

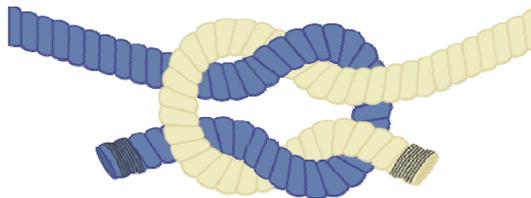
# **WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT**

**Saturday, June 12, 2010**

Lyons Township High School (South Campus)  
Bennett Stadium  
4900 S Gilbert Avenue  
Western Springs, IL 60558

BY  
**THE SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS**  
OF THE  
**DES PLAINES VALLEY COUNCIL**

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America



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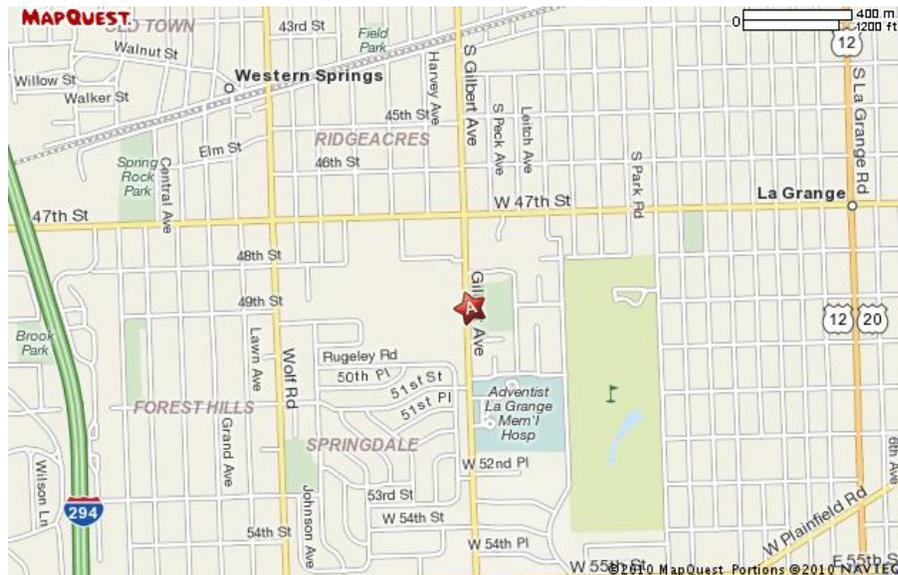
12:45 PM	Registration/Check In
1 PM – 2 PM	Round Robin Games
2 PM – 3 PM	World Record Knot Attempt
3 PM – 4 PM	Refreshments & Awards

**FREE ICE CREAM**

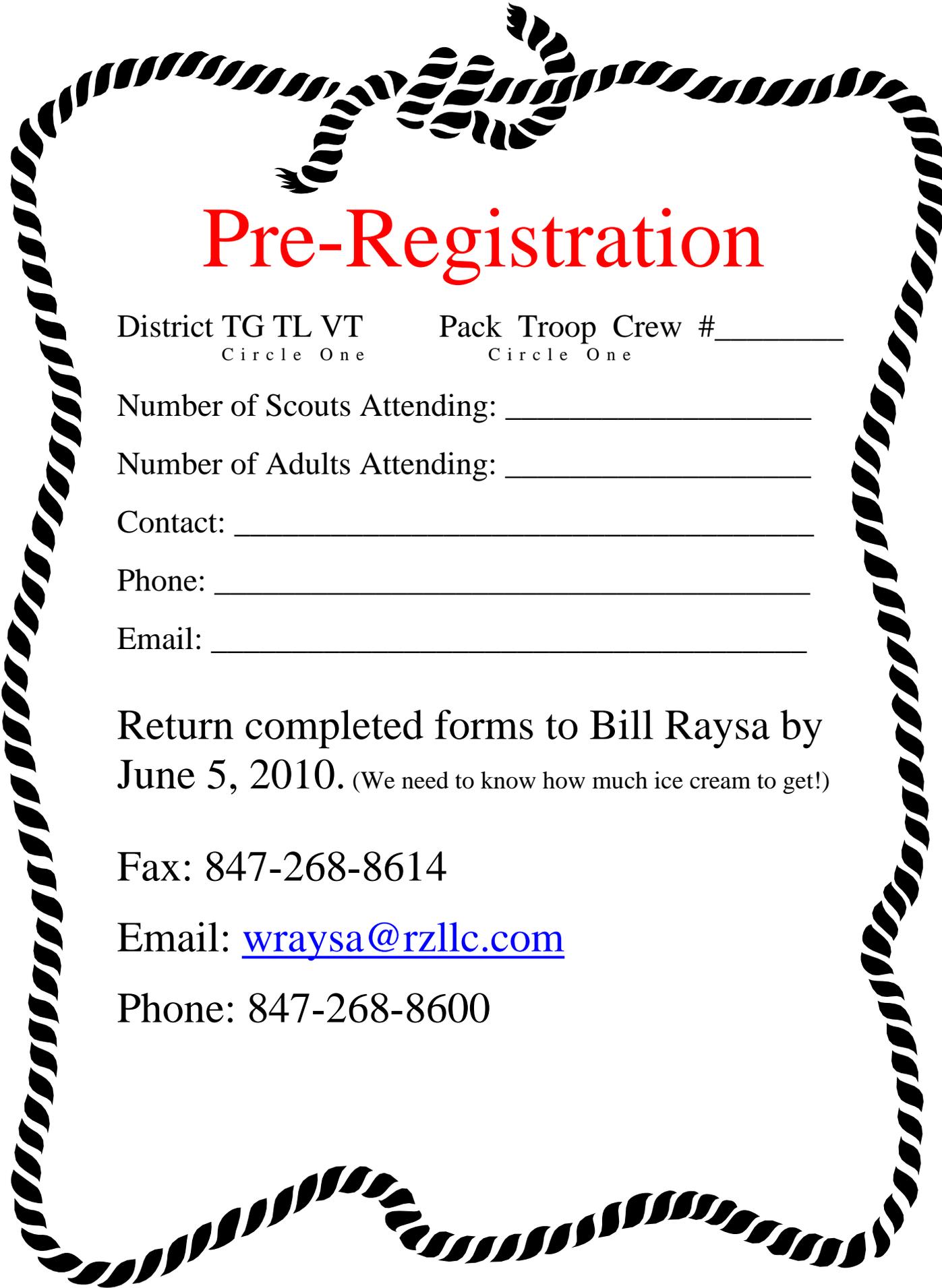
**FREE MUSIC**

**FREE FUN**

- Cost: **FREE**
- Wear your uniform.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Event goes on rain or shine.
- Open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders.



Enter parking lot off Gilbert Avenue.  
 Gilbert Avenue & Willow Springs Road are the same street.



# Pre-Registration

District TG TL VT  
Circle One

Pack Troop Crew # \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle One

Number of Scouts Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed forms to Bill Raysa by  
June 5, 2010. (We need to know how much ice cream to get!)

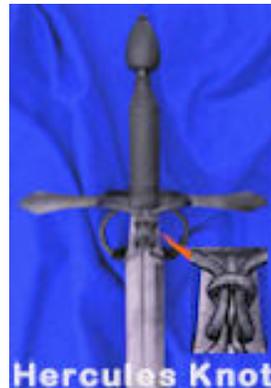
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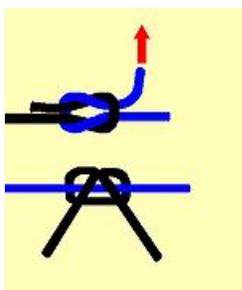
# Square Knot

One of the earliest knots recorded in history is referred to as the Hercules knot. If you visit Rome or a museum that has Roman artifacts you'll notice that this Hercules knot is worked into many of their potteries and statues. (Note sword handle)



The Hercules knot is now referred to as a square knot or reef knot and was once called a medical knot as it was used in tying bandages. It is a useful and easy to tie knot, often used to join two lines together, although you can find better knots for this purpose. In fact a reef knot could be a dangerous knot to tie. A number of knotting guides have noted that its misuse has caused more deaths and injuries than all other knots combined.

The proper use of a square knot is to tie the two ends of a single line together such that they will secure something, for example a bundle of objects, that is unlikely to move much. A proper bend knot, for instance a sheet bend should be used to join two ropes together.



Sailors used the reef knot for binding rolled sails or reefed sails. If you pull on one end, at right-angles to the knot, it will loosen and invert (turning into a lark's head knot), hence its original purpose: it secured the furled-in sails, and is easily undone one-handedly by a sailor who is holding on in rough seas with the other hand. The weight of the sail would drag the lark's head undone and enabled the knot to be "cast off"

readily under sail.

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