

TROOP 850 NEWS

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2010 Summer Camp – Back to the Future

For many years Troop 850 went to the Ransburg Camp in Indiana for its summer camp experience, most recently in 2001. We've decided to return to Ransburg the week of July 26 – 31, 2010. The camp is situated inside the Hoosier National Forest alongside Lake Monroe, about 15 miles south of Bloomington. Available merit badges include horseback riding, motorboating, and waterskiing. If you wish to attend, please let Mr. Matthews know as soon as possible, and a \$50 deposit is due by February 23.

Next Campout

The second annual Dutch Oven Cook-Off weekend is scheduled for the weekend of February 19 – 21 at Camp Oyo, near Portsmouth, Ohio. We will be staying in one of the Oyo log cabins, with a full slate of advancement opportunities as well as the cook-off. A permission slip is enclosed.

Scout Sunday

The Troop will attend the Scout Sunday Mass, February 7 at Noon, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. All Scouts should plan to attend.

Calendar

The 2010 calendar is now available at <http://www.troop850.org>.

High Adventure 2010 – West Virginia

We have scheduled our 2010 High Adventure trip the week of June 19 – 25. We will be taking a kayaking/rafting trip down the New River in West Virginia as we do every four years. Any Scout who will be 13 years of age, has attained at least First Class in rank and who has earned Swimming Merit Badge by June 1, 2010, is eligible to participate, as are parents of such Scouts. The cost is likely to be around \$600 per person, although we won't know the exact amount until we know exactly how many participants there are. Check out our outfitter at <http://www.class-vi.com>. The deadline for signing up, with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit, is February 16.

High Adventure 2011 – Seabase

A very popular high adventure trip over the years has been the Coral Reef Seabase Program through the BSA's National Seabase in the Florida Keys. You can check it out at <http://www.bsaseabase.org>. We mention it now, 18 months in advance, because it is time to enter the lottery in which 2011 reservations will be awarded. Scouts who will turn 14 years of age on or before September 1, 2011 are eligible. If you have an interest in this trip, please see Mr. Rottmueller.

