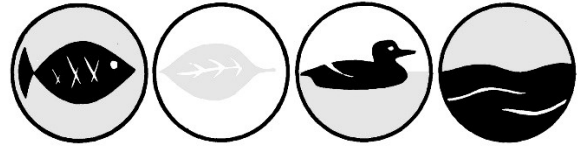


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## November 2016 Newsletter

### Cub Scouts "Survive" Weekend at NICC

On the weekend of October 22-23 the Arrow of Light Den (5th Grade) of Pack 675 of Wadsworth invaded NICC with a mission to survive the weekend. At the heart of this mission was to refine our camping skills and learn about how to manage in survival situations.

Upon landing at camp on Saturday the boys learned what land features made for a good campsite. With that knowledge the boy set out to scout their camp, finally deciding on the Northeast corner of the pond far away from the adults. After setting up camp the boys spend the afternoon learning about how to survive if you are in an unfamiliar area including messaging help, fires without matches, shelter building, and food gathering. Shelter had to be built, and the team built a great A-Frame shelter from some down limbs and trees found



back in the woods. Once the team building project was complete boys took to pairs and scouted out their own area for shelter building. With much success both teams had shelters able to sustain a night in the elements. After securing shelter there was food to be gathered. Using the hooks and fishing line in the survival kits they learned to make in the week prior to the campout the boys made fishing poles and fished for dinner. Unfortunately nothing was caught, but a feast of shrimp and sausage jambalaya with buttermilk cornbread baked in dutch ovens was to be enjoyed. A roaring campfire, smores, and drying feet was in order.

Waking up to a brisk 35F on Sunday the boys learned how to make omelettes in plastic bags while honing their rope skills. They learned not only how to care for and maintain their ropes by developing their whipping skills but refreshed themselves on tying eight important knots. Continuing with the survival theme the boys learned how to sanitize local water through boiling and using tablets. The pond tastes great, the boys say! They also learned some of the important parts of how a Boy Scout troop ran in difference to a Cub Scout den and choose to the the Red Eyed Shark patrol with accompanying patch.



After cleaning camp and finding most of the lost pocket knives they boys went to Pine Dunes Forest Preserve to learn Geocaching. After a two mile hike around the park a dozen caches were found and a newly established love for using multi-million dollar satellite systems to find tupperware in the woods was fostered. A big thanks to Adam and Joey

A big thanks to NICC for allowing the scouts to use the grounds and woods for their weekend. We have four Cubscouts that are now a few steps closer to becoming full fledged Boy Scouts by the use of the property.

Yours in Scouting,

Bob Willegal  
Member, NICC  
Cubmaster, Pack 675 Wadsworth IL  
Cub Camping Chairman, North Star District

**TRAP SHOOT      NOVEMBER 6      10 AM-2 PM**

Mark your calendar for our last trap shoot this year.

Bring your own gun and ammunition.

No need to pre-register in advance.

Children under 18 yrs. must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

\$10 each round (25 shots).



**2017 ICE FISHING DERBY & WINTER FESTIVAL FEB. 11-12**

It's that time of year when we are preparing for our annual ice fishing derby. In the next month, we will be soliciting businesses for being a major sponsor or placing an ad in our information booklet. We will be sending you information in the next newsletter to see if you know of someone or business who would be interested.

ie      **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Nov 6 Trap Shoot/Closing of house 10 am – 2 pm

Nov 14 General/Board Meeting at  
Antioch Library 7 pm

Dec 12 General/Board Meeting at  
Antioch Library 7 pm



Christina Wojciechowicz



*On Thanksgiving Day all over America, Families sit down to dinner at the same moment-halftime.*

*Happy Thanksgiving  
from the Officers and Directors of NICC*