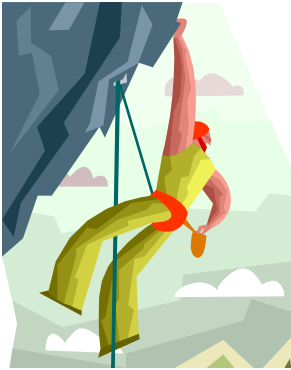


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May Campout



As previously announced, the May 12 — 14 campout is a trip to the Torrent Falls outdoor rock-climbing facility in Kentucky, not far from Natural Bridge State Park. Torrent Falls charges \$30 for the activity, which is the total cost for the weekend — the Troop will absorb the cost of food, gas and camping fees, thanks to the successful Spaghetti Dinner! Those who wish to attend must submit both the usual Troop permission slip (previously mailed, on RED paper) and a Torrent Falls waiver (3 pages, previously mailed, on PURPLE paper). If you need additional copies, both are available on www.troop850.org/forms. Questions? See Mr. Matthews.

Camp Friedlander

So far, we have 30 Scouts signed-up for Camp Friedlander! Final payments are due May 9. We need adults to attend for all or part of the week — we are required to have two adults present for every 10 boys throughout the week. So please, Moms and Dads, see Mr. Matthews about spending some time at Camp Friedlander. It's fun!

NEW SCOUTS

Not all of our recent graduates from Pack 850 have turned in their paperwork!! It's important that you do so as soon as possible, so the boys can work on advancements and so all the necessary insurance coverage is in place and our records are straight!!



High Adventure

Our plans are set and we're ready to go to West Virginia in June. There are two more mandatory meetings, May 23 and June 13. Our final payment to the outfitter is due May 20, so please try to complete your payment by May 16.

Upcoming Events

- May 9 — Patrol Leaders Council @ 5:45PM
- May 23 & June 13 — Mandatory High Adventure meetings.
- June 27 — Mandatory Camp Friedlander Meeting

Some Procedural Notes

- Every outing requires a log of advance planning — menu planning, food shopping, transportation arrangements, etc. That means we need to get **firm** attendance plans from both boys and adults as early as possible. **PLEASE** respect the deadlines noted for reservations.
- When we return from campouts, things can get a bit chaotic — equipment must be unloaded and put away, and everyone should help. Scouts should not leave until they check-in with the Scoutmaster.
- Boys take turns taking tents home after each campout, in order to clean and dry them before repacking and returning. If your Scout brings a tent home, please make sure he promptly unpacks it and lets it dry thoroughly. Failure to do so leads to mold and a ruined tent!! Also make sure the fully repacked tent is returned at the next Troop meeting.



*Happy
Mother's
Day*