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Merit Badge Challenge

It's time to sign up for Merit Badge Challenge 2006!! Each Scout may register for up to three merit badges, which will be offered in three sessions — February 4 and 11, 2006, and March 11, 2006. Information, and a registration form, are enclosed. Although registration is open until December 2, it's "first come, first served," so the Troop will be collecting applications and jointly submitting them right after our October 11 meeting, so be sure to get your applications to Mr. Matthews by then. The cost is \$12 per Scout.



High Adventure Reminder

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are seriously considering the 2006 High Adventure kayaking trip in West Virginia. Reservations and initial deposits are due by December 1, but we need to get some idea of numbers before then. Questions? See Mr. Metz or Mr. Rottmueller.

OCTOBER CAMPOUT

Our next campout is October 14 — 16 at Camp Craig, for the Whitewater District Camporee. Troop 850 has a winning track record to defend in the Patrol competitions, and Camporees are always great fun. A permission slip, enclosed, is due by October 11.



Court of Honor

Parents and families are all invited (and encouraged!) to attend our Fall Court of Honor next week, October 4, when we recognize the Scouts' achievements over the last few months.

Pancake Breakfast Approaching

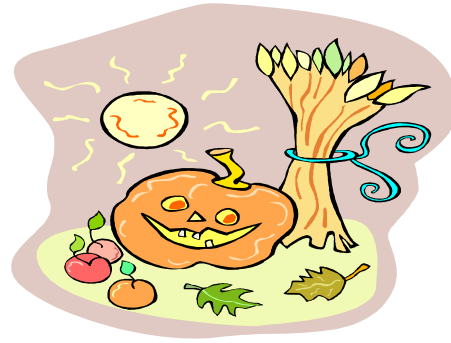
The second annual Pancake Breakfast will take place Sunday, October 30. All Scouts must help out that day, and we ask at least one parent to volunteer as well. Pre-sale tickets will be available at the Court of Honor — about 75% of every presale ticket goes straight to the Scout's personal account, to help defray activity costs. We encourage every Scout to take advantage of this budget-building opportunity.

Calendar Changes

- ◆ Please note that October 18 will be a Committee Meeting, not a regular Troop meeting.
- ◆ Starting with the October 4 Court of Honor, Class A uniforms are to be worn at all Troop meetings until we switch back to Class B's next Spring.

November Activities

- ◆ It's not too soon to plan for our November outings. The weekend of November 4 — 6 we will hold the annual Troop 850/Pack 850 joint campout. Due to a scheduling glitch, Cub World is unavailable this year, so we will be camping on the St. Ignatius athletic fields and will have a full day of activities planned.
- ◆ November 18 — 20 is the annual senior Scout backpacking trip. After several years, we expect to return to the Big South Fork wilderness area in Tennessee. This is a strenuous trail, and the weather can be "iffy" in November, so this weekend is limited to Scouts First Class and above with prior backpacking experience.



Happy Fall!!