BSA TROOP 28 – GLENCOE, ILLINOIS
Kettle Moraine State Forest

Dates: Friday October 18th – Sunday October 20th

Location: Kettle Moraine State Forest, Eagle, Wisconsin (2-hour drive)

Adult Leaders: Jeff Heftman, others TBD

Departure: St. Elisabeth's at 4:00 pm on Friday October 18th for a 4:30pm departure

Return: St. Elisabeth's, approximately 12:00 noon Sunday October 20th

Cost: $65 per Scout (campsite, food and supplies) and no cost for any adult providing transportation. Space is constrained by vehicle space (for scouts and gear). If renting a bike at Kettle Moraine, please send your scout with $40 in cash.

Activities: During the outing, Scouts will earn two nights towards Camping requirements. There will be parents accompanying scouts on a beginner or intermediate/advanced trail. If bike trails are closed due to heavy rains, we are investigating a hiking alternative. With advanced notice, we will try to accommodate requests for rank advancement or merit badge requirements.

Preparation: **Please wear Class A shirts for the drive.** Read and plan requirements for rank advancement and come to the Monday October 14th meeting for patrol trip and meal planning. Additional biking topics will be discussed at the Monday October 7th troop meeting.

Lodging: Troop tent camping.

Bikes: If you own a mountain bike, you may bring it, if any of the parents is able to bring a rack. Otherwise, mountain bikes can be rented from a dealer near the Kettle Moraine trailhead. The scouts will need to bike 1 mile along a country road from the bike shop to the trailhead. Parents are responsible for reserving bikes in advance via the shop website at: http://www.backyardbikes.com/Rentals.asp. Scouts over 5-feet tall should request an adult bike ($40); youth bikes are $30 and is NOT included in the Troop trip fees.

Gear: Bike helmets are REQUIRED. Scouts will not be allowed to bike without a helmet. Long sleeves and pants are recommended to protect from falls and ticks. Day pack. Pack appropriate clothing, comfortable hiking shoes, wet weather gear (rain is currently forecasted) and spare shoes/boots and clothes. Also, individual mess kit, water bottle, personal first aid kit, compass toiletries, sleeping bag and pad, flashlight (and/or headlamp for camp set up in the dark) and spare batteries, folding pocket knife, and Scout handbook. Cash for snacks at bike shop, optional.

Troop 28 Financial Support: If the fees for this activity present a financial hardship to your family, Troop 28 has a policy for providing assistance in order to provide access for all scouts to our events (including bike rentals). Please directly contact Ben Miller (benmiller@aol.com) or Linda Lin (me@lindalin.com). All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Questions regarding the trip - ask Jeff Heftman at jmheftman@gmail.com