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### New Service Center



### **Serving Rainbow Council Scouts and Scouters**

If you have not yet heard, we have moved the Council Service Center and Shop to better serve our members. This move has also dramatically increased our visibility in the community. Our new location is 921 South State St. Lockport, Illinois.

Although we are still in the process of remodeling, we are open for business. Our new store is three times that of our old store, and because of that, we are increasing our inventory. If you are purchasing your Scouting supplies in other stores please consider the following:

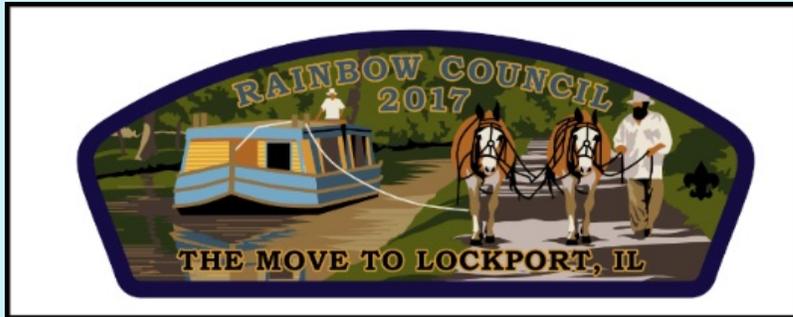
Shopping with us helps fund quality programs for YOUR youth.

- We don't charge sales tax; you will SAVE up to 9%.
- You get PERSONAL help from people who know the program.
- We have all the Scout supplies you need! Over the next few weeks our selection and inventory will double.
- Phone ahead and we can PULL ORDER for fast pickup or we'll SHIP ORDERS to you.

- Hike the I & M canal trail directly behind the service center.
- Make a day of it! Our Scout shop is surrounded by interesting shops and restaurants.

In October, we will be holding a grand opening and rededication of the building. This event will be open to all Scouts, Scouters, community leaders and the public. Expect to see an invitation soon!

## Commemorative Patch



The new patch is being issued to commemorate our move to Lockport and celebrate Lockport's past and future. Lockport thrived in its early days as the canal's headquarters and as an agricultural

processing center. As the first navigable link between the Great Lakes region and the Mississippi River, the canal played an enormous role in the economic growth of Illinois and the Midwest; at the height of the canal's prosperity, its headquarters was second in importance in Illinois only to the state capitol building.

We will begin selling the new CSP at our grand opening in October and will until the end of the year or supplies run out. These patches will not be available in other retail locations that sell Scout Supplies or through the national office. This patch is available ONLY at our new service center.

## Fall Recruitment



This is a very exciting time of the year. Over the next few months over 700 new families will join the Scouting program. In addition to new youth, we will recruit hundreds of new leaders to help run our program and secure its future. If you have not yet scheduled your unit's open house, please do so ASAP.

The Council Commissioner Staff, Training Team, Membership team and professional staff are here to

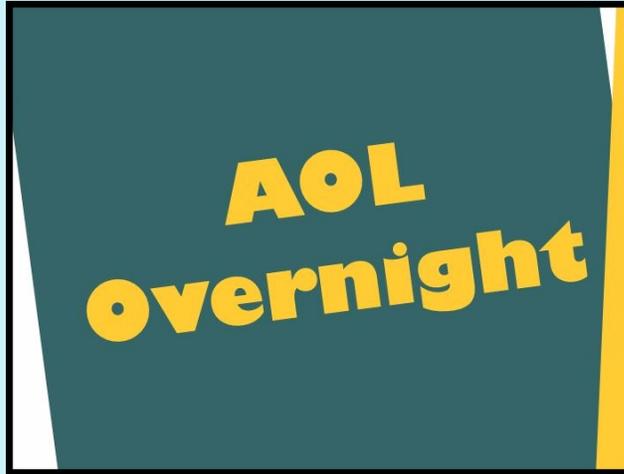
support your efforts and insure a successful fall. If you need help or have questions, please contact your District Executive at 815.942.4450. Working together we can

please contact your District Executive at 815-942-4450. Working together we are changing lives and impacting communities.

**Let's make this our best fall ever.**

## **Activities & Events**

### **AOL Overnight**



The transition into Boy Scouts from Cub Scouts maybe hard for some. Cub Scouts and their Parents should come to this introductory weekend. Learn more about the differences between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts! Get answers to your questions, learn more about Troops in your area, and work on requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks. Register online, the bring your gear and **BE PREPARED** to make a smooth

transition!

**\$35 per Webelos/AOL scout**  
**\$15 per adult**  
**FREE for Boy Scouts!**

Use this as a recruitment even to exhibit your Troop! Adult Leaders are welcome to bring their knowledge and support!

For More INFORMATION Visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/702-AOLCouncil2017>

## **Rainbow Council Scout Night with Chicago Fire Soccer Club**

A flyer for 'Scout Night with the Chicago Fire Soccer Club'. It features the Chicago Fire logo on the left, which includes a red 'C' on a white shield with 'CHICAGO' and 'FIRE' text. To the right of the logo, it says 'SUNDAY OCT 15 4 PM' and 'FAN APPRECIATION DAY'. In the center is the Philadelphia Union logo, a blue and yellow shield with 'PHILADELPHIA' and 'UNION' text. To the right of the Union logo, it says 'Scout Night with the Chicago Fire Soccer Club!' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'SEATS STARTING AT \$18' in bold white letters. Underneath, it says 'Tickets based on availability, some games sell out. Please order tickets early!' and 'On-field experience available to first 300 Scouts!' in white text. At the bottom, it says '7000 S. HARLEM AVE. | BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455' in white text.

[Click Here To Down load Fire flyer and registration information](#)

Orders due by October 13.

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## World Jamboree

The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree is Unlock a New World and was developed by the youth bid team, also known as the Dream Team. This theme speaks to the new adventures, cultures, and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world during the 12-day event in North America, a continent often referenced as a "New World."

As Scouts from around the world embark on their adventure to North America, they may encounter obstacles that seem to be locked with no solution. However, during their time at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Scouts will seek answers and solutions to international questions and problems. Together, they will search for ways to unlock a new world, even if it means forging their own keys.

Discovery of the New World will be met with open arms as Scouts step out of their comfort zones and into the mixing bowl that is North American culture. Guests will leave with a wider view of the world, a deeper understanding of North America, and a renewed commitment to Scouting as a whole. When Scouts join together to Unlock a New World, they give themselves the chance to start over as members of the global community and to work together for mutual gains that improve everyone's situation.

For additional information click on the link: <http://www.2019wsj.org/>

To sign up as part of the Rainbow Council contingent click on this link:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/FA5on0GcPrq5YgFy1>

## Shotgun Instructor Training



The shooting sports committee of RSR invites you to become a Shotgun Instructor. (You must be NRA certified Instructor to be a merit badge councilor or

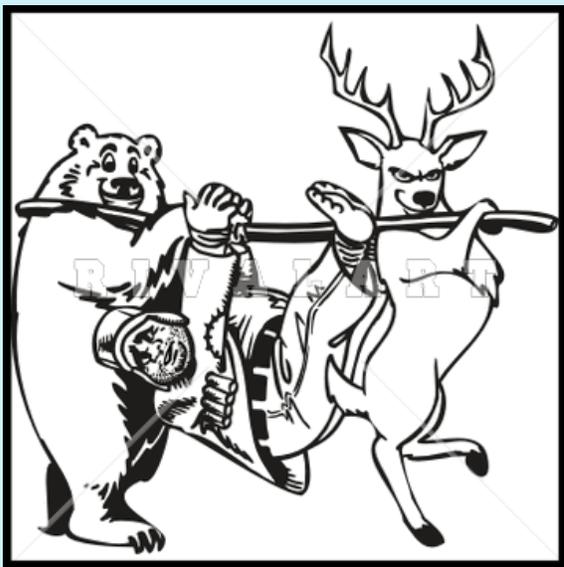
instructor (you must be a registered instructor to be a hunt cage counselor or run a range.)

When: November 9 & 10, 2017  
Where: RSR Training center & Range  
Time: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM each day  
Cost: \$ 140.00

Registration on council web site under events.

Any questions, contact:  
Don Cameron [dcamerom431@comcast.net](mailto:dcamerom431@comcast.net) 708-302-8566

## Hunter Safety Course



Presented by the RSR Shooting Sports Committee in conjunction with the IL Dept of Natural Resources.

If you still need your Hunter's Safety Certificate to purchase your hunting license for this year, come join us!

<https://scoutingevent.com/702-HunterSafetyCourseSept2017>

Any questions contact Don Cameron at [dcamedron431@comcast.net](mailto:dcamedron431@comcast.net) or check the DNR website.

## Gilwell Gathering

Gilwell Gathering is a reunion of past Wood Badgers and a introduction to the fun and fellowship of Gilwell for future Wood Badgers. A lighthearted fun gathering to reconnect and with scouters and share experiences since your Wood Badge course. There will be a social hour gathering, dinner, and the always fun game "Critter Feud."

<https://scoutingevent.com/702-GiklwellGathering2017>

## COPE Challenge Program



So what is the COPE Challenge Program all about?

The challenge program is



The challenge program is designed to develop individuals and groups of all ages by developing **teamwork, leadership skills, problem solving, decision making, planning, communications, trust, and self-esteem** in participants through the use of challenging activities.

The concept has its roots in the Germany of the 1920s. It eventually migrated to the United States where it became the Outward Bound program. COPE was introduced to scouting at the 1975 Lillehammer World Jamboree.

Today, the Rainbow Scout Reservation offers a COPE Challenge Program that includes climbing, initiative games, and low and high COPE courses.

Groups and individuals in COPE may participate in any or all of the following:

- **Climbing and Bouldering**, on artificial surfaces and chimneys (our Tower), for scouts of all ages
- **Rappelling**, for Webelos and older scouts
- **Initiative games**, for groups with Cub Scouts to adults. These games develop personal and group skills and can be done indoors and outdoors--many are suitable for unit meetings. The level of the challenge is based on the ability of the group.
- **Low COPE**, with a series of small group challenges in a woodland setting. Each challenge is designed to develop and strengthen specific personal and group skills. Probably, the most well known low COPE challenge is the "trustfall," but there are many others that encourage groups to flex their problem solving skills! The challenges can be adjusted to fit the development level of the group from young scouts, youth groups, athletic teams, and adult groups.
- **High COPE**, This is the ultimate adventure, up on the wires 18 feet above ground we have 12 different events that challenge the best of the climbers, as well as, those just learning to "**Trust the Rope**".

The program is open year round. Want to come out for a day of just fun? Yes, you can do that. Need to develop or challenge your group? Yes, you can do that too. We can develop programs for packs, troops, and crews, as well as, school and adult/business groups.

The best part of COPE is seeing the face of a scout after he has climbed or rappelled for the first time and realizes that "**I DID IT!**" With COPE, self-esteem can be through the roof as scouts build confidence in themselves.

**For more information, call the Scout Office at 815-942-4450 or Jim Thuot at 815-325-2202.**

## **Important Information**

Wow!!! Where did the summer go???

Fall is upon us... which means that the re-charter packets will be coming out soon... which means that training records will be reviewed!

EVERY REGISTERED ADULT with the BSA needs to hold a current certification for YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING! If your certification has expired, you will not be able to re-charter with your unit. My suggestion is to renew it now before the new edition of YPT is released. Currently, it's a simple 30 - 40 minute on-line training. If you wait until the new training is released, it will then take approximately 1 hour and will need to be renewed every year. Do it now and avoid the holiday rush!

Are your KEY 3 fully trained in their specific positions? Committee Chairman, Charter Organization Representative and Unit Leader (Cub-masters, Scoutmasters, Advisors, Skippers) need to be fully trained in their specific position. Some of these trainings can be completed on-line at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) . If you don't like the online sessions for Introduction to Leader Skills for Scoutmasters, sign up by September 11th, for our training on September 16th. We are holding our fall Introduction To Outdoor Leader Skills training October 13-14-15. This is not available on-line. Join us for a weekend of fun and outdoor learning at Rainbow Scout Rsevation. Registration closes October 5, 2017.

For those units looking forward to a winter high adventure or if you want to get a jump on your training for next summer's events, we are offering our Wilderness First Aid training on September 22-23-24. This training is required for leaders participating in any high adventure activity where medical attention is more than 30 minutes away. This training is open to those 14 & older and offers CPR certification. Registration closes September 13, 2017.

Other supplemental trainings offered this fall include OWL, BALOO, Den Chief Training, Fundamentals of Training.

Any questions can be directed via e-mail to Debbie Richardson, [underwatermom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:underwatermom@sbcglobal.net)

Looking forward to see you around camp!

## **Scoutmaster Indoor Specifics Training**

This course introduces the adult leadership to the day to day operations of how a troop functions. Explanations of adult leadership positions, youth leadership positions along with clarification on policies, procedures, and proper uniform guidelines are just a few of the topics discussed. If you are planning to join a troop in the near future, have just joined a troop, or feel you need a refresher, this is the training for you!

<https://scoutingevent.com/702-ScoutmasterSpecificsTrainingSept2017>

## **Announcements**



### **Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts**

<b>Jacob Dalen</b> T315/Peotone S/M Robert Wilcox 7/14/2017	<b>Justin Diehl</b> T13/Plainfield S/M Terry McGee 7/26/2017	<b>James Hampton Jr.</b> T471/Morris S/M Doug Pfaff 8/9/2017
<b>Eion Hurley</b> T270/Frankfort S/M James Hurley 7/7/2017	<b>Brett Jennrich</b> T270/Frankfort S/M James Hurley 8/10/2017	<b>Brandon McGee</b> T13/Plainfield S/M Terry McGee 7/26/2017
<b>Angelo Minetti</b> T155/Manhattan S/M Linda Naughton 7/12/2017	<b>John Murphy</b> T444/Channahon S/M William Freeberg 7/19/2017	<b>Austin Murray</b> T270/Frankfort S/M James Hurley 8/10/2017

Justin Prokop  
T444/Channahon  
S/M William Freeberg  
7/18/2017

Hunter Sweeney  
T237/Frankfort  
S/M Earl Bonovich  
7/6/2017

Matthew Will  
T361/Bourbonnais  
S/M David Nemeth  
7/24/2017

## **Popcorn UPDATE!**



### **October 10:**

ALL UNIT Popcorn Orders and Prizes due trails- end websites by 9:00pm

### **October 15-20:**

Return Popcorn to NEW Council Service Center: 921 S. State. Street, Lockport, IL

### **October 20th:**

Last day to return ANY SHOWN SELL product to be credited to your account.

### **November 3:**

Popcorn Take Order Pick-up and Payment at: LOCAL 150 ASIP TRAINING FACILITY, 19800 W Arsenal Rd, Wilmington, IL 60481

Please bring payment or a post dated check for no later than November 13, 2017, made out to Rainbow Council, Boy Scouts of America

### **December 16th:**

Star Wars Special Movie Screening at Emagine Theater in Frankfort - \$1,000 Sellers Club celebration with special appearances from movie Characters, popcorn and soda included.

## **Support Scouting / Special Events**



### **CHALLENGE?**

To support the  
Rainbow Council, Boy Scouts of America

October 7, 2017 - 11:30 am - 7:00 pm



October 7, 2017...11:30 am - 7:00 pm  
Downers Grove Sportsman Club  
4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL

<https://scoutingevent.com/702-rainbowcouncilsportingclays>

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