Buckeye Trail Camporee, April 24 – 26, 2015

A partnership of the Buckeye District and the Buckeye Trail Association

To all scouts, youth & adult leaders, & parents:

Join us for our **third** great event at AEP Re-Creation Lands! It's a camporee with hiking, trail building, bridge building, trail improvement, fishing, and more! It's a service project filled with fun on the Buckeye Trail.

- Challenge yourself & your fellow Scouts regardless of age or rank.
- Have an opportunity to test physical and mental ability
- Kick-start your hiking or backpacking program
- Join a Camporee different than your usual. One that treats your Troop as hard core Boy Scouts!

<u>The Buckeye Trail</u> winds around Ohio for nearly 1,444 miles. We'll work in the Somerset section, part of American Electric Power's ReCreation Land, where we'll camp. The site's about 2 hours from Columbus. Units, Troops and Patrols will hike a 6 mile section of the Buckeye Trail and do at least 2 hours service under the direction of Buckeye Trail Association Volunteers and Buckeye District leaders.

- Older Scouts? Build a 28' long bridge over a beaver dam that will challenge your physical, mental, and analytical skills in addition to using knots, carpentry, and possibly canoeing skills.
- Younger Scouts? Help upgrade off-road sections to high-quality trail. Help bring bridge parts to the build site. Patrols will be assigned a service project location based on the patrol's ability to work on trail improvements and hiking capability.
- <u>Tools?</u> All tools for trail and bridge building and all construction materials will be provided by the Buckeye Trail Association.
- **Spare time?** Fish in AEP's stocked ponds at our campsite. Want more hiking? Go to it: just get back in time for the OA Tapout at the Campfire. Need a backpacking shakedown? Well, put your stuff on your back for the day!
- And did we say this will be cheap? We're working on a final cost but it won't be much!

Pre-registration is required and information coming soon at www.skcscouts.org/th_event/buckeye-trail-camporee/

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Below is the 2011 bridge that we built and is still in use.

Do you remember working on it and the path leading up to each side?

This year, the bridge will be nearly twice as long and will provide physical and mental challenges that you will remember for a long time!

Were you a young scout in 2011 and worked on trail improvements? Now that you're older, this is your time to help build a bridge.

