



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting October 26th:



1. ALL Troop Quarter-Masters to Meet at 6.00!
2. Scorpion Patrol is on set up and take down – arrive early and stay late this night, please.
3. Please bring your Troop equipment back: **CLEAN & DRY** from Camporee!

THANKS, PERFORMERS!

Shaun C. has put together a practice schedule for the jazz band: Oct 24, 25, 27, Nov 2 and 3. Contact him if you need details!



ONLY 1 MORE SELLING WEEKEND TO GO!

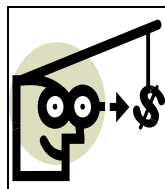
At the end of our 6th full week of Pancake Breakfast Fundraising, our scouts are just over \$17,000 from ticket sales and donations. Only 1 more selling weekend remains. Which Patrol(s) will have met their overall sales target? AND, will the Troop make IT'S overall goal of at least \$25,000? One last push is all that is needed.... Come on Friends & Family!!!!



Pancake NEW-Z:

1. **NEW:** Sunday selling sessions have been cancelled due to our running out of selling territories. Please sign up for a Saturday session instead. Also, we've opened up the remaining storefront selling sessions to all scouts – even if you have already done one. These have been very successful this year.
2. **NEW:** There are 2 shifts for working the Pancake Breakfast itself on November 4th: If your last name is Aaaaa –to– Le Bleu, you're needed from 8.30 to 12.30; if your last name is Lupsha –to– Zzzzz, you're needed from 6.30 to 10.30. If you need to switch shifts, please do this within your patrol, and then notify Mrs. Gorecki after you have arranged this.
3. Family & Friends ticket sales are HERE and we're counting on these to help reach our goal! \$50 or more in sales counts towards 1 of your 4 required selling sessions. Mr. Steffek handed these out to those scouts who wanted them last week. If your scout missed out, have him see Mr. S. Only a few more days to sell, though!
4. **REMINDER:** Scouts should remember to wear their FULL Class A uniform when selling Pancake Breakfast tickets. All drivers should remind their scouts to tuck in shirts, straighten ties, wear hats, etc. Your best appearance = success!
5. Your Parking Lot Parent for the final weekend (Oct 28-29) is Mrs. Diane Makaryk (Blackhawk – *GO!*). Thank you, Attendants! ☺
6. Reminder to store-front sellers: you must turn in your \$\$\$ to Mrs. Marineau by the Sun eve after your storefront session. Please call her first at 355-4078.

Patrol Ticket Sales Targets



Well done Moose and Scorpion Patrols! You met your 6th week's selling goal. You may wear your Class B uniform for Oct 26th meeting instead of Class A's.

A graphic of a light blue sticky note with a white pushpin at the top left. The text "Important DATE!" is written in a black, handwritten-style font. The word "DATE!" is larger and has a black underline.

CALENDAR

Oct 26: Troop Mtg

Nov 2: Troop Mtg
(a.k.a. Pancake 101) at
NNHS (not the Church)

Nov 4: Pancake
Breakfast is here!

NEW: Post Pancake
Parent Pizza Party, 6-
9pm

Nov 9: Troop Mtg

Nov 10-12: Back-
packing Weekend, Glen
Forest

Nov 12: PLC Mtg
4.30pm & Troop
Committee Meeting
7pm

Nov 16: Troop Mtg

Nov 23: Troop Mtg

Nov 30: Troop Mtg

NEW: Dec 7: OM Mtg
at 6; Troop Mtg at 7

NEW: Dec 10 PLC Mtg
4.30 pm & Committee
Mtg 7 pm

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River Glen Church
Naperville, IL
WWW.TROOP81.ORG

TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- During the Oct 19th Troop Meeting, boys worked on their compass skills. This exercise was organized by the Wolverine Patrol. Scorpion Patrol went on to win the competition for this event.
- **REMINDER:** Be sure to bring back your equipment from Camporee CLEAN & DRY! Instructions for cleaning equip can be found at www.troop81.org .
- **REMINDER:** If you haven't yet received your Quality Unit patch for 2006, please see your Patrol Leader. It's a gold patch with cool silver thread around the edges and it will look sharp on your uniform! Where does it go? On the right-hand sleeve of your shirt, below your Patrol patch.
- **NEW:** Our November 2nd Troop Meeting will be held at Naperville North High School instead of the Church. Regular time: 7.00 pm. More details to come at our Scout Meeting Thursday.



FUTURE Troop Events

- **ADDITIONAL INFO:** November 10-12 is our Troop Backpacking Campout. We're heading to Vermillion County, Forest Glen Preserve, located north of Danville (www.vccd.org) This is a great weekend to work on hiking, backpacking, camping, first aid and/or cooking requirements.
- **NEW INFO:** December 8-10 is our Winter Campout at the Rainbow Council Scout Reservation, Morris IL. Tent camping Fri, with indoor Training Center reserved on Sat.
- Court of Honor: Our next one will be in January. Never too early to get those requirements and Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review scheduled in order to advance in rank!
- **ADDITIONAL INFO:** January 26-27 (Fri night camping only; back on Sat) is Klondike Derby at the Three Fires Ranch, Rochelle IL.
- **NEW INFO:** February 23-25 will be our Snow Sports and Cabin Camping at Canyon Camp of Blackhawk Council, Stockton IL. Skiing or Boarding on Sat will be at Chestnut Mt., Galena IL. (www.chestnutmtn.com)
- March 23-25 (TENTATIVE) will feature orienteering. This is weekend before Spring Break Week, so dates are still TENTATIVE.
- April 20-22 (TENTATIVE) will feature rock climbing!
- May 4-6 is the District and Council's Camporee.
- June 8-10 (TENTATIVE) is our annual Service Project Week up at Owasipee. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge.
- Summer Camp? Week of June 23rd (You guessed it: TENTATIVE!).

THE QUARTER-MASTER'S CORNER



If you find it difficult to get your son to clean his room or help with the dishes, you can surely appreciate how difficult it is for our Troop to maintain a complete trailer full of camping equipment month after month!

Our Troop Quarter-Master has the important job of ensuring all of our Troop equipment is kept orderly and is both clean and well maintained, and he is assisted by a Quarter-Master from each Patrol.

Our next QM meeting will be at 6 pm on October 26th at the Church parking lot. ALL QM's should attend.

"All Quarter-Masters should be aware that generally the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm will be devoted to cleanup and maintenance. To receive credit for a position of responsibility, the QM's must attend these work days. Please plan accordingly!

"Thanks!"

~ Paul Bainbridge,
Adult QM Mentor

NEWS From Our Troop Committee Chair, MR. CRONIN



Remember to let Mrs. Julie Ensigner know if you can attend our Post Pancake Parent Pizza Party on Saturday November 4th, from 6-9 pm. \$5 per person if you want pizza...otherwise just bring a dish to share...along with a favorite beverage. This is a great way to wind up our Fundraising efforts for the year. Mrs. E. promises a chocolate fountain! Please call her right now (637-1271) with your RSVP and to receive details.

A FEW WORDS From Our Scoutmaster, MR. MAURER



During our last Scout Meeting, we were visited by Webelos from Pack 521. We expect many more of these visits from various Cub Scout Packs over the coming months, as those scouts who will be going forward with scouting make their choice of which Troop best fits their needs. We look forward to these visits each year. It's nice to see so many new boys eager to learn from us.

It is always gratifying to see our existing Troop 81 Scouts greet their potential peers with such enthusiasm, as they did the other night. Thank you, Scouts. No wonder we are one of the most active and successful troops around!

It is also nice to see familiar young faces when the Webelos visit: many siblings will follow in their older brothers' footsteps on their own path to Eagle with Troop 81.

I'd like to thank our two Adult Mentors of these incoming scouts, Mr. Geoff Dubbins and Mr. Tiger Harris. Year after year they start new Moose and Muskie Patrols with eager (or, often, overly eager) young boys. The growth and maturity that occurs during that first year of scouting is tremendous, and Messrs' Dubbins & Harris combined efforts with these young scouts is to be commended. Thank you, Gentlemen.

How Can My Husband/Wife Get E-News TOO?

Troop 81 E-News is accessible on our Troop website homepage: www.troop81.org. If you wish to receive your E-News at more than one email address, send your additions to Mr. Dave Rypka or Mr. Bill Marineau, and they will sign you up.

How Do I Contribute To E-News?: Details of upcoming events are always discussed at our regular Troop Meetings, as well as in this e-mail newsletter. Our goal is to send this e-mail newsletter as often as information comes to hand, so if YOU have info for the Troop, please send it to Mrs. Lisa Schweitzer, JLJM@wideopenwest.com. She aims to have each week's newsletter out by Tuesdays.

How Do I Post Something On Our Website?: Information to be posted on the website should be directed to WebMaster Lucas or WebMentor Marineau – see website

homepage for details on how to contact them.