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Next Outing: Camp Oyo

The weekend of February 11—13 will see Troop 850's return to the Camp Oyo cabins with plenty of advancement opportunities and fun and games. This was a very popular weekend last year! Permission slips are due by February 8.



Merit Badge Challenge Reminder

The first of three Merit Badge Challenge sessions will take place on Saturday, February 5 at Fairfield High School. We will meet at 7:15AM that morning and drive up together; **drivers are needed!!** Please call Mr. Matthews if you can help. We will return to St. I at about 12:30PM. The other sessions are scheduled for February 26 and March 19. Please remind your Scout to prepare the blue cards and return envelopes in advance of the first session.



Summer Camp Heads Up

The Troop will be attending Summer Camp this year the week of July 10—16. We are looking into the possibility of trying an out-of-town camp which will only be possible if we can get enough adult commitments for the full week -- more on that when plans are firm. In the meantime, no matter which camp we choose, "early bird" deposits of \$50 will be due by March 1 to secure any available discounts (usually a \$20 or more savings).

CONGRATULATIONS DRAGONS!!

Our very own Dragon patrol, featuring Hunter Clements, Alex Steiner, Noah Johnson, and Max Smith, with some assistance from Jon Martin and Dan Wissemeier, were the overall champions at the recent Whitewater District Klondike Derby at Camp Friedlander. The Liberty patrol, with Joe Kathmann, Ryan Buffington, Mike Berling and Ryan Matthews, and a guest appearance by Keith Peace, won several of the individual events. Congratulations to all!!

High Adventure Notes

For those participating in our western backpacking trip June 17—27, please note:

- We haven't completed a final budget yet, but the final cost should be about \$550. This can be paid at any time on or prior to May 31. Partial payments are fine any time.
- As a true wilderness experience, proper preparation is essential!! The following activities are **MANDATORY**: April 26 Troop meeting, May 10 Troop meeting, May 13—15 "shakedown" weekend, and the June 14 Troop meeting.

2005 calendar

A copy of the 2005 Calendar is enclosed and is also available on www.troop850.org.