



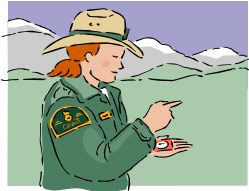
# TROOP 850 NEWS



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## February Campout

We will be “camping” in the Camp Oyo log cabins the weekend of February 24 — 26. Activities will include a day hike, orienteering and other advancement opportunities, topped off by a Dutch Oven Cookoff Saturday evening. Can the boys top the leaders in their quest for the tastiest Dutch Oven meal? Mass will be offered by a local priest. Permission slips must be turned in by February 21.

## High Adventure Notes

Our plans for kayacking in West Virginia in June are set!! We can still accommodate a few more participants if anyone who hasn't signed up is interested.

Surprisingly, we also have to begin planning for 2007, scheduled for a trip to the BSA National Seabase in the Florida Keys. We have placed our entry in the lottery for 2007 which just started and should know by the end of March if we have won a spot! (Yes, it is that popular!!) Any Scout who will be 14 years of age by September 2007 will be eligible to go.

## ELECTIONS

Holding a Troop office is a required part of rank advancement. We hold elections every six months. The next elections will take place at our March 7 meeting. Please encourage your Scout to participate!!

## UPCOMING DATES

- ▶ Camp Oyo February 24 — 26
- ▶ Webelos visiting on February 14
- ▶ Final Merit Badge Challenge on March 11
- ▶ March Campout (service project) March 17 — 19
- ▶ Elections March 7
- ▶ Webelos Crossover April 4
- ▶ Spaghetti Dinner April 8

## DRY TENTS?

It's not fun (or healthy) to sleep in a mildewed tent!! To avoid mildew, it is critically important to properly dry the tents as soon as possible. So, if your Scout brings a damp tent home after a campout, please make sure he spreads it out to thoroughly dry before repacking it and returning it at the next Troop meeting.

Related note: We are *still* missing some parts of the Troop backpacking tents last used this past November. Please return them to Mr. Wissemeier if you have them.

