

# Troop 850 News

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## Spaghetti Dinner Success!!!!

The Spaghetti Dinner on April 21 was a huge success!! We served well over 500 guests and our total profit was approximately \$3,400, of which about \$1,900 went into the Scouts' personal accounts to be used for Ransburg, High Adventure, etc. We'd like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered to help plan and carryout this successful event

## Canoeing Next Week

The next Troop outing will be a canoe trip on the Mad River (near Dayton) on May 19-20. A **BLUE** permission slip is enclosed. We will meet at Hilvert Hall 7:30 Saturday morning, drive to Morgan's Canoe Rentals, take a 16-mile trip and camp back at Morgan's Saturday night. For safety reasons, Scouts must be at least Second Class to be eligible, and first year Scouts must be accompanied by an adult. The cost, including canoe rental, camping charges and meals (Saturday dinner; Sunday breakfast) is \$26 per boy and \$28 per adult (Morgan's charges, not ours!!). Permission slips and money must be turned in by May 15 (our next meeting).

## Fishing Demonstration

On Saturday, May 26, the Troop will spend the day at Camp Friedlander learning about fishing in a hands-on demonstration/class conducted by a professional bass fisherman. There is no charge for this outing. A **GREEN** permission slip is enclosed and must be returned by Tuesday, May 22.

## Ransburg Update

A Merit Badge schedule and a sign-up slip are enclosed. Please review these carefully with your sons who are planning to attend Ransburg this year. At our May 29 meeting, we will work with these Scouts to finalize their Merit Badge selections, but they should have some advance idea of what they want to take. For ideas about age-appropriate badges, please feel free to see Mr. Federle or Mr. Brown.

## Advancement Notes

Tom Federle and Steve Brown are the Troop's Advancement Leaders. They can answer all advancement-related questions. Here are some common questions and answers:

© Life Projects: These projects **must** be approved **in advance** by the Scoutmaster. The Scout should first contact the beneficiary of the project (church, school, etc.) to make preliminary arrangements and then should obtain Scoutmaster approval **before** doing the project. (This is intended to be advance practice for the Eagle project).

© "Partial" Merit Badges: "Partial" completions (mainly from summer camp) must be completed within one year or they expire.

© Merit Badge Approval: The proper procedure for working on a Merit Badge is for the Scout to obtain a Blue Card, first get the Scoutmaster to sign the card, and only then contact the Merit Badge Counselor.