# Camp Drake '09

## Better Than Ever

Along the banks of the Salt Fork River, Camp Robert Drake has been proving exciting endeavors for Scouts of all ages since 1932. The camp has nestled along a scenic section of eastern

Illinois, where the varied topography provides beautiful prairiescapes along side breath-taking valley views. Weeklong camp sessions are conducted through June and July for Scouts from throughout the Midwest.

LIGHTS at the POOL allows for NIGHT SWIMS

Amidst the oak and maple forests, Camp Drake provides outdoor instruction in over 40 merit badges in 8 different program areas. Each of the 15 campsites are close to the central camp area, where the Dining Hall and Swimming Pool are located. Specialized programs are offered for both new Scouts and the experienced campers in the troop. Camp Drake even offers a full slate of activities for adult leaders

interested in outdoor fun.

GOLF next door at BLUE NEEDLES GC

### Better Aquatic Action

From the moonlight swims at the Camp Drake pool to sailing at Poncho Pond, aquatics action is a summer highlight. Scouts can row or canoe amidst the historic Pollywog regions to explore the ever-changing landmarks. Outdoor opportunities are abundant along the Salt Fork River such as the tubing trips for your troop, the fishing holes at Pebble Beach, or the river kayaking crews

#### Better Scouting Skills

Hikers traverse the ravines and bridges along the Onaquispassippi Trail, which follows the entire perimeter of the camp property. Trekkers equipped with Global Positioning devices can uncover the geo-cache located within the boundaries of the facility. Campfire cooking recipes are fired up in Dutch ovens in the Scoutcraft area. Experience all of the camping options from survival techniques to the latest in high-tech backpacking gear.

BOULDERING WALL provides
TOE-HOLD TWISTER

#### Better Outdoor Thrills

One of the more popular areas is the Nogle Shooting Sports area, where marksmen enjoy shotgun, rifle, and archery events. The cross country biking trails weave in and out of the prairie fields on a twisted, bumpy course. Sporting opportunities include a wide range of 10 different choices, from tetherball and soccer to sand volleyball and water polo. Golfers can even enjoy the nearby 18-hole course.

#### Unlock the Adventure!

For additional information on Camp Robert Drake, visit <a href="www.campdrake.com">www.campdrake.com</a> to review schedules of events and see pictures of all the action. To reserve a campsite, contact the Prairielands Council in Champaign, IL at 1-217-356-7291.



RIDE the river waves on an INNER TUBE