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Winnetka Boy Scout Troop 18 Orientation Meeting

**March 5, 2013 7:30 pm
Scout Room, Christ Church Winnetka
470 Maple Street, Winnetka**



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Boy Scout Troop 18 invites all 5th graders and their parents who are interested in what scouting has to offer to join Troop 18 for an orientation meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2013.

Donuts and hot chocolate will be served.

We are interested in having you join our troop! No prior Boy Scout, Cub Scout, or Webelos scouting experience is necessary – all are welcome.

Troop 18 holds weekly meetings throughout the school year and many day trips, and weekend camping trips, where the boys learn skills such as fire building, orienteering, wilderness survival, cooking and first aid. They also focus on earning merit badges (more than 140 are possible) and achieving advancement in rank toward the ultimate goal of becoming an **Eagle Scout**. Each summer Troop 18 heads up to the wilds of Northern Wisconsin for a week of camping at the venerable Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, where the boys can build their skills at sailing, swimming, riflery, canoeing and rock climbing, among many other activities. The troop also leads wilderness expeditions to places like the Florida Sea Base Camp in Florida, Northern Tier Camp in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, New River Gorge, West Virginia and the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Recently, we have taken trips to places like Paintball Parks, Illiana Motor Speedway to watch school bus races and a smashup derby; Starved Rock State Park; Sunburst Ski Area; Basses' Farm for Skeet Shooting, a cookout, and the famous egg fight; the Indiana Dunes; Camp Crown; bike trips, cave crawling, rock climbing, and the Wisconsin River for a canoe trip.

As part of our merit badge work, the scouts have visited or will be visiting places like the Winnetka Police and Fire Departments, the Village Council, the Field Museum, Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory, Fermilab, and a local car dealership repair bay to learn about automotive care.

Please join us to learn more about Troop 18 at our annual orientation night on **March 5, 2013**. The session runs from **7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Scout Room at Christ Church on the corner of Maple and Oak Streets in Winnetka (470 Maple). The scout room is in the northeast corner of the church. For more information or to RSVP for the March 5 session, please call or e-mail Scoutmaster Jack Coladarci at 708-267-1199 or jack.coladarci@gmail.com, or e-mail the troop at troop18info@gmail.com

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For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.