



PACK 503 NEWS

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Pack 503 to Conduct Two Community Service Projects in March

From collecting trash to hoarding food – the pack’s got it covered with two opportunities to give back to the community. Here’s what’s in store to help you “do a good turn” (or two) in March:

Prairie Clean Up Day

Find some trash, pick it up! It doesn't get any harder than this during the pack's annual Prairie Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Show Mother Earth and Prairie School you care by helping to collect all the trash you can grab! Pack members will clean the school grounds and through the grove of trees to the school's north. Older scouts are invited to pick up along Charles Street (check with your Akela first!). Trash bags, latex gloves, refreshments and plenty of trash will be provided.

For information, contact your den leaders or call Kirsten Holzauer, 961.0373.

Scouting for Food

Now that you've collected bags full of dirty, icky trash, how about some food? Join the pack when we Scout for Food in a benefit for Naperville's Loaves and Fishes,

Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. In the days and weeks leading to food collection day, pack members will circulate fliers promoting the collection through Prairie's "back pack" mail system. Specific dens may choose to circulate fliers in local neighborhoods.

On collection day, we'll need two sets of volunteers: 1) scouts and parents who will work together to pick up donated food from your friends, neighbors and relatives; and 2) scouts and parents who will help sort and package food donations for drop off at Loaves and Fishes.

To participate, contact your den leaders or call George Sokol, 527.8206.

Scouting Year to End Rechartering Begins

Renew your scouting membership in April during the annual rechartering process.

To join in the fun during for the 2005 – 2006 Scouting Year, tell your den leader you plan to continue your membership and present him/her with a \$40 dues* check, payable to Pack 503, by Friday, April 15. If you don't plan to continue your membership, be sure to let your den leader know! For information, contact Tricia Brown, Membership Chair, 898.3911.

**Dues increased \$5 to provide each den more funds for scout activities.*

Summer Camp Bound for "Scouter Space"

The countdown has begun for Three Fire Council's day camps in July. The two camps – Webelos Days and Trailblazer's weeklong day camps (Blast Off to Scouter Space) – launch July 7 & 8 and the week of July 11, respectively.

Registrations are due to Lynn Amend, Pack 503's camp coordinator, Friday, March 25. So hurry! And if your registration has been submitted, get ready to reach for the stars this summer!

What Does Your Den Say to a Pizza Party?

Help Pack 503 continue to improve programs and services that meet your needs. Take a few minutes to tell us your opinion and your den might win a free pizza party!

Participate in the annual survey between Friday, March 25 and Wednesday, April 13 and you could help win pizza and soda for the members of your den.

Take the survey online using the URL link in the survey e-mail message coming your way or contact Charlie Souhrada, 778.8047, to get a printed copy.

APRIL		UPCOMING EVENTS
<i>PACK OUTING</i>	<i>Annual Prairie Elementary Environment Clean Up</i> Date/Time: Sat., April 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School	
<i>FAMILY SCOUTING</i>	<i>Scouting for Food – Loaves & Fishes Pantry</i> Date/Time: Sat, April 23; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	
<i>PACK MEETING</i>	<i>Mother Earth: Conservation & Recycling</i> Date/Time: Thurs., April 28; 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Prairie Elementary School Flag Opening & Closing– Dens 2, 7 and 10	
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<i>PACK OUTING</i>	<i>Camping Activity</i> Date/Time: Sat., May 14 – Sun., May 15 Location: Blackwell Forest Preserve, Wheaton	
<i>PACK MEETING</i>	<i>Crossing Over & Annual Pack Campfire</i> Date/Time: Thurs., May 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Flag Opening – Dens 4 & 8/Flag Closing – Den 6	