

Troop 850 Newsletter

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PETERLOON 2008
Dan Beard Council, BSA

Pancake Breakfast



Photo by Kathy Herbin

We sent a large contingent to the Peterloon camporee last weekend and we had a great time!! Due to the unexpected large crowd, they ran out of t-shirts and will be making more. So, if you ordered, but did not receive, a Peterloon t-shirt, we expect to receive them in a few weeks.

So far in 2008, the Troop has spent approximately \$4,100 on regular weekend camping trips (for food, gas, camping fees, etc.) The cost to the participants was about \$2,000 in total — meaning the amounts we all pay for outings covers less than half of the true cost. Where does the rest come from? Our profits from the Pancake Breakfast and the Spaghetti Dinner. That's why both Scout and adult participation are **MANDATORY**. The Pancake Breakfast is coming up on October 26. So, you can expect a phone call from the new chairpeople of the event: Robert and Susi Boeckermann, Chip and Kim Branscum, and Scott and Julie Currie to set your time to help out. Thanks for your cooperation!!

Joint Campout with Pack 850

Our annual "get to know you" combined campout with Pack 850 will return to Cub World this year, the weekend of November 7 — 9. As always, it's free for all Scouts who attend. A permission slip is enclosed.

November Backpacking Trip

Any Scouts with at least one prior backpacking trip under their belts are eligible to go on the Troop's annual November backpacking trip the weekend of November 21 — 23. We will be revisiting the Hoosier National Forest in Indiana. A permission slip is enclosed.



Merit Badge Challenge

Merit Badge Challenge is a Council-wide event that occurs every winter and is a great opportunity to work on some of those "indoor" merit badges. If you have not yet signed up, you must do so by October 28th at the very latest (but the longer you wait the more likely your preferred merit badges are to be closed out). See Mr. Matthews with any questions or to register.

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.

