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High Adventure Update

Our June 17 departure date for Durango, Colorado and the San Juan Mountains is growing nearer!! There are several **mandatory** activities for everyone on the high adventure crew:

- ♣ April 26 Troop Meeting — Organization, equipment
- ♣ May 10 Troop Meeting — Prepare for Shakedown
- ♣ May 13 — 15 — Shakedown weekend
- ♣ June 14 Troop Meeting — Distribute food; final preparations

These meetings are mandatory because of the importance of being properly prepared for a true wilderness adventure such as this trip. Safety is our first concern, and these meetings are essential to a safe trip!!

Spring Court of Honor

Our Spring Court of Honor is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3. The last chance for Boards of Review will therefore be Tuesday, April 26. Any Scout who is ready to advance in rank should arrange for a Court of Honor as soon as possible by speaking to Mr. Trach or Mr. Brown.

April Campout

The weekend of April 22 — 24 the Troop will travel to the Charles Deam Wilderness Area of the Hoosier National Forest near Bloomington, Indiana for an introductory backpacking weekend. A more challenging trail will be offered as well, for older Scouts. This will be a great opportunity to try out this traditional outdoor activity, and all Scouts and adults are welcome. Remember, the Troop has a few loaner backpacks, so don't let the lack of equipment stand in your way of joining us!! A permission slip is enclosed.



Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to Mona Martin for once again leading our successful spaghetti dinner effort. Thanks also to all of the event organizers, including Fred Matthews and especially Connie Peace, who has worked so hard — and so successfully!! — to put together the raffle. And thanks to everyone else who helped out!!

PLC Meeting

There will be a Patrol Leaders' Council meeting at 5:45PM next Tuesday, April 12, right before the regular troop meeting. All patrol leaders and their assistants should attend. Pizza will be served!!



MAY CAMPOUT

Our regular May campout will be in the Fort Ancient State Park. Activities will include a park service project, visit to the museum of ancient Indian artifacts and, skies permitting, stargazing with Mr. Steiner. The service project will provide hours for advancement to Star or may meet school requirements.

Miami Whitewater Service Project

Mr. Montagne is organizing a special "rain or shine" service project at Miami Whitewater Park on April 16, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM — long enough to cover the complete Star Scout requirement and also available for school requirements. Please see Mr. Montagne for more information.

Youth Protection Talk

The Boy Scouts of America follows a formal youth protection policy, not unlike that of the Archdiocese. On June 7, a Dan Beard Council official will visit our meeting to discuss this policy and related issues. We are encouraging all Scouts and parents to attend this informative session.

