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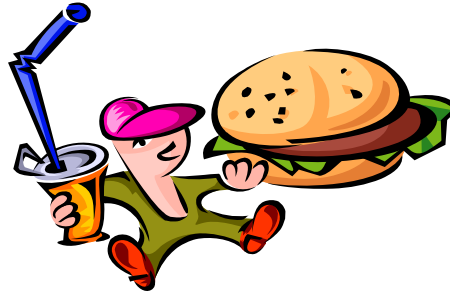
RECYCLE IT!

Our April pack meeting is the recyclables theme where we build stuff out of paper & plastic recyclables.



Each den needs to bring in a "garbage bag" amount of *clean* they built they had to take it home. The parents were delighted. Please make sure you bring enough to fill a bag so everyone has enough to choose from. Worked very well the last few years. Some of the scouts were so excited about what recyclables. We will put it all together in a big pile and let the scouts have at it.

DISTRICT DINNER - Put Friday, April 20, 2007 on your calendar for the Thunderbird District Adult Appreciation Dinner. Awards, fun, great food,



fun, door prizes, more awards, more fun, more door prizes! We promise you a good time, laughter, and the pleasure of hanging out with people who support a fantastic program that supports our youth. This is a non-uniformed event. Business attire is appropriate.

It is time to submit your nominees for Silver Acorn, Spark Plug and the District Award of Merit. These forms can be found on the T-Bird website. Keep in mind that we will be looking for nominees for Silver Acorn, Spark Plug and the District Award of Merit. Questions: Carole Mickelson, 420-2355. The District Dinner will be held at the Lisle Hilton Hotel, 6:30 – 10 pm. NOTE: Donations for door prizes are welcome!



CAMPING CORNER:

Cub Scout Day Camps, Webelos Camps, & Boy Scout Summer Camp plans are finalized. Details & registration forms are available on the T-Bird & TFC websites.

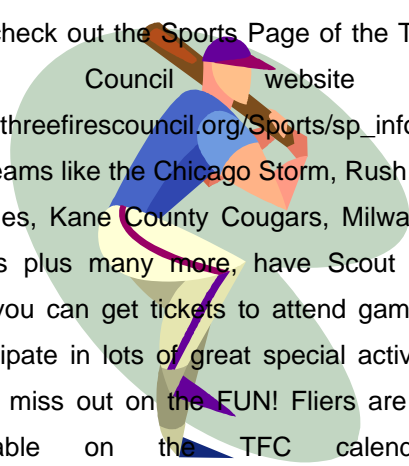
DuPage County Forest Preserve 4th

annual Kids' Bike Rodeo: On Saturday, June 16th from 9:00 – 11:00 am, the DuPage County Forest Preserve Police department is putting on its 4th Annual Kids' Bike Rodeo, which is geared towards children ages 5-15. They provide free activities including a bike check, helmet fitting, obstacle course, and for youth age 9 & up, a 3-mile ride with an officer. They will also set up an obstacle course to teach a variety of skills including slow speed skills, trail etiquette, and safety.

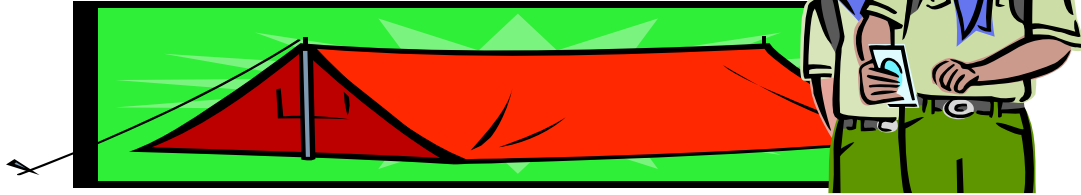


The event is on-going which means participants can stop by anytime between 9:00 and 11:00. The activities will take approximately 30 minutes. Each participant is given a "goodie bag" filled with important bike safety information, stickers, and other fun stuff. We also welcome participants to go on a ride afterwards with other members of their group or family as the location of the event is at our District Headquarters and is directly connected to the Danada-Herrick trail system. For more information, contact Officer Shelli Jandura at 630-871-6425 or sjandura@dupageforest.com

DO YOU LIKE SPORTS? Make sure that you check out the Sports Page of the Three Fires Council website at www.threefirescouncil.org/Sports/sp_info.htm Teams like the Chicago Storm, Rush, NIU Huskies, Kane County Cougars, Milwaukee Bucks plus many more, have Scout days that you can get tickets to attend games & participate in lots of great special activities! Don't miss out on the FUN! Fliers are also available on the TFC calendar at www.threefirescouncil.org



CAMPORALL 2007



Location: Sandwich
Fairgrounds –
Sandwich, IL

Who Attends: All Boy Scout
Troops, Venture Crews,
Varsity Teams, Webelos
Dens, and Cub Scout Packs

Save the Dates:
May 4-6, 2007

CAMPORALL - Camporall will be held on May 4-6 at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. Pre-register your unit & reserve your space for one of the biggest events of the season! Over 4500 Scouts & Adults have already pre-registered! Sign up forms are available on both the T-Bird & TFC websites. The \$30 site reservation fee will cover the admission fees for two leaders from your unit and reserve space in our district area. Complete reservation forms and Leader's Guide packets are now available on the TFC or T-Bird websites. Thunderbird usually has one of the largest attending groups. This year, one or two adults from each unit attending will be asked to volunteer to help run events, help with parking, etc. Without this adult help, our attendees will not have any parking, tent sites, food, display area, or program!!!! Our district is helping out with several events. We need sponsoring TROOPS to coordinate these activities. If you contemplate volunteering for one of these staff positions, contact Fred Turek at roundtable or email: <mailto:shungness@z6.com>

The Sign up Deadline was April 6th!

In case you are working on your World Conservation Award or other Outdoor Education badges, attached is a brief schedule, for April 14 thru 21 only, of workdays at the Forest Preserve District, please check out the Dupage County Forest Preserve for dates beyond those listed here.



Saturday, April 14 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Danada Savanna - Wheaton. <i>WR or SP</i> . Butterfield Road, travel south on Naperville Road about one half-mile. Turn east into the Danada parking lot. Meet in the northeast corner of the main parking lot. Judy Grey, (630) 858-2156.
Saturday, April 14 9:00 a.m. – Noon	Fischer Woods – Bensenville. <i>BC & WR</i> . Park on Arthur CT., one block north of where Grand Avenue meets Church Road. Frank Keller, (630) 663-0992.
Saturday, April 14 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	*Lyman Woods - York. <i>BC & Trail Maintenance</i> . Jointly owned property managed by Downers Grove Park District. Meet at Lyman Woods Interpretive Center, 901 31 st Street. Two blocks east of Highland Ave. Pat Semple (630) 963-1304.
Saturday, April 14 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	*West Chicago Prairie – West Chicago. <i>Bird Field Trip. Winter residents & early arrivals</i> . Meet at West Chicago Prairie parking lot located on the east side of Industrial Dr. between Western and Downs. West Chicago Prairie Stewardship Support Group. Reservations required for groups of ten or more. Steve Sentoff, (630)-293-1627.
Sunday, April 15 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Springbrook Prairie – Naperville. <i>SP</i> . Meet at the main model airplane field parking lot on the west side of Naperville-Plainfield Rd., south of 75 th St. Joe Suchecki, (630) 369-5570.
Saturday, April 21 9:00 a.m. – Noon	*Elmhurst Great Western Railroad Prairie – Elmhurst. <i>SC & SP</i> . Not a District owned site. Meet at Berkley Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path in Elmhurst. Keith Olson, (630) 834-7357.
Saturday, April 21 9:00 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie – Naperville. <i>SP</i> . See April 15 entry. Nancy Novak, (630) 963-7368.
Saturday, April 21 9:00 a.m. – Noon	*West Chicago Prairie – West Chicago. <i>WR</i> . See April 14 th entry Steve Sentoff, (630)-293-1627.
Saturday, April 21 9:00 a.m. – Noon	West DuPage Woods Elsen’s Hill – West Chicago. <i>WR</i> . From Route 38 travel North on Winfield Rd. to Gary’s Mill RD. Turn west on Gary’s Mill RD. Park in the Forest Preserve District, lot on the north side of the road. Susan Page (630) 690-4607.