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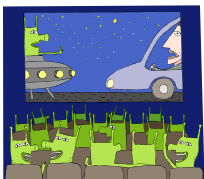
FEBRUARY CAMP-IN

We've planned something new for February. We will spend the weekend of February 6 — 8 at the Bear Creek Scout Camp located near Brookville, Indiana, but instead of camping out in the cold, we'll be sleeping in the heated mess hall. On Saturday, teams of Scouts (and adults) will compete in the first annual Ciolino Memorial Dutch Oven Cooking and Orienteering Competition. Each team will use outdoor map and compass skills on a scavenger hunt to locate Dutch ovens and ingredients for the three course meal they will then prepare. Meals will be assessed by a group of impartial judges. Later that evening, back in the mess hall will be Saturday Night at the Movies (but no one will be forced to eat Mr. Ciolino's garlic popcorn).



Summer Camp

By popular demand, the Troop will return to Camp Davey Crockett this year, this time the week of June 21 — 27. The cost will be \$190 per Scout for the entire week, with \$75 due by February 17. In addition to the usual array of available merit badges, the camp has added four additional badges: Home Repair, Personal Fitness, Citizenship in the Nation, and Art. Mr. Matthews will be happy to answer any questions.



2009 CALENDAR

Be sure to check out www.troop850.org. The 2009 calendar is now available there, and photos and Mr. Steiner's artwork from 2008 have now been uploaded for your viewing pleasure.

Missing Patrol Flags

At last week's Klondike, we discovered we have only one of our five patrol flags. **PLEASE** look around your homes for the missing flags. We would like to get them all back.

Upcoming Events

- January 20:** PLC meeting at 5:45 PM for youth leaders followed by regular Troop meeting at 7PM for all Scouts.
- January 24:** First Merit Badge Challenge session (7:15AM to 12:30PM)
- February 6 — 8:** Bear Creek Camp "In"
- February 14:** Second Merit Badge Challenge session; also Valentine's Day
- February 21:** Third Merit Badge Challenge session
- March 13 — 15:** Service Project Campout





Ft. Ancient in March

The superintendent of Fort Ancient State Park has invited us to return again this year to give him a hand with some things!! As part of the Boy Scout philosophy — Do a good deed daily!! — we try to devote time to public service. We've helped out at Fort Ancient several times and they are very enthusiastic about a return visit!! Of course, it's not all work, there will be plenty of opportunity for fun. And there is no charge for this campout!! Please plan to join us.

