



Troop 81 E-Mail News

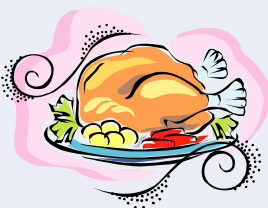
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NO Troop Meeting Nov 23 **~ Happy ~** **Thanksgiving!**

1. For November 30th: Scorpion Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening.
2. Activities: Meal & Duty Roster for Dec campout; Prep for Geo-Caching & Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Remember to wear your **COMPLETE Class A's** on Nov 30th!



NEWS From Our Troop Committee Chair, MR. CRONIN



At my recent Committee Chair training, a fellow scouter from another Troop commented "you are good because you are so big". I politely corrected her and said "we are big because we are good."

I believe Scouts and their parents actively seek out Troop 81 precisely because we have so much to offer the boys. It was clear as we shared experiences during the training that the difference with other Troops was the amount of parent involvement we have. If we are short on help, we ask and you all step up and help. It's a pleasure to be in our position, with so many dedicated families all helping each other.



Occasionally, we do need to ask for additional help. We're in the process of breaking down the **Fundraising position** into very manageable tasks, but we are still in need of an overall person or two to coordinate all of the volunteers we have for this process. If you like to manage projects, then let's talk!

We also need a **Friends of Scouting coordinator**. The FOS event happens but once per year (but starts soon) and is a very finite commitment of time. We also need a **helper for Re-Charter**, and this is also a finite commitment of time.



Another open position is the **Committee Secretary**. I'd like to thank **Cheryl Hayward** for performing this role for the past several years. Cheryl has been invaluable to us by faithfully taking notes at our meetings and recording our Committee 'history' as we make decisions from month to month. If you've been to our Committee Meetings, you'll know that keeping up with all that is said can be a challenge sometimes. (But we always have fun!)

Please consider what commitment to helping Troop 81 you can make. If you can find just 1 hour per month to help out our Troop by attending our meetings, and recording our discussions, the Secretary role can be yours! If you would like to help but you aren't sure where to volunteer, please come forward and we can find a role specifically for you. Many thanks!



CALENDAR

REMEMBER, NO Troop Meeting Nov 23rd - Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 30: Troop Mtg (Scorpion)

Dec 7: QM Mtg at 6pm, Troop Mtg at 7pm (Wolverine)

Dec 8-10: Winter Campout, Morris

Dec 10 PLC Mtg 4.30 pm & Committee Mtg 7 pm

Dec 14: Troop Mtg (Blackhawk)

Dec 21: Troop Mtg & Holiday Party! (Moose & Muskie)

Dec 28: Troop Mtg

Jan 4: Troop Mtg.

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **COMPETITIONS:** Our 11/16 meeting featured **Patrol Cooking & Fire Building Competitions**. Winners will be announced at our next Troop Meeting, Nov 30th. There were some very creative meals, and the presentations looked super. 😊
- **REMINDER:** Your permission slip for the Dec 8-10 campout is **DUE next mtg:** Nov 30th. (Permission slips are on www.troop81.org.) Nov 30th meeting will feature meal and duty roster planning for that campout, which includes training for our Geo-Cache activity. Scouts are also encouraged to work on any outstanding advancements this night, including ongoing Wilderness Survival Merit Badge reqs.
- **WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE:** Sign up at Troop Meeting – complete any written requirements before Dec 8, and then we will complete the remaining reqs on that campout.
- **REMINDER:** High Adventure survey forms (7 different options!) are needed back in order to make arrangements for additional H.A. activities. H.A. is for boys who are or will be 13 on departure date.
- **PATROL VOLUNTEERS:** Still looking for any (especially) older scouts willing to join our newest Patrol. This is a great opportunity for those Scouts needing a leadership role to step up to help run a patrol. Scouts will receive more focused attention and be given greater responsibilities in smaller patrols. Sign up at Troop Meeting or discuss with your Adult Mentor.
- **NEW:** Sign up for a 10 mile geo-caching hike along the Fox River. Sat Dec 2nd, from Red Oak Nature Center. Sign up at Troop Mtg or call Alex T.



FUTURE Troop Events

- **NEW:** Court of Honor will be January 21st at Longwood School. If you can help with this event, please contact Mrs. Sherry Nagy.
- 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)
- May 4-6 is the District and Council's Camporee.
- **TENTATIVE INFO:** With cancellation of Nov campout, backpacking may shift into either Mar or Apr. Mar 23-25 was to feature orienteering. Apr 20-22 was to 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?



NEW ON-LINE LEARNING CENTER

The BSA has instituted a new on-line learning center. At this center, you can take the online Fast Start course for your position in Boy Scouts, as well as Youth Protection. More courses will be added in the future. The On-Line Training Center is located at www.threefirescouncil.org under the training tab.

On your first visit, you will be required to register before proceeding to your desired courses. When registering, be sure to have your BSA membership card handy - registering with your membership number will ensure that your training is recorded by the BSA, but you should still notify Mrs. DeeDee Marineau, our Troop's Adult Training Coordinator, of the completion of any courses you take. All Learning Center pages are secure, so information you enter while visiting the site will be safe.



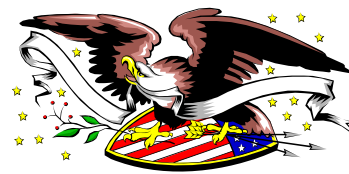
A FEW WORDS From Our Scoutmaster, MR. MAURER

One of the cornerstones of our troop has been community service and rallying around those inside the troop who need help.



We currently have 10 scouts at various stages of working on their Eagle Scout Leadership Project. As you begin to hear the announcements of the dates these scouts are running their projects please take a close look at your schedule and help where you can.

If you are a scout looking for help, remember, the best way to get help is to give help. As always, this troop working together and supporting each other will go a long way to getting through the busy times ahead.



PANCAKE SUGGESTIONS

Did you AND your Scout turn in your Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser feedback to Mrs. Cyndi Gorecki and/or Mr. Ed Steffek?

Your suggestions are valued in *all* areas of this important annual process: from ticket sales to the event itself, and everything in between. See Cyndi & Ed at our mtgs, or email them!



Got News To Share?

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 on Tuesdays. **'Deadline' to include is therefore the weekend (a few days) prior.***



HOW CAN I LOOK AT PREVIOUS WEEK'S NEWSLETTERS?



Troop 81 E-News is accessible on our Troop website homepage: www.troop81.org. Click on "View Current Newsletter". For previous issues, click on "Troop Information" and you'll find them all there by date. (Thank you, WebMaster Marineau!)

And, as always, 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.