



Troop 850 News



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Christmas Court of Honor

Our annual Christmas Court of Honor takes place on Tuesday, December 16 at 7PM. Parents and family members are invited to attend to celebrate our Scouts' achievements, followed by Christmas festivities.



Andrew Richter, Justin Weibel and Randy Smith in the Hoosier National Forest November 2008
Photo courtesy Chas Hertlein



JANUARY CAMPOUT

Troop 850 will be attending the annual District Camporee (Klondike Derby) the weekend of January 9 — 11 at Camp Michaels in Union, Kentucky. A permission slip is enclosed. This is always one of our most popular campouts and we're hoping for a good turnout, as usual.

CALENDAR NOTES

- * Regular Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting: December 9 (dinner provided)
- * Christmas Court of Honor: December 16
- * Klondike Derby: January 9 — 11
- * Merit Badge Challenge: January 29, February 14, and February 21
- * February Campout: February 6 — 8

ADVANCEMENT NOTES

A requirement for every rank advancement, from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout is to show "Scout Spirit." What is Scout Spirit? It is a matter of being truly engaged in the Scouting program, as demonstrated by regular ongoing participation in all Troop activities, including meetings, campouts and other activities — to properly demonstrate Scout Spirit, a Scout should attend most meetings and most campouts. These are his opportunities to learn and show leadership skills in action, not merely in theory. This becomes especially important as a Scout approaches Eagle rank. Unlike the other ranks, the ultimate decision is not made by the Troop's adult leadership but rather is made by a Board of Review convened by the District committee, and they take the Scout Spirit requirement quite seriously. So please, as your Scouts pursue the goal of Eagle rank, don't overlook this requirement.



HIGH ADVENTURE 2009

We are working on the details of our 2009 High Adventure. We do know it will be a backpacking trip in the Northern Rocky Mountains (Idaho or Montana, probably) and it will be an 11-day trip sometime between July 13 and July 26. This is for Scouts 14 or older by July 1, 2009, with appropriate experience. More details will follow but we would like some indication of interest — please let Mr. Hertlein or Mr. Rottmueller know.



PLC Meeting

The Patrol Leaders' Council will meet at 5:45PM on November 4, before the regular Troop meeting. Pizza provided!! All Patrol Leaders must attend.

Advancement to Second Class

One of the Second Class requirements is a 5-mile hike with related map and compass instruction. Any Scouts who need to complete this requirement should see Mr. Hertlein or Mr. Montagne. We want to schedule a hike this fall if possible.



Pictures Needed

If you have photos from any of the Troop's 2008 outings, please see Mr. Hertlein. We would like to publish pictures on the Troop's Website and need copies of your photos!!

Prayers and Meals Needed

4 weeks ago, former Troop 850 Scoutmaster Don Bosse was in a horrifying head-on accident while driving home from a bike-riding fundraiser in Indiana. He and his brother were both seriously injured and were dragged from their burning pick-up truck. After four surgeries, a rod put into his lower spine, a metal plate put into his hip, and spending a couple of weeks at a hospital in Indianapolis, DJ has now been moved to Drake Hospital. He is in room North 308. Please keep DJ and his wife Pat in your prayers that he has a quick and easy recovery. When he is released from Drake, the Troop would like to provide meals for DJ and Pat to make their lives easier as he will continue to have rehab for a few more months and Pat will be by his side throughout. If you're interested in donating a meal, please call Kathy Hertlein at 661.0752.



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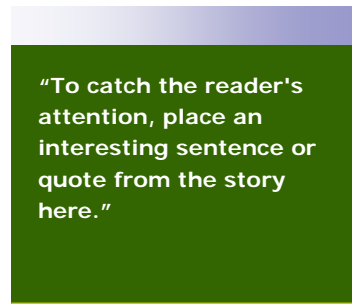
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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

We're on the Web!

example.com

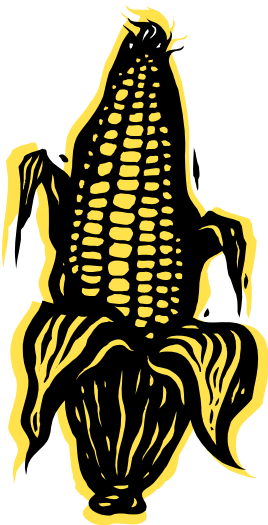
Your business tag line here.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline



Caption describing picture or graphic.

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your

organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.