



POWDER HORN

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Welcome to Powder Horn!

Dear Participants -

The Staff and I have been looking forward to this day for a long time. The actual preparation for the course started way back on October 19th, 2003 when I was driving back from Indiana. I had just finished being a participant for a course offered by the Shawnee Trails and Buffalo Trace Councils. I had such a great time and learned so much that I decided that I would like to be involved in a Powder Horn Course in Blackhawk Area Council.

You have been placed in a "Crew". By design, many of the people in your crew will be new to you. This will give you the opportunity to see how Scouting is done in other parts of the country. Your crew will be "gently led" by a Crew Guide. The Crew Guide is there as a facilitator to help you get the most out of Powder Horn.



Day 1 - April 20, 2007 Plan 'A'		
Start	Description	-Location
9:00AM	Check-In	-Parking Lot -Stronghold Ctr
9:30AM	COPE	-Stronghold Ctr
12:30PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	COPE	-Stronghold Ctr
4:30PM	Return to Lowden	
4:45PM	Campsite set up	
5:15PM	Flag Retiring and Dinner	-Dinning Hall
6:15PM	BSA Safety	-Amerock
7:25 PM	Wilderness Survival	-Amerock
8:35 PM	Blue Grass Rendezvous	-Dining Hall
10:30 PM	Taps	

The sessions will be conducted by "Consultants". These are experts in their field who have donated their time and talents to help you look outside-the-box. Only a couple of them are Scouters. Please show them every courtesy. Please put your watches and cell phones away.

We have some great activities planned for you. Even if you have "been there, done that, and got the patch" give them a try again and look at the activity as if you were one of the youth in your unit. Look at ways you can take this information back to your home unit, your district, your council.

Now, hold on, buckle up, strap in, and BE PREPARED for a great experience. Let us know if there is anything you need.

Yours in Scouting,

Bob Dalton
Course Director



Note from the Editor-in-Chief

This daily newsletter will include photos from the previous day's activities. After today, you are welcome to contribute! It is our goal to capture the spirit of the course. We hope to offer a CDROM with an electronic version of this newsletter and all the photos which can not be shown in here due to ink and space limitations.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr 20	21	22
 High 62°F Low 41°F Precip: 10%	 High 68°F Low 49°F Precip: 10%	 High 71°F Low 55°F Precip: 10%



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Stronghold Center is a four-season conference, retreat, and camping center operated by the Presbytery of Blackhawk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Their facilities include wilderness cabins, a camping area, dining and meeting rooms, and seven retreat houses able to accommodate 10 to 39 guests. Located in Oregon, Illinois, the beauty of nature exists in a variety of environments, all along bluffs overlooking the Rock River. Their high ropes course is one of the best in the country and is used by many Scout units for Team-Building.

Camp Lowden BSA



Camp Lowden is a complete service Scout camp located seven miles south of Oregon, Illinois. Since 1940, Camp Lowden has been providing an outdoor program second to none. With 250 acres of wooded property surrounded by thousands of acres of state forest, Camp Lowden prides itself on a commitment to pride, tradition, and excellence.



**The
Quartermaster
Staff preparing
another
fantastic meal.**



Your GREAT staff getting ready in the wee hours of the morning.



Meet - Maureen Mosca

Maureen is one of our Crew Guides. Maureen lives with her wonderful husband Martin. They have 3 outstanding children, Dominic, Amy and Carol. And just turning 1 is Maureen's grandson Andre. Maureen and Martin runs our Councils NYLT program. So both Maureen and Martin are usually very busy Scouters. I have had the honor of serving on several staff positions with Maureen and she always brings a smile. When you have some time with Maureen you really need to ask her about her trip to Alaska. Somehow she was able to take her mom on a white water rafting trip in Alaska's Denali Park. But the really cool thing is how young/old her mom was at the time of the trip.

Maureen has served in many different positions. She has been a Girl Scout Leader, Assistant Boy Scout leader, BS Trainer, Venture Trainer, Committee Chair, Severed on several District Camporee's and Klondike's and also on VLSC. She has earned the Silver Beaver, Award of Merit.

And when she has time she loves to play her guitar while watching Wheel of Fortune and eating a little bit of chocolate.



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Meet - Jeff Mawdsley

Jeff is the one in the background. Jeff is one of our other Crew Guides. Jeff is a Administrative Analyst for the City of Crystal Lake Engineering Department. Jeff has traveled quite a bit. He has been to Belgium, Italy, France and Mexico. Jeff has been an Assistant Scoutmaster in Crystal Lake area for BAC Council and for a Troop down in Carterville, Ill in the St. Louis Area Council. He has severed on Ney-A-Ti Lodge Ceremony as the Committee Chair, Ney-A-Ti lodge Second Vice Chief, Ney-A-Ti/Anpetu-We Lodge Merger Committee Member, Ney-A-Ti Chapter vice Chief- Anpetu- We Lodge, numerous event staff. Jeff earned the Arrow of Light award and his Eagle Scout award. He has been to Philmont Twice and to Florida Sea Base. In 95&96 he attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference. He has served on 5 summer camps. Two with the Egyptian Council and three with GSLAC. Jeff loves Baseball Parks. He has been to ten different ones. But you are going to have to guess which ones. I just found out that Jeff and I have a lot in common. Both of our favorite trips have been Backpacking across the Grand Canyon. Yup nothing better than being at the bottom of the Canyon and getting Ice cream at Phantom Ranch. Looking up at the Milky Way for the first time. Yup. Good times.

Jeff has been an Assistant Scoutmaster in Crystal Lake area for BAC Council and for a Troop down in Carterville, Ill in the St. Louis Area Council. He has severed on Ney-A-Ti Lodge Ceremony as the Committee Chair, Ney-A-Ti lodge Second Vice Chief, Ney-A-Ti/Anpetu-We Lodge Merger Committee Member, Ney-A-Ti Chapter vice Chief- Anpetu- We Lodge, numerous event staff. Jeff earned the Arrow of Light award and his Eagle Scout award. He has been to Philmont Twice and to Florida Sea Base. In 95&96 he attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference. He has served on 5 summer camps. Two with the Egyptian Council and three with GSLAC. Jeff loves Baseball Parks. He has been to ten different ones. But you are going to have to guess which ones. I just found out that Jeff and I have a lot in common. Both of our favorite trips have been Backpacking across the Grand Canyon. Yup nothing better than being at the bottom of the Canyon and getting Ice cream at Phantom Ranch. Looking up at the Milky Way for the first time. Yup. Good times.



WHERE ARE WE FROM?

Bay-Lakes Council.

The Bay-Lakes Council is comprised of seven districts, 22 counties, and over 200 communities in north-east Wisconsin. Each community offers Scouting for it's youth. The council covers the Mid to North Eastern part of Wisconsin.



Blackhawk Area Council is comprised of seven districts which cover a twelve-county area throughout northern Illinois and part of south-western Wisconsin.

Gamehaven Council serving three districts in the Rochester, MN area.



The Glacier's Edge Council is comprised of representatives of more than 250 communities in the counties of Adams, Columbia, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Richland, Sauk, Rock, Walworth in Wisconsin as well as Winnebago and Boone counties in Illinois.



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Greater St. Louis Area

The Council's geographic area includes 27 counties in Eastern Missouri and 10 in Southern Illinois. Approximately 90,000 young people with Approximately 1,700 units -- Cub packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews. Our Council is divided into 15 geographic districts.



Northeast Iowa

The Northeast Iowa Council is broken down into two districts Dubuque and Dellaykee along the mighty Mississippi. River.



Illowa Council

Serving boys in two states:

Iowa, Muscatine, Clinton, Jackson, Scott and Cedar Counties in Iowa.

McDonough, Warre, Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry, Knox, Stark, Bureau, and Henry Counties in Illinois.



Samoset Council is located in the middle to upper Wisconsin area. We cover over 50 communities broken up in to 6 Districts.



The Three Fires Council located in the upper to middle portion of Illinois is composed of twelve districts and has been rated a Quality Council every year since 1981. In 2002, six of twelve districts were recognized as Quality Districts.

Mississippi Valley

Scouting along the Mississippi River

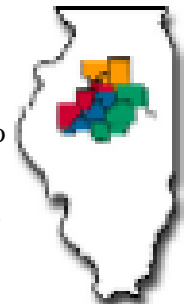
The area served by the Mississippi Valley Council includes a twelve county area of West Central Illinois, Southeast Iowa and Northeast Missouri.



Northeast Illinois

Scouting along the Great lake of Michigan. Three districts severing over 50 Illinois communities.

W.D. Boyce Council is the largest Boy Scout Council in Illinois, covering the majority of Central Illinois from Lincoln to Ottawa, and Peoria to Bloomington.



The Council includes 14 counties and is divided up into 4 districts - Crossroads, Heartland, Lowenau, and Wotomalo. The council also has a fifth district devoted to reaching youth of all circumstances from within the council, the ScoutREACH district.

