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Spaghetti Dinner

Presale tickets were distributed to the Scouts at the February 17th meeting. Turn-in dates and forms were inside the packet. Please make sure that the form is used when tickets are turned in (especially the count as to how many adult and child/senior tickets have been sold) to assure that your Scout received the proper credit to his account. Scouts receive \$4 for each presale ticket sold. Please direct any ticket sales questions to Kathy Hertlein (661.0752). Also, please complete and return to Mona Martin at your earliest convenience the enclosed Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer Form!

MARCH OUTING

On Saturday, March 12 we will be going indoor rock climbing at Climb Time in Blue Ash, followed by a pizza party at LaRosa's. Please meet at St. I's at 12:30 PM and plan to pick up your Scout at 7:00 PM at St. I. **This is not an overnight event.** The cost is \$18 per person. We need as many adults to attend as possible, to act as "belayers"--there must be a belayer for every climber, to anchor the safety line. ALSO: every climber and belayer must sign a Climb Time Release Form in addition to our usual permission slip in order to participate--both are enclosed.

Summer Camp

We still have a few "Early Bird" openings available, for those who haven't yet signed up. Basic Camp Facts:

- ◆ When: July 10 to 16.

- ◆ Full Price: \$195; Early Bird price \$175.
- ◆ If you haven't signed up yet and want the Early Bird rate (first come, first served!), a \$100 deposit is due by March 29th. If you are already an Early Bird, the next \$50 is due March 29th.
- ◆ Payment in full due by May 3rd for Early Birds and by June 7 for all others.
- ◆ Medical forms are required as always (blank forms enclosed; also available on www.troop850.org).
- ◆ All boys should have an opportunity to go to camp. If money is an issue, ask about scholarship opportunities.
- ◆ There is still a possibility of attending a different camp this year, but only if we get enough adult commitments to stay for the entire week. Please speak with Fred Matthews if you are interested.

Calendar Changes

Due to the many events scheduled for April, we will not be going to this year's Whitewater District Spring Camporee that was scheduled for the weekend of April 15.

The Food & Clothing Drive, originally scheduled for April 10, has been cancelled

Due to a scheduling mixup by the parish office, the Spaghetti Dinner has been moved to April 9.

