


Troop 850 News



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C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s Matthew!!

On February 13 Matthew Luczai began his Saturday early, at Merit Badge Challenge. He had to leave the minute his last class finished, to head over to the regional round of the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee which he won handily!!! As the regional champ he will be competing for the national spelling bee crown this June in Washington, DC. Be sure to congratulate Matthew and wish him luck in June!!

Ryan Matthews' Court of Honor

Ryan Matthews' Eagle Court of Honor will take place at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, March 27 in Hilvert Hall. Everyone is invited to join Ryan and his proud parents, Fred and Paula, in celebrating his achievement. See you there!!



Summer Camp 2010

As you know, we are returning to Camp Ransburg in Indiana this year, for the first time in nearly ten years. The dates are July 25 — 31, 2010. The total cost per Scout for the week is \$250, of which \$120 is due by March 5. Please see Mr. Matthews for details.



Spaghetti Dinner Tickets

Available March 9

Advance tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner will be distributed at the March 9 meeting. For every ticket sold by a Scout, \$4 will be added to his personal account, available to offset the costs of various outings. A number of Scouts have used Spaghetti Dinner and Pancake Breakfast tickets sales to finance to complete cost of high adventure or summer camp. This is a great opportunity for our Scouts to help earn their own way, and we encourage all Scouts to participate in the advance sales.

2010 HIGH ADVENTURE

Our high adventure this year is a trip July 19 — 25 to kayak/raft down the New River in West Virginia. All Scouts 13 years of age who earn swimming merit badge by the time of the trip and are First Class are eligible to go, as are their parents. We need to know definitively by March 23 who is going, as evidenced by a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. In the past the total cost has been about \$550 per person, but until we know the final group size, we can't determine the price. Please see Mr. Rottmueller or Mr. Ciolino with questions. And for those who will first need to finish any swimming merit badge, please see Mr. Hertlein.

March Campout

We will be returning to Clifty Falls State Park the weekend of March 12 — 14 for a service project and plenty of fun. A permission slip is enclosed.



April Campout

A permission slip for our April backpacking trip, location TBD the weekend of April 9 — 11 is also enclosed. This trip will be suitable for novice, as well as experienced, backpackers. Please see Mr. Wissemeier or Mr. Montagne for details.

2011 High Adventure

We have entered the lottery to see whether we will be able to return to the BSA National Seabase in the Florida Keys for our 2011 high adventure. This program is so popular that the lottery is necessary to see who gets to go. The program Troop 850 has requested is the “Coral Sailing” trip in which our boys will crew a 40-foot sailboat (with a professional captain) for a week’s sail from Islamorada, FL to Key West and back, fishing and snorkeling the coral reefs along the way. Scouts who will turn 14 years of age by September 1, 2011, and will be First Class and have swimming merit badge by June 1, 2011 are eligible to go. If you have any interest in the trip, please see one of the leaders. As dates and more details become available, we’ll let you know.



An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand