

1. The Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage is this Friday. Tonight, patrols need to finish their menus for this big outing. Meet in uniform with your gear at 3:30 on Friday behind the church at the Scout Trailer. You need a sack meal for Friday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and trail lunches for Saturday and Sunday, plus cook dinner on Saturday, and money for McDonalds on Sunday night. The menu planner will help you out. Feel free to steal ideas from it. There is additional information on the back table. Please pick it up before you go home tonight.
2. If you are hiking the 20-mile Lincoln Trail at the Pilgrimage, sign up on the sheet in the back. If you are doing the downtown Heritage Trail, put your name on that sheet. There are information handouts on each trail in the back. The 20-miler is not recommended for anyone under age 12.
3. Summer camp is coming up. We need you to sign up for Summer Camp at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation by May 1. You can do that on the back table and putting in your merit badge choices on the merit badge worksheets. There is a lot to do on the back table tonight. Everyone should be sure to visit it.
4. If you missed swimming at the pool two weeks ago, there is another chance swim this Thursday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone going to the Boundary Waters needs to pass the BSA swim test. Lance Grenzow, our BSA Lifeguard will be on hand to see if you pass. You can also work with Mr. Chalmers on the 2nd and 1st Class swimming requirements. Or just come to have fun in the water. It is open swim. \$1 for Scouts, \$2 for adults.
5. Spring clean up for McFarland Lutheran Church is Saturday, May 5, starting at 9:00 a.m. Troop 53 will be assisting in cleaning the grounds. We also need your help in painting the Scout Garage, and moving the empty shed to the back of the Rainbow Center. Come in your work clothes. Rakes and shovels will be helpful. This is another way to show our appreciation to McFarland Lutheran Church, which has sponsored our troop since 1939.
6. The Troop is offering Fleur de Lis honor unit fleece jackets for about \$17 to commemorate our 2006 Fleur de Lis status in the Glaciers Edge Council. These fleece jackets will be Navy Blue, the "Troop 53" and the Fleur de Lis symbol stitched on the left front. The sizes are mens' adult and run from Small to triple extra large. Sign up for a Troop 53 fleece jacket on the back table.
7. We have an opportunity to raise money for the council and for our Scout Accounts by selling flashlights. Two kinds of flashlights. Shaker flashlights and clip-on LED lights. These run \$20 and \$10. – Demonstrate lights- How many of your would be interested in selling these lights in the next couple weeks?
8. Is there any news from the Takoda Lodge, Order of the Arrow?
9. Are there any other announcements for the good of the troop?