



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting November 2nd:



1. *Meeting is at NNHS at 7.00 – NOT at the church!*
2. *All Parents working at the Pancake Breakfast are encouraged to attend this important meeting.*

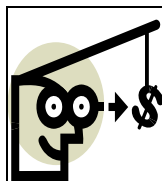
## PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS FINALLY HERE!

After 8 weeks of sales, The Big Day is finally approaching: Pancake Breakfast on November 4<sup>th</sup>! Read on for important reminders.



### Pancake NEW-Z:

1. **REMINDER:** Our Troop Meeting on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> (aka "Pancake 101") will be held at Naperville North High School Cafeteria – this is the same venue as the Pancake Breakfast itself. We meet at the Cafeteria to familiarize the Scouts with the routine. Parents should attend this Troop meeting as well, especially parents who have not worked a PB before. There is no meeting at the Church that evening.
2. **IMPORTANT:** At least one parent from each family should attend the November 2<sup>nd</sup> training meeting, OR contact Mrs. Cyndi Gorecki to get clarification of what your duties are on The Big Day.
3. **REMINDER:** There are 2 shifts for working the Pancake Breakfast itself on November 4<sup>th</sup>: 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.
4. Moose & Muskie Scouts are also split up by A-Le and Lu-Z. They will work alongside the other, "older" Patrols on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. **REMINDER:** All \$\$\$ from Family & Friends ticket sales must be turned into Mr. Ed Steffek on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. When you turn in your Friends and Family tickets, make sure to have the following information on your envelope: Name...# Single tickets sold...# Family tickets sold...Donation Amount...Total Amount. \$50 or more in sales counts towards 1 of your 4 required selling sessions.



Scouts who participated in the equivalent of 4 selling sessions will have their annual Troop fees paid (\$150), plus a pre-determined amount will also go into their scout account (for summer camp, monthly activities, purchasing gear, etc.). We trust that every Scout achieved the goals he set for himself.

**THANKS,  
PERFORMERS!**

*Shaun C. & his  
Jazz Cats have  
been working hard  
to learn new songs  
– only 2 practices  
remain: Nov 2 and  
3. Listen to them  
between approx. 10  
– 10.30 am on The  
Big Day.*





**Important  
DATE!**

## CALENDAR

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

Nov 4: Pancake  
Breakfast is here!

Nov 4: Post Pancake  
Parent Pizza Party, 6-  
9pm

Nov 9: Troop Mtg

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

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

Nov 16: Troop Mtg

Nov 23: Troop Mtg

Nov 30: Troop Mtg

Dec 7: QM Mtg at 6;  
Troop Mtg at 7

Dec 8-10: Winter  
Campout, Morris

Dec 10 PLC Mtg 4.30  
pm & Committee Mtg 7  
pm

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **REMINDER:** Our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop Meeting will be held at Naperville North High School instead of the Church. Regular time: 7.00 pm.
- **IMPORTANT:** Permission slips for Nov 10-12 Backpacking Campout are due Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>! Slips will be available on-line & at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop Meeting.
- **NEW:** There will be a short meeting after Pancake Training Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Hiking Club & Merit Badge. Contact Mr. Greg Pronger for details.
- Opportunity for Service Hours at the Naper Settlement, Dec 16 and 17. Sign-up sheet is at Troop Meetings or contact SPL.
- During the Oct 20-22 Camporee, our Troop was deemed to have the best lashings overall, with Eagle Patrol winning the timed competition for this event.
- Boys are expected to have their new Quality Unit patches sewn on their uniforms. These go on the right-hand sleeve, just below the Patrol patch. If you do not have a patch, contact your PL.
- Mr. Sampson briefly discussed the development of merit badges. A new Merit Badge is being unveiled in California: Music Pirating. Ask your Scout why Boy Scouts is not a "static" organization.
- Next Board of Review opportunity will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. Scouts to contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger to schedule.
- Post Pancake Parent Pizza Party flyers were handed out to adults. Contact Mrs. Ensinger for details. Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm, \$5 + dish/beverage to share.

### FUTURE Troop Events

- November 10-12 is our Troop Backpacking Campout. We're heading to Vermillion County, Forest Glen Preserve, located north of Danville ([www.vccd.org](http://www.vccd.org))
- December 8-10 is our Winter Campout at the Rainbow Council Scout Reservation, Morris IL. Tent camping Fri; indoor Training Center reserved Sat.
- Court of Honor: Our next one will be in January.
- January 26-27 (Fri night camping only; back on Sat) is Klondike Derby at the Three Fires Ranch, Rochelle IL.
- 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](http://www.chestnutmtn.com))
- TENTATIVE DATES: March 23-25 will feature orienteering. April 20-22 will feature rock climbing. June 8-10 is our annual Service Project Week up at Owasipee. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge. Summer camp 6/23-30.
- May 4-6 is the District and Council's Camporee. This IS s firm date!

## GOT CHANGES?



It's sometimes difficult to keep track of more than 100 active Scouts and over a dozen Adult Leaders each month. We're a very busy Troop!

"If you have changes to a Scout's schedule (not already noted on the permission slip), please phone in your changes to one of us: Marge Dunning (983-8166) or Beth Schwartz (527-1135).

"This would include cancellations, change in departure schedule, driver changes, phone number to call for scout pick-up, etc.

"Thanks!"

Beth Schwartz &  
Marge Dunning,  
Activities Co-Chairs

## NEWS From Our Troop Committee Chair, MR. CRONIN



I'd like to highlight the work of two invaluable Troop Volunteers, Mrs. Beth Schwartz and Mrs. Marge Dunning, our Activities Co-Chairs. Together, these women manage the logistics for each and every one of our campouts, from printing permissions slips at the very start of an event, to ensuring you are called when the boys are about to return to the Hill parking lot at the end of each campout. And then, there's all of the organizing in between!

Please take a moment to read the information (left) about how you can help make their job easier. And, please show your appreciation the next time you see Mesdames Schwartz & Dunning at our Troop Meetings – they are always there!

## TFC's Adult Training Academy

Each year the Three Fires Council sets aside an entire day devoted to providing invaluable information for all adults (leaders AND parents) and any Scout interested in becoming a den chief. This used to be called "Pow-Wow", for those of you familiar with this annual event - this year the theme is "Knights Around The Campfire."



There is always a tremendous variety of topics – just about every idea you could ever use to run an effective Scouting Den, Patrol, Troop, Venturing Crew, or High Adventure Unit. There is a High Adventure "expo" on the same day.

If any adults are interested – or if any Boy Scouts are interested in receiving Den Chief training – early registration has passed, but you can still sign up. Unfortunately, this training day falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> (our backpacking weekend). But some of you might still be available to attend?

More information can be found at:

<http://thunderbirddistrict.org/files/TA%20Courses%20&%20Flie r10-06.pdf>

Our own Dave Rypka will be teaching the Merit Badge Counselor course on this day, and hopes to see you there!

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

Troop 81 E-News is accessible on our Troop website homepage: [www.troop81.org](http://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](mailto: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.