

# Troop 850 News

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## Merit Badge Challenge

### Immediate Attention Required!!

Dan Beard Council is once again sponsoring a Merit Badge Challenge. It's in January and February of 2003, but reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis beginning October 26. See enclosed information. The dates are January 11, February 1, and February 15. **ANY SCOUT WISHING TO PARTICIPATE MUST** fill out the enclosed YELLOW Registration Form and bring it to Mr. Montagne along with a \$10 check made payable to "Merit Badge Challenge, BSA" as soon as possible. For the best chance of getting a spot, get the forms to Mr. Montagne next Monday, October 21. They will accept requests up through December 5 or until all spots are filled.

## JOINT CAMPOUT WITH PACK 850

Pack 850 has once again asked us to join with them in a campout at Cub World/Camp Craig, November 1 through 3. We need as many Scouts as possible to help teach the Cub Scouts basic skills. It will also be a great opportunity for Tenderfoot through First Class advancements of our own. The cost is only \$5 per person. A permission slip is enclosed.



## High Adventure 2003

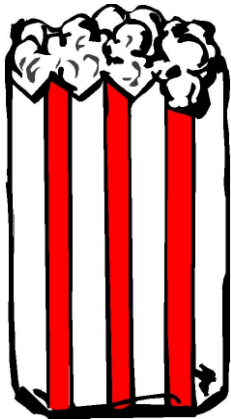
Our Seabase crews are now filled for the trip next August. However, we are tentatively planning an additional high adventure the third week of June, 2003, since only a limited group could attend Seabase. We are considering organizing a backpacking trip in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, in the Pictured Rocks National Forest



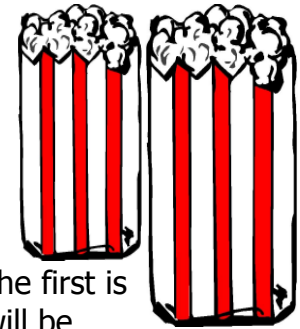
along the Lake Superior shoreline. We are still working on the details, but the cost should be in the \$350 range. We need to have some indication of interest before proceeding with planning. The trip would be open to all First Class Scouts with prior backpacking experience (beyond the beginners' trail). Please let Mr. Montagne know if you are interested.

## November Backpacking Trip

Our annual First Class backpacking trip will occur November 15 through 17. As always, it will be a more advanced trip suitable for Scouts First Class and above with prior backpacking experience. We have tentatively selected the Great South Fork River on the Kentucky/Tennessee border as our destination, which our older Scouts will remember. The cost is \$22. A permission slip is enclosed and should be turned in by November 4.

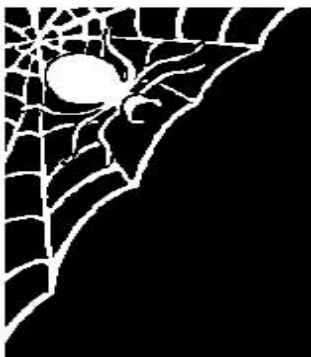


## Popcorn Sale



Troop 850 is participating in the Boy Scout Popcorn Sale for the first time this year. Participation is entirely voluntary but 100% of the profits will go to the boys' personal accounts. There are two ways to earn money. The first is by participating in the "Show and Sell" phase where we will be selling after Masses on November 9 and 10 and outside of Sam's Club from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on November 24. All "Show and Sell" proceeds will be proportionately shared among the boys who work the tables, based on

number of hours worked. The second way is to simply take orders from family, friends, etc. for later delivery. This is a great way to earn money for High Adventure or Summer Camp. Please contact Bob Trach (574-6105) for details.

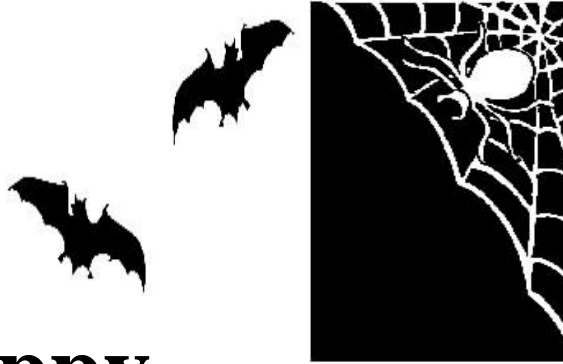


## Meeting Day Change!!



Among the many changes caused by the continuing construction at St. Ignatius will be a change in our regular meeting day. Starting in January, we will be returning to our traditional meeting day, Tuesday.

The location in the school cafeteria will remain the same.



**Happy  
Halloween!!**

