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Christmas Court of Honor

Troop 850's annual Christmas Court of Honor will take place next Monday, December 16, at 7:00PM in the Cafeteria. Parents, please plan to attend! This is our opportunity to publicly recognize our Scots' advancements and other achievements, and afterwards there will be refreshments.



**Thanks, Bob Trach and
Mona Martin!**

For the first time ever Troop 850 participated in the Boy scout Popcorn Sale, thanks to the efforts of Bob Trach who acted as our "Popcorn Colonel" with the assistance of Mona Martin. 100% of the profits, about \$1,800, went into the personal accounts of the boys who chose to participate. Thanks, Bob and Mona!!

Meeting Night Change

The 2003 calendar will be finalized by the end of the month, but we do know our regular meeting night is changing to Tuesdays beginning January 7, so please mark your calendars accordingly.

Merit Badge Challenge

All Scouts who signed up for Merit Badge Challenge in January should be sure to start any necessary pre-work and should also be sure to take care of all the necessary advance paperwork. See troop850.org for details.

"Mid-Venture" Opportunity in 2003

As you know, our regular High Adventure trip for 2003 is the once-every-four-years trip to the

BSA Seabase in Florida. Due to circumstances totally beyond our control, this trip is taking place at an inconvenient time for many of the boys (August), and we were only given two crews. So, we are also planning a "Mid-Venture" trip June 14 through 22. It will be a week-long backpacking trip along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore area of northern Michigan, on Lake Superior. This trip won't be quite as rugged as our Rocky Mountains High Adventure trips and so will be open to all Scouts who will be First Class by June 1, 2003, and who will have some backpacking experience by then (and there will be an opportunity in April to get some experience). We are still working on the details, but we think the cost will not exceed \$375. If you are interested, please let Mr. Montagne, Mr. Wissemeier, or Mrs. Hertlein know.

[Troop 850.org](http://troop850.org)

Don't forget to visit the Troop's web site troop850.org. You can download suggested equipment lists for various types of outings, get driving directions, view photos of past activities and check for calendar updates. If you have any suggestions for additional content, please e-mail Mr. Hertlein at chas@hertlein.cc.

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