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Joint Campout with Pack 850

It's time for our Scouts to show the Cub Scouts how to camp Troop 850 style!! The annual joint campout with Pack 850 at Cubworld takes place next weekend, November 5 — 7. A permission slip is enclosed. There is no charge for this campout.

BACKPACKING IN NOVEMBER

Our regular November backpacking trip is scheduled for November 19 — 21. We are tentatively planning to return to a favorite location, Vesuvius State Park. Unlike prior years, this trip is open to Scouts of all ranks. Scouts who are considering participation in our 2005 High Adventure to the Rockies should **definitely** go on this campout, as they need to get as much experience as possible. The cost is \$18. A permission slip is enclosed.

CONGRATULATIONS TERRY TERHAR!!

Terry Terhar is our newest Eagle Scout, the Troop's fourth this year. If you see Terry, be sure to congratulate him. His official Court of Honor is scheduled for 3:00PM, Saturday, November 27. We really encourage as many Scouts and parents as possible to attend this and all Eagle Courts of Honor, so please try to be there.



Equipment Needs

Speaking of backpacking, it can take years to accumulate outdoor equipment of your own, and with growing boys it is especially challenging. We've always tried to arrange "loaner" backpacks and other equipment informally, so that everyone who wants to can go backpacking. Mr. Scott Kroeger has volunteered to organize this effort a bit more. So, if you have any unused backpacking equipment, outgrown shoes, etc. that you would like to lend (or sell), please contact Scott at skroeger@cinci.rr.com or 598.4668 and let him know. Likewise, if you'd like to borrow some equipment, also let him know so he can make the right connections.

Troop Tents

One of our biggest equipment expenses is the tents the boys sleep in on our campouts. One tent costs more than \$300!! After each campout, each boy is assigned a tent to clean, dry and return at the next Troop meeting. Parents, **please** supervise this important task. Putting a tent away damp causes mildew and ruins the tent, so be sure they are thoroughly dry. Then, please carefully fold, then roll the tent around the poles and slide it into the storage bag. Thanks for your help!!

