculate leader fees required.

To meet two deep leadership requirements at camp, your troop has several options:

1. Troop provides all adults. Rotation of leaders is acceptable as long as two adults are present in camp at all times.
2. Two troops may share a campsite and therefore share leaders.
3. One provisional leader (at least 18 years of age) can be hired from the camp staff at a nightly rate of \$10.00 per Scout in camp. Arrangements must be made with the Camp Director, no later than May 1st for June sessions and June 1st for July sessions. The provisional leader will provide overnight supervision in the campsite.

**All adult leaders attending camp must bring a current completed medical form. Please pay attention to the age requirements for the physical forms (if you are age 40 and under, versus if you are over 40).**

# reservations

CALENDAR

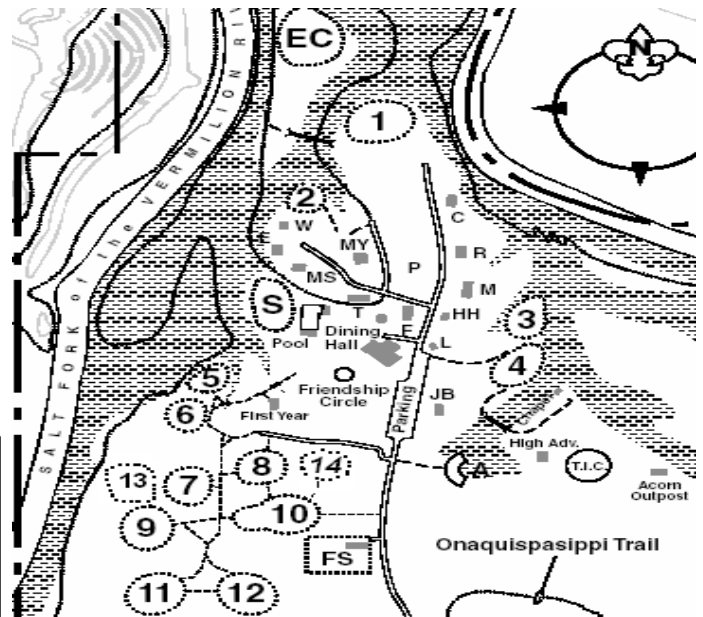
Camp Robert Drake will conduct five week-long sessions for Boy Scouts. Each camp session begins Sunday afternoon with check-in starting at 1:00pm. The session concludes on the following Saturday morning after a 9:00 am closing ceremony. The Drake 2008 schedule of camp sessions is as follows:

- Week 1 –June 15 through June 21, 2008
- Week 2 –June 22 through June 28, 2008
- Week 3 –July 6 through July 12, 2008
- Week 4 –July 13 through July 19, 2008
- Week 5 –July 20 through July 26, 2008

**TROOP REGISTRATION FOR 2008**

To reserve your campsite, contact Susan Coller, Program Clerk at (217) 356-7291 ext. 222. Susan works week days at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Please use a 2008 reservation form that can be found in the appendix. In order to secure your reservation, a \$100.00 deposit is required. The \$100.00 deposit is transferable to Scout fees, provisional camp fees, leader fees, or next year's reservation, but is not refundable. Campsites are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. During the 2008 camp season, reservations for 2009 will be taken from the troop in camp at the end of each weekly session. The 2008 campsite deposit can be transferred to the 2009 camp season only if your troop attends Camp Drake in 2008. No refunds are provided to troops not attending camp.

CAMPSITE	MIN	MAX
1) Hickory Haven	20	100
2) Choctaw Ridge	5	30
3) Dogwood	10	30
4) Tulip Point	5	25
5) Curved Oak	15	50
6) Whippoorwill Hollow	15	50
7) Locust Bend	10	40
8) Pioneer	15	60
9) Scouter's Point	15	50
10) Tall Pine	15	50
11) White Oak	10	50
12) Southern Acers	10	30
13) Sassafras	5	20
14) Osage Orange	5	20



*from a 1935 Camp Drake Guidebook*

*We've been camping on the bluffs All the live long day.  
 We've been cooking beans and bacon Just to pass the time away.  
 We are very sore and tired, Bet we'll sleep tonight.  
 We're the Camp Drake Campers, Yes, and we're all right.*

**CAMP REFUND POLICY**

The Council Camping Committee has established the refund policy for summer camp programs at Camp Robert Drake. Any refund desired must use the **Camp Refund Request** form to be presented in writing to the Council Scout Executive. A sliding scale has been developed depending on the length of time in which the Council Service Center is notified prior to the camp session. If the request is received 30 days prior to the camp session, a full refund will be considered; if received 21 days prior, a 75% refund considered; if received 14 days prior, 50% will be considered if received 7 days prior, 25% will be considered. All refunds will be made on or before August 30. All camper fees are transferable to other Scouts or to another camp session, such as the Provisional Camp Bugle Troop, so parents are encouraged work out the details within their own unit.



# physical facilities

**DINING HALL**

Camp Drake uses a central dining hall for all meals. Meals are prepared and provided by the kitchen staff. Please notify the Camp Director of any special dietary needs of youth and adult

participants prior to your arrival at camp. Campers will eat family style and with breakfast at 8:00am, lunch at 12:15pm and dinner at 5:30pm.

#### HEALTH/FIRST AID ROOM

The First Aid room is well-equipped and staffed by a Health Officer at all times. All illnesses and injuries requiring additional attention will be taken either to the Provena Medical Center-Logan Campus or Carle Clinic in Danville. If anyone requires hospitalization, a parent or spouse will be notified. All prescription medication is kept in the First Aid Room and distributed by the Health Officer. This applies to youth and adult campers.

#### TRAINING CENTER

In the same building as the First Aid Room, a Training Room and Computer Lab has been set up for the convenience of all campers. During the weekday mornings of summer camp, all adult leaders are welcome to participate in training sessions or informational meetings. The computer lab will be open during certain afternoon session for campers to work on merit badge requirements.

#### CAMPFIRE ARENA

Excellent seating for up to 600 viewers is in place at the Jack Jones campfire arena. Evening shows provide entertainment for the opening and closing programs as well as the Family Night OA ceremonies. The arena is equipped with a quality sound system, lighting, slide show capabilities, and a scenic outdoor stage.

#### SWIMMING POOL AND SHOWERHOUSE

The Keith Hutson Showerhouse is divided into four shower areas. The swimming pool is adjacent to the showerhouse and divided into three sections - swimmer, beginner, learner - in accordance with BSA policy.

#### CHAPEL

On a secluded ridge on the east side of camp, the camp's chapel hosts religious services conducted in camp. Troops are invited to conduct their own religious program, or join in the camp wide services.

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Located in the center of camp, the Friendship Circle is an outdoor gathering place for social activities, camp meetings, or simple relaxation. Adirondack chairs provide comfortable seating for campers.

#### MYERS SHELTER

An ideal location for outdoor education, the Myers Shelter offers a comfortable building for educational sessions. Instructional times provide important skill lessons for Scouts & leaders.

#### TRADING POST

The social center of camp, the Trading Post is next to the camp office. Scouts and leaders can purchase souvenirs, snacks, camping supplies, and other miscellaneous items throughout the week.

#### CAMPSITES

All campsites are equipped with a latrine, washstand, and bulletin board. Your campsite is your home during your camp visit. Your troop is responsible for the cleanliness and attractiveness of your campsite. The troop will be held responsible for any damage to the site or equipment.



## program areas

In the many program areas at Camp Drake, opportunities are provided for basic and advanced instruction in a variety of outdoor skills. In each of these areas, qualified and trained staff members specialize in merit badge counseling and provide fun activities as well as challenging contests. All campers are encouraged to enjoy the positive learning atmosphere.

#### ECOLOGY

On the trail to Poncho Pond is the ecology area, which offers the ideal opportunity for Scouts to discover the great outdoors. From its scenic location overlooking the river, the ecology staff organizes conservation events and nature studies. Under the Brian Plawer Pavilion, interested Scouts can work on requirements for the World Conservation Award. Visit the Arboretum, which consists of over sixty labeled trees.

## RANGE

The Rankin Shooting Sports area allows campers to sharpen their marksmanship and learn proper handling techniques for firearms and bows. Target competitions, troop shoots, and Scoutmaster contests are some of the events available. Safety is very important in this area, and the rifle and archery ranges are operated by BSA certified staff members. Scouts can choose from bows, 0.22 caliber rifles, and shotguns



## HANDICRAFT

Develop your creative talents in the handicraft area. Counselors provide guidance in basketry, leathercraft, and other handicraft skills. Build useful items to enhance your campsite. Tools are available for woodcarving and woodworking projects. Visit the Handicraft area in the Sadorus shelter, next to the pool, to make the best of it.

## POOL

Dive into all the exciting events at the swimming pool. Early morning activities focus on mile swim training. The aquatics staff provides an instructional swim for Scouts needing assistance. Older Scouts and leaders can work toward their BSA Lifeguard certification. In the hot afternoon sun, free swims are open for troops to cool down and splash. In the evenings, the addition of night lights at the pool allow for refreshing evening aquatic activities.

## PONCHO POND

Boating and fishing activities take place at Poncho Pond, located at the northern edge of camp. The pond is part of the Pollywogs, a larger group of lakes in the area. New areas of the waterfront have been opened for Scouts to test their canoeing, rowing, and sailing skills. The Pollywogs are known for their fishing areas. The fishing trail has been created to allow easier access to the pond. Cruise the pond in style on a fast-moving kayak.

## SCOUTCRAFT

Headquartered in the Jack Bigger shelter, the Scoutcraft area is where camping skills are highlighted. Outdoor cooking techniques make tasty treats. Intricate camp gadgets are lashed together. Orienteering events direct map and compass abilities. Scoutcraft counselors guide new Scouts on proper use of woods tools for Totin' Chip cards or fire safety for Firem'n Chit certification.

## SPORTS CENTER

In the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, the Sports Center allows Scouts to explore their physical fitness. Teaching personal fitness, golf, and sports merit badges, Scouts will be able to expand their skills and knowledge in these areas. In the afternoon, troop and individual sport activities will be played including volleyball, soccer, softball, and ultimate frisbee. An 18 hole golf course is located 4 miles from camp for recreation or advancement.

# fun features

## EVENING AQUATICS EVENT

Water is the theme for Tuesday night, as the pool games take the spotlight for the evening. Bring your trunks, make a splash, and enjoy the fun and games at the pool and enjoy Drake's famous slip n' slide on the plateau. Other nighttime swimming opportunities for individual troops are available, as well.

## EARLY BIRD CANOE HIKE

Travel through the backwater ponds of the Pollywogs with your troop. Staff members will guide Scouts and leaders through the Pollywogs during the early-morning hours. Canoe hikes can be scheduled when you arrive at camp. Beginner swimmers must be paired with staff members. All other participants must be swimmers.

## ONAQUISPASIPPI TRAIL

Hike throughout the boundaries of camp along the Onaquispasippi Trail. The trail follows the perimeter of the camp property and takes campers to little used areas in the wilderness. Discover the historic landmarks, the

hidden valleys, and the scenic views along the way. The Onaquispasippi can be hiked in segments or all at once in a long afternoon. Pick up a special patch or trail medal once you've completed your journey.

#### INNER TUBE FLOAT TRIP

Your funkiest excursion of the week will be a float trip down the Salt Fork River. The camp van will shuttle your group to the drop-off point up-river from camp and you'll drift down the lazy Salt Fork to the swinging bridge at camp. Sign up for a time when you arrive at camp. Troops select from early morning or late afternoon float trips. All Scouts and leaders must be swimmers to participate on an Inner Tube Float Trip.

#### OLDER SCOUT OPTIONS

A balance of activities based on outdoor trek excitement is available for older Scouts at Camp Drake. Participants will be able to select their favorite outdoor activities such as cycling, river kayaking, wilderness outposts, GPS orienteering and more.

#### FIRST YEAR CAMPER ACTIVITIES

For younger Boy Scouts, advancement sessions allow campers to work on requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks on their own schedule. Known as the Pollywog Program, first year campers have their own area located in central camp near the Friendship Circle to work on basic outdoor skills. Designated counselors for the first year program provide guidance on rank requirements, as well as practical exercises to reinforce learning.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

A non-denominational religious service is open to all Scouts and leaders. We have daily services at 1:15pm every day. No other program related activities will be scheduled during the services. Please encourage your Scouts to attend. The chapel, located off the trail behind the Scoutcraft area, is available throughout the week for your troop or individual use as well. I Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the "Duty to God" patch.

#### CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Three evening campfire programs will provide entertainment for Scouts, leaders, and visitors. On Sunday night, the Camp Drake Staff will welcome all campers with the opening campfire. Skits and stunts will preview the upcoming programs. Family and **friends** are invited to enjoy the Wednesday evening campfire. Tour the camp and enjoy program demonstrations. Share in Scouting fellowship with songs and stories in the Friendship Circle prior to the Order of the Arrow Call-Out ceremony, an impressive and inspiring campfire. To close the week, the Friday night campfire allows Scouts to participate with their own troop skits and stunts. Recognition for Scouts, leaders, patrols and troops will be awarded at this campfire.

*from a 1935 Camp Drake Guidebook*

#### CAMP SONG

*Over hill, over dale, as we hit the dusty trail  
And those trek carts go rolling along.  
In and out hear them shout  
GEE!!!! I'm glad that I'm a Scout  
As those trek carts go rolling along.*

*Then it's Hi! Hi! He!  
Old Camp Drake for me  
Shout out its name and loudly call  
CAMP DRAKE!  
That a good Scout will always come back  
CAMP DRAKE!  
That a good Scout will always come back.*

# leadership

#### ROBERT DRAKE AWARD

The cleanliness and safety of troop campsites is an ongoing concern during your week at Camp Drake. All campsites will be visited daily by the Camp Commissioner or an assistant. This visit will be conducted with the Senior Patrol Leader or his designee so the Commissioner can make suggestions for campsite improvement, or offer congratulations for a job well done. The Robert Drake Award is presented to all troops that maintain clean and safe campsites, as determined by the Commissioner.

#### SCOUTMASTER ACTIVITIES

Coffee and afternoon naps aren't the only activities Scoutmasters can do at camp. Daily information meetings will inform leaders regarding the latest campwide news and upcoming events for both youth and adults. Programs for leaders include aquatics games, a Scoutmaster Shoot competition and other fun filled activities. The ultimate challenge for adults in camp is the Dutch Oven Cook-off. Leaders who accept the challenge will prepare their own entree or dessert in a competition of taste.

#### SENIOR PATROL LEADER HONOR

A unique opportunity for a youth leader is serving as the Senior Patrol Leader for summer camp. As the Scout in charge of troop operations, this individual has many duties to oversee during the outdoor session. As a reward for completing a series of camp responsibilities, the SPL for each troop is able to earn a special patch. The recognition will be presented at the closing ceremony on Saturday morning.

#### LEADERSHIP FOCUS FOR YOUNGER SCOUTS

The Camp Drake Leadership Adventure Challenge is a new program designed especially for younger Scouts who have not yet served in a high leadership role within their troop. Learn how to be an effective leader while facing adventurous challenges and games throughout camp. The Leadership Adventure Challenge award will go to any Scout who successfully attends the program activities throughout the week. Any Scouts who will be taking on leadership roles in their troop in the coming years are highly encouraged to step up to the challenge!

#### ADULT LEADER TRAINING COURSES

The Prairielands Council Training Committee is planning to provide adult leader training courses for any interested volunteers during the camp session. The 90 minute New Leader Essentials course will be conducted to provide the basic knowledge required for leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. A full day of training will be offered as the Boy Scout Leader Specific Training emphasizes all the necessary steps to troop leadership.

#### COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Prairielands Council invites Scouts to participate in Camp Drake's CIT program. Scouts will attend two weeks of summer camp as staff members, learning the skills necessary to become a full-time staff counselor. Participants will choose two weeks to participate in the program on a first-come, first-served basis. An option for additional camp service is possible if both the CIT and camp management are interested. To register for a CIT position, contact the Camp Director to set up an interview.

#### DRAKE CORPS JUNIOR STAFF OPTION

An option in leadership development has been created to allow Camp Drake campers to attend a week of summer camp and serve on the Camp Drake staff at the same time. Scouts interested in joining the "*DRAKE CORPS*" must be at least fourteen years of age and have attained the Star rank. These Scouts will meet with Program Director John Marquardt late Monday afternoon of the first day of camp to review their area assignments and set a schedule for the week. The "*DRAKE CORPS*" members will be able to participate in certain traditional camp activities, including the Omni. Otter High Adventure options, but will also serve as an assistant in conducting camp events. These Scouts will camp with their own troop, but will be charged with a certain level of responsibility in order to earn their "staff shirt".

# advancement

Camp Drake can be the perfect time to enjoy camping, learn Scouting skills, and experience new things, but it is also a time to work on advancement along the trail to Eagle. The camp staff members counsel Scouts on a variety of merit badges and are available to teach other skills necessary to earn the first three badges of rank. It is important to note prior to camp participation that Camp Drake has fantastic facilities for outdoor instruction for aquatic skills, ecology knowledge, and shooting sports talents. Summer camp is the best place to earn many of the badges in the outdoor setting. Advancement opportunities are offered during the morning, afternoon, and evening merit badge sessions. It is possible for a Scout to earn in excess of six merit badges during the week, but it is suggested that the Scout attempt a more reasonable number (3 or 4). Attempting too many badges can leave the boys feeling like they are still in school, and prevent them from enjoying the other opportunities at camp. Encourage your Scouts to work on advancement, but don't forget about free swim, hiking, open boating, and exploring the outdoors.

Rank advancement is considered an important part of each troop program. The Camp Commissioner is available to arrange Boards of Review, through volunteer personnel. To encourage advancement while at camp, the Program Director will recognize all Scouts who do advance in rank throughout the week. Scouts will have their names placed on the advancement board in the Dining Hall.



#### MERIT BADGES

Camp is a great place to earn some badges because of the resources available. A full 2008 schedule of the merit badge sessions will be handed out as a part of the Camp Packet distribution the Prairielands BSA Council Klondike Derby on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and added to the program book, known as the Green Bar Guide. This will be mailed to all registered troops. Please share this schedule with your Scouts as soon as possible. Some merit badges can be completed at camp only if prior work is complete before camp. Scouts should read through the requirements and be ready for the badge before they come to camp, and they should be aware that they will be required to complete all of the requirements in order to receive the badge.

Scouts who do not complete all requirements for a badge will be given a record card. It is the responsibility of the Scout and his leaders to find a suitable counselor to complete the badge in his own community. To improve our administrative service to Scouts and leaders, the traditional three-part blue cards will be used for tracking of merit badge requirements. These forms will allow the troop leaders to return a portion of the merit badge record for the Scout to use as a guide to both completed and unfinished advancement duties. The three part blue cards will be available at the conclusion of the camp week, providing the Scouts and leaders with the completion records from camp. Scoutmasters are responsible for picking up all badge and skill award paperwork before they leave camp.

# order of the arrow



#### INDUCTIONS FOR ORDEAL MEMBERS

Illini Lodge 55 is very active during the summer months at Camp Drake. The Lodge will conduct a Call-Out ceremony each Wednesday evening. Scouts who have been elected to join the Order of the Arrow are recognized with an impressive Call-Out Ceremony, introducing the new candidates selected by their troop. Units visiting from other councils may participate in this ceremony as long as they have written permission from their own lodge chief. The Ordeal Weekend is in August.

#### BROTHERHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

Scouts and Scouters who are already Ordeal members in Lodge 55 may choose to seal their membership in the Order by completing Brotherhood ceremonies. The ceremony will be held each Thursday night at camp. The cost of participating in this ceremony is \$16.00. Please encourage all current Ordeal members to participate. Order of the Arrow camp staff members will be available to assist your Scouts in preparing for the requirements for Brotherhood. See your Order of the Arrow handbook for more information on this topic.

#### CAMP DRAKE "InfinNight" PROGRAM

Each troop is encouraged to host a Camp Drake "InfinNight" Program for Scouts and parents this spring. The Illini Lodge Camp Promotions Team has created a Promotion Information Packet to provide an entertaining program to highlight the thrills of summer camp. Your troop can choose to conduct the Camp Drake "InfinNight" Program on your own or invite a celebrity, such as a District Camping Committee member or a Camp Promotions Team specialist. A new camp promotions packet allows your troop to bring the "InfinNight" action of Camp Drake to your troop meeting. The Promotion Information Packet will include games, literature, handouts, and a poster. Pick up your copy at the Klondike Derby on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## CALLING ALL ARROWMEN

Illini Lodge is restructuring itself to give YOU the opportunity to play a large role in its future. The lodge is now divided up into four chapters based on what used to be the four council districts. The chapters are appropriately called the Illini Chapter, Indian Trails Chapter, Many Streams Chapter, and Okaw Chapter. You should be contacted by your new Chapter Chief soon with details about the first chapter meeting of the year. Again, this is designed to allow YOU to get involved by only having to travel a short distance to have your voice heard at the lodge level.

## TROOP OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Illini Lodge 55 is recruiting youth & adult arrowmen to serve in an important role in the lodge. Order of the Arrow Troop (or Team) Representatives are a youth liaison and his advisor serving between the local O.A. lodge and his unit. The representatives serve as a communication and programmatic link to the unit Arrowmen, as well as adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. They do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and the purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, they enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop or team.

## SECTIONC-3C CONCLAVE AT CAMP DRAKE

**For the first time since 2003 Illini Lodge 55 is hosting a section conclave. Mark your calendars for the weekend of August, 22 for a Camp Drake "Under the Sea" adventure. The lodge needs your help to make this event a success, contact Ian Chen at [achen70@uiuc.edu](mailto:achen70@uiuc.edu) with interest.**



# BSA policies

## NONDISCRIMINATION

Camp Robert Drake will be open to all Scouts regardless of race, color, religion, handicap, or national origin.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The national Boy Scouts of America camp policy mandate medical examinations. Youth participants and adult leaders under the age of 40 must present evidence of a physical examination within the past three years of the weekly camp session by a licensed physician AND a health history completed by the adult participant or a parent (for youth participants). Adults over the age of 40 must have evidence of a physical examination by a licensed physician within the twelve months prior to attending camp. Forms are available on-line or at the Scout offices in Danville and Champaign.

All physicals and health histories must be on file with the camp health officer in case of emergency. Do not turn forms in to the Council Service Center. They must be brought to camp. At the end of camp, it is the responsibility of the troop leader to pick up all medical forms and medicine prior to the Saturday check-out. As a part of the Sunday afternoon orientation tour, all Scouts and adult leaders will receive a medical evaluation by the camp Health Officer. During this process, all medications (except for medically mandated emergency doses) will be turned into the First Aid Room to be secured for the week.

## VISITORS

Parents, friends, and relatives are invited to visit program areas while camp is in session. All visitors must check in at the camp office. Meals are available for \$5.00 each, pending available space. Meal tickets may be purchased from the camp trading post. For the evening programs, guests may bring lawn chairs for added comfort.

## CAMPER INSURANCE

All youth participants in council and district sponsored activities are covered by a Camper Health and Accident Insurance Policy. *Adult leaders are not covered* under the council accident insurance policy. Any injury incurred prior to leaving home but still requiring medical attention after arrival in camp is not covered under this policy. This insurance covers costs in excess of \$150.00 only when the claimant is not covered under any other insurance policy. Every illness or injury must be reported immediately to the health officer and be logged in order to receive this coverage. Medical expenses incurred after leaving camp due to an accident or injury sustained at camp should be reported immediately to the Prairielands Council Office at 217-356-7291 Ext 210.

#### FIREARMS, BOWS AND AMMUNITION

Our range area is well-equipped with rifles and bows. Should you wish to bring your own equipment, please follow these guidelines;

1. Rifles must be .22-caliber bolt action, single shot with a trigger pull of at least three pounds.
2. No ammunition is to be brought to camp, including re-loads.
3. Only arrows with practice tips are allowed on the archery range. Do not bring broad head tips or hunting arrows.
4. Equipment is checked into the range and locked up upon arrival.
5. Equipment will be stored in the lock-up until check-out.
6. All bows will be limited to a maximum *effective* pull of 35 pounds.



## health & Safety

- 1 In accordance with Boy Scouts of America policy, only registered Boy Scouts are eligible to participate as youth at camp. Non-Boy Scout youth are able to visit Camp Drake, but cannot stay overnight.
- 2 No one may leave camp property without permission. Leaders and parents must inform the Camp Director when they plan to be absent and must secure alternate supervision for their campsite in their absence. All Scouts and leaders are required to sign in and out at the camp office.
- 3 Proper instruction should precede the handling of any axe, knife, or saw. Please request assistance from the staff.
- 4 NO SWIMMING is allowed in the Salt Fork River. No unsupervised swimming is allowed in the pool.
- 5 All accidents and illness should be reported to the health officer immediately. Accidents not involving injury should be reported to the Camp Director or appropriate staff member.
- 6 Campers must stay on all designated trails throughout camp. Unless marked, all ravines are off limits.
- 7 Shoes must be worn at all times, unless in the shower/pool area or sleeping.
- 8 NO FIREWORKS. Individuals possessing or using fireworks will be dismissed from camp.
- 9 NO ALCOHOL. No alcohol is permitted on camp property.
- 10 NO PETS are allowed in camp.

**11** It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in the program. As a result, it is the policy of the BSA that leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth members. In addition, all camp buildings will be smoke-free environments for all participants.

**12** Taps will be played at 10:00pm and all Scouts are required to be in their campsite at this time. Troops should respect neighboring campsites in the evening with quiet hours.

**13** Do not leave valuable items around camp. In the campsite, maintain a secure container for valuable items. Do not take any valuable items to the shower house. A "Lost and Found" box is kept in the camp office.

**14** No liquid fuels may be used or stored at the campsites for fire-starting. Liquid fuel appliances may be used only by adults or under adult supervision. Please notify the Camp Commissioner upon your arrival if you plan to use such appliances. Unused equipment and fuel should not be stored in the campsite. If you need to store additional fuel or equipment, please make arrangements with the Camp Commissioner.

#### WATERFRONT SAFETY

Camp Drake adheres to the BSA Safe Swim Defense Plan. Upon arrival at camp, everyone must take a swim test. Campers and leaders will be placed into one of three ability groups. See your Scoutmaster Handbook for an outline of the swim test. The ability groups will be used to determine a boy's eligibility to participate in aquatics activities. The pool and pond both use the Buddy System. Remember to check in & out of the swimming/boating areas.

#### UNIFORM

Scouts are encouraged to wear their official uniform at camp. The 'Official' uniform is typically worn at the evening flag ceremony and meal. During all other times Scouts can wear a T-shirt and suitable shorts or long pants.

#### PARKING AREA

All vehicles driven to camp are to be parked in the parking lot. In order to maintain a good camping atmosphere, only authorized vehicles will be permitted outside the parking area. No personal vehicles are allowed to drive back to the campsites. Heavy equipment and troop trailers will be transported to and from your campsite by staff personnel.

# checklist

## Prior to camp

- Turn in a camp reservation form with your \$100 deposit.
- Arrange for a Camp Drake Night at a Troop meeting.  
(The OA Camp Promotions team will assist when requested.)
- Go over the merit badge list with your Scouts. Discuss any work they need to do prior to arriving at camp. Prepare a list of each Scout's selections. Enter the details in online.
- Pay fees early to avoid late charges. (Final due dates are May 1st, 2008 or June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.)
- Double check adult leadership for every night.
- Notify parents of all plans and emergency numbers.
- Prepare Troop advancement records that will be needed for camp.
- Inventory and service any Troop equipment to be used at camp.
- Go over summer camp program, camp rules & policies with your Scouts.
- Secure all adult and Scout physicals and Health Histories.

Notify Camp Director of any special needs.

## Arrival at CAMP DRAKE

You should plan to arrive on Sunday of your week at camp, between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Units unable to arrive during this time should make prior arrangements with the Camp Director.

Upon arrival in the parking lot, a staff guide will welcome you and assist you in the check-in process. The staff guide will take your troop to the designated campsite and assist with your set-up.

After dropping off your equipment and doing a little primary set-up, your guide will lead your unit to the location of the medical re-checks. Please have Scout and adult physical forms on hand to turn over to the Health Officer.

The troop will then have their orientation and swim check in the pool, and a briefing on dining hall procedures. Your troop will then have an opportunity to return to camp to complete their set-up.

Sunday supper will be the first meal served, and will be at 5:30 pm. The first flag ceremony is at 5:20 pm.

After dinner there will be a leaders meeting, additional tours of camp for Scouts, and the opening campfire hosted by the Camp Staff in the arena.

***Troop trailers will be allowed in campsites, but will need to be transported by official camp vehicles and staff. Personal vehicles will not be permitted in campsites.***

# 2008 BUGLE TROOP

## July 13th to 19th, 2008

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### *Prairielands Council Provisional Camping*

This summer there are multitudes of adventures you can undertake to fill your summer with fun exciting challenges. You can come back to camp to work on extra merit badges, awards, relax, or to push yourself to discover new limits on what you can do. Any Boy Scout can attend Camp Drake as a part of the Prairielands Council provisional camping option without their hometown Scoutmasters.

Scouts can join the *Bugle Troop*:

- IF the scout could not attend camp during the session of their own troop.
- IF the troop cannot find adult leadership to attend a session.
- IF the scout wants to go to a 2<sup>nd</sup> action packed, fun-filled, thrill-a-minute week.



**To register for the Bugle Troop, return the bottom portion of this flyer to the Prairielands Council B.S.A., Box 6267, Champaign, IL, 61826-6267. The cost for one week of camp is \$195.00 for Boy Scouts of the Prairielands Council.**

All Boy Scouts are invited to be a part of this exciting outdoor adventure. The Bugle Troop (also known as the Provisional Troop) provides Scouts with the option to attend camp without adult leadership. The horn is sounding for you to be a part of the 2008 blast. In addition to normal camp wide program, this week there will be special emphasis on Eagle Scout required merit badges.

**Eagle required merit badges offered:**

Camping	Environmental Science
First Aid	Emergency Preparedness
Lifesaving	Personal Fitness
Hiking	Citizenship in the World
Cycling	Swimming



Another thrill of coming back out to camp with the Bugle Troop is the opportunity to work on advancement through the pollywog program in the 1st Year area or high adventure skills with the DoubleO Outfitters.

The Bugle Troop gives Boy Scouts a second option. Experienced adult volunteers will coordinate the activities of the troop and provide guidance throughout the session. Parents or leaders are welcome to join the Bugle Troop as assistant leaders for the entire week or specific days. The Bugle Troop will be at Camp Drake from July 13 to 19, 2008.

**COMPASS DAY**  
**Camp Robert Drake**  
**Saturday, March 29th, 2008**

Reservation Form for Bugle Troop 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

An activity filled day of Boy Scout Camp programs for any younger troop members and their parents from throughout the council. All newer Boy Scouts are invited to attend this special orientation, as well as their troop junior leaders and Scoutmasters. There is no fee for this event, but participants must use the registration form to reserve their attendance.

**PURPOSE:** To provide an opportunity for younger Scouts to participate in camp activities and become familiar with the Camp Drake facilities.

**OPPORTUNITY:** COMPASS DAY Scouts will be introduced to outdoor merit badges, such as Archery, Fishing, and Orienteering, and will work on requirements.

**RECOGNITION:** All new Boy Scouts will receive a COMPASS as recognition of participation in COMPASS DAY. When a COMPASS DAY participant attends Camp Drake in 2008, he will receive an official "Camp Drake flashlight."

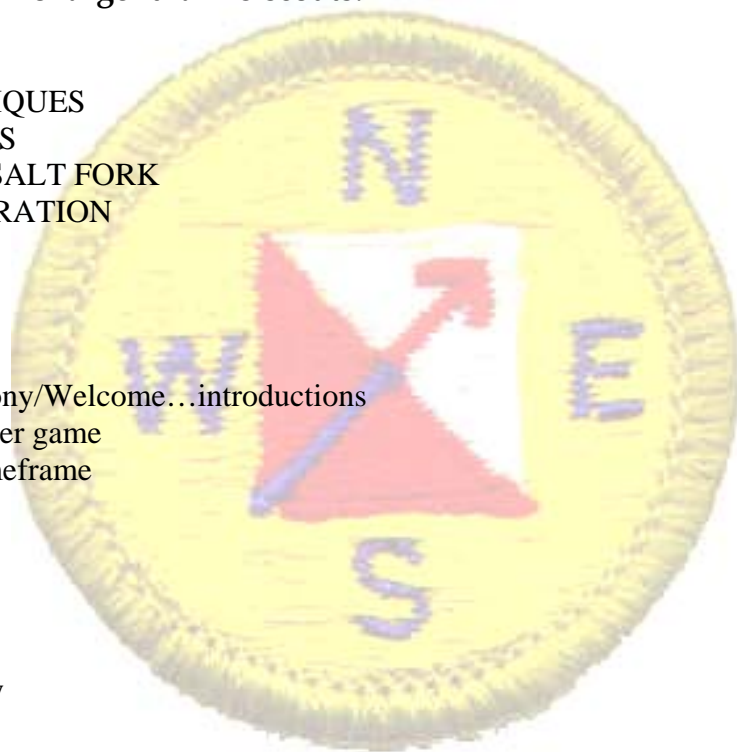
**OUTLINE:** Scouts and leaders will form into patrols and experience the various program areas. A staff member will lead each patrol to each event. The patrols will be no larger than 15 scouts.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS:**

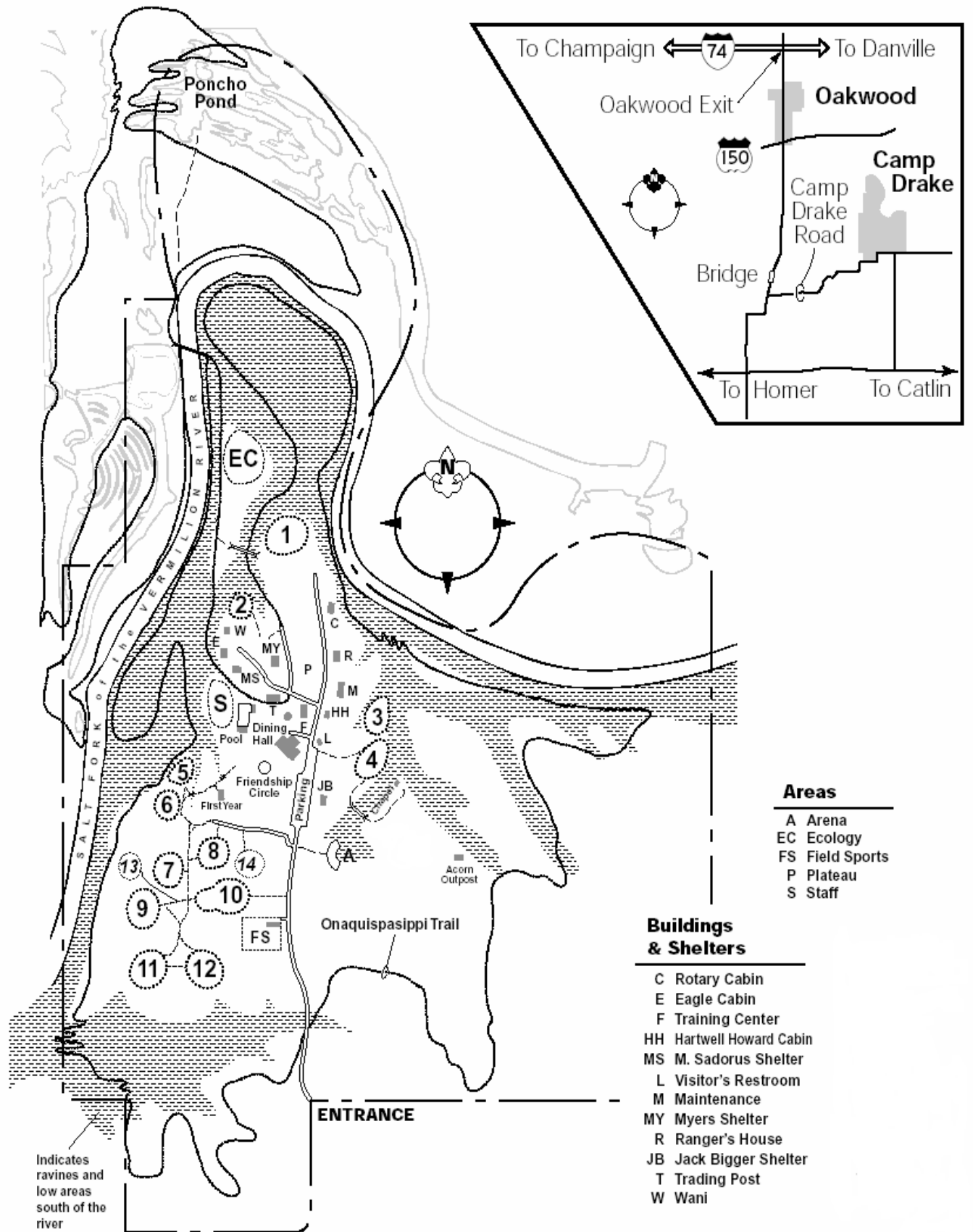
- 1) COMPASS TECHNIQUES
- 2) SHOOTING SPORTS
- 3) FISHING ON THE SALT FORK
- 4) ECOLOGY EXPLORATION
- 5) CAMPING SKILLS

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:**

1:30 pm	Official opening flag ceremony/Welcome...introductions
1:40	Patrol assignments/ Icebreaker game
2:00	1 <sup>st</sup> session 45 minute timeframe
2:45	2 <sup>nd</sup> session
3:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> session
4:15	4 <sup>th</sup> session
5:00	5 <sup>th</sup> session
5:50	Flag ceremony
6:00	Supper & Awards Ceremony



# CAMP MAP





# Camp Robert Drake Campsite Reservation Form

# 2008

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

- Week No. 1 June 15 to June 21
- Week No. 2 June 22 to June 28
- Week No. 3 July 6 to July 12
- Week No. 4 July 13 to July 19
- Week No. 5 July 20 to July 26

Campsite Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

We will attend camp with approximately \_\_\_\_\_ scouts.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form with your \$100 deposit to:  
Prairielands Council BSA • P.O. Box 6267 • Champaign, IL 61826-6267



# Camp Robert Drake Campsite Reservation Form

# 2009

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

- Week No. 1 June 14 to June 20
- Week No. 2 June 21 to June 27
- Week No. 3 July 5 to July 11
- Week No. 4 July 12 to July 18
- Week No. 5 July 19 to July 25

Campsite Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

We will attend camp with approximately \_\_\_\_\_ scouts.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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