

# Troop 850 Newsletter

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## 2007 Pictured Rocks Trip

As you know, our 2007 High Adventure is a trip to the BSA National Seabase in the Florida Keys. The numbers are strictly limited: 12 boys and 4 adults. Because the numbers are limited, we are also planning a "Mid-Venture" backpacking trip to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Northern Michigan, the same week as the Seabase trip, June 16 – 23. Scouts who will be at 13 years of age by then, and their parents, are eligible to go. For planning purposes, we need to have an idea of how large a group to plan for. So, please let Mr. Montagne, Mr. Rottmueller, or Mr. Hertlein know as soon as possible if you think you might be interested.

## September Campout

A permission slip for our next campout is enclosed — firearms safety classes followed by target shooting at the Fairfield Sportsman Club the weekend of September 15 – 17. The deadline for signing up is September 12.

## Troop Elections

The troop will be electing new officers at the September 5th meeting. All Scouts should make every effort to attend this meeting. Please see Mr. Rottmueller to let him know what offices you are interested in running for — this is your chance to complete the leadership requirement for rank advancements.

## Congratulations, Steve Berling!!

Steve Berling recently became the 68th Scout to achieve Eagle Scout rank from Troop 850 since the Troop was founded in 1957. Steve managed this accomplishment even as he played varsity baseball and swam on the St. X swim team!! Congratulations, Steve!!!



## A Note on Finances

The amount we charge for regular troop campouts and other activities is generally less than the actual cost to the Troop. This is particularly the case lately, with gas prices having risen so high. Other costs include camping fees and, of course, food and provisions. We will continue to keep the costs to Scouts as low as we can, thanks to our past fundraising with the Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner.

## Upcoming Dates

- Patrol leaders Council Meeting — 5:45PM September 12
- Committee Meeting — 7:00PM September 19
- October Campout — Peterloon Camporee, October 13 – 15
- Pancake Breakfast — October 29

