



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting Nov 9th:

1. Blackhawk Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening.
2. This is the FINAL mtg to arrange duty roster and cooking details for Nov 3-5 Back-packing Campout.
3. Activities: Equipment inspection for all back-packers; meal planning for 11/16 Patrol Cooking Competition; planning for fire building competition.
4. Sign up for Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

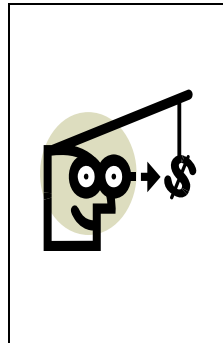


5. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A's to our Troop Mtg! You will be asked to phone home or return home to get missing items.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Cyndi Gorecki &



Ed Steffek (and their families) for yet another very successful, well organized Fundraising event for our Troop! Cyndi & Ed would like in turn to thank several folk – please take a moment to read through (next page) the many many people who made this year's event so successful on Saturday. If you were somehow overlooked, our apologies - rest assured that you *are* appreciated! – a large number of helpers made it somewhat difficult to keep track of everyone, which is a nice position to be in! You are ALL tremendous!



What is the next step for our fundraising efforts? The Troop Committee needs to establish a budget for the coming year, and after they have done so, families will be notified of how much of the proceeds may be allocated to each Scout's account (to be used for Summer Camp, monthly Campouts, backpacking gear, etc.), for those Scouts who met their goal of 4 selling sessions. Come to our Troop Committee Meetings to stay informed!

NEWS From Our Troop Committee Chair, MR. CRONIN



My sincere gratitude goes out to our Fundraising Chairs, Mrs. Cyndi Gorecki & Mr. Ed Steffek, for a job well done once again, with this year's Pancake Breakfast. While many hands make light work, and I applaud each and every one of you for helping, I think you will agree that Cyndi & Ed are truly the "super-glue" that held our Pancake project together. It was such a pleasure knowing that everything (*EVERYthing!*) they coordinated would be handled professionally and with such grace. They leave large shoes to fill, to be sure. *Thank you*, once again, Cyndi & Ed!

Our next Troop Committee Meeting is on Sunday, November 12th, at the River Glen Church (upstairs), at 7 pm. Every parent is welcome to join us, and I encourage you to do so. The meeting is kept short (usually 1 hour). While we are a boy-led Troop, many administrative and policy decisions are made by our Committee comprised of parent volunteers like yourself. Come find out how you can help your son in Scouting, by helping our Committee in Scouting.

Pancake THANKS!

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Scouts - Thanks for your hard work in selling and serving pancakes to 1500 guests. You guys worked very hard and should be proud of what you've accomplished.

The Pancake Breakfast Band - Thanks for the hard work and pulling together to give us some beautiful jazz. We're looking forward to next year's performance.

Parents - Thanks for your driving, and working at the breakfast, and all of your kind support, you are all incredible and wonderful to work with.

Parking lot parents - Thanks for giving up a whole weekend to coordinate our sales.

Assistant Scout Masters - Thanks for coming out of the kitchen and out onto the floor. It was great to have you help with the boys.

Troop Committee - Thanks for your support!

Paul Bainbridge - Thanks for multiple trips back and forth to the storage trailer, and for making sure our propane connections were working.

Laura Bednar - Thanks for your inventory expertise.

Gary and Martha Blount - Thanks for the donation of all of the paper inventory, thanks for toting, packing and counting it all.

Astrid Bullock - Thanks for lending us your laptop, and keeping track of our guests.

Brian Caputo - Thanks for getting our Aurora Peddlers permit for us.

Audrey Clair - Thanks for taking the placemat project on. You and the boys did a great job.

Julie and Mark Ensinger - Thanks for hosting the parent party.

Jim and Linda Flaherty - Thanks for getting the high chairs donated from Cress Creek Country Club.

Mary Harris - Thanks for the last minute decoration purchases and the impromptu, clever decorations.

Andy Hayward - Thanks for getting our Naperville Solicitor's permit, and getting our new drill and mixing paddle.

Terry Hutsell - Thanks for all your work in pricing, shopping, buying, schleping, and counting food.

Carol Laskey - Thanks for your countless phone calls, getting all our equipment from various locations and to the pancake breakfast and back again. This was a huge job for a rookie parent who had never seen this breakfast in action!

Bill Marineau - Thanks for being our money courier.

DeeDee Marineau - Thanks for your prompt and excellent bookkeeping. The boys looked forward to seeing their totals each week, and you never let them down.

Colin M - Thanks for pulling together the slide shows and videos.

Sherri Nagy - Thanks for the signs and the help with bringing our stuff to storage.

Bill O'Brien - Thanks for kicking us off with a prayer.

Laurie Olesky - Thanks for doing the design and getting the printing donated for the tickets and leave behinds.

Dan Overton - Thanks for working with the banks to do sales there.

Alex and Kevin R - The piano men: thanks for your delightful and entertaining music. Who knew we had such great musicians in the troop.

Lisa Riney - Thanks for taking pictures for us.

Karla Sampson and Julie Ensinger - Thanks for getting coffee donations and practicing and perfecting the brewing to make our coffee the best possible.

Tim and Karla Sampson - Thanks for getting the donations of high chairs and booster seats from Connie's. Thanks also for schlepping them to and fro for us.

Lisa Schweitzer - Thanks for doing the legwork for our Storefront sales.

Marie and Dave Schaefers - Thanks for hosting the Pancake band practices and for the band pizza party.

Ann Shipley and Marie Schaefers - Thanks for shopping, preparing and feeding our hungry and thirsty troop.

Jim and Susie Simnick - Thanks for accounting for and depositing our money every week, and thanks for writing all those checks!

Sue Simpson - Thanks for finding, picking up and returning the helium tank.



CALENDAR

Nov 9: Troop Mtg
(Blackhawk)

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

IMPORTANT - Nov 12:
T81 Committee Meeting
7pm @ River Glen

Nov 16: Troop Mtg
(Eagle)

Nov 23: **NO** Troop Mtg
Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 30: Troop Mtg
(**NEW:** Scorpion)

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

Dec 8-10: Winter
Campout, Morris

Dec 10 PLC Mtg 4.30
pm & Committee Mtg 7
pm

Dec 14: Troop Mtg
(**New:** Blackhawk)

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

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **IMPORTANT:** Permission slips for Nov 10-12 Backpacking Campout were due Nov 2nd. If you have changes to what you turned in, please call either Mrs. Dunning or Mrs. Schwartz.
- **REMINDER:** Opportunity for Service Hours at the Naper Settlement, Dec 16 and 17. Sign-up sheet is at Troop Meetings or contact SPL.
- **REMINDER:** Boys are expected to have their new Quality Unit patches sewn on their uniforms. These go on the right-hand sleeve, just below your Patrol patch. If you do not have a patch, contact your PL.
- **CHANGE:** Board of Reviews will now take place on November 16th (not the 9th). Scouts to contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger to schedule.

FUTURE Troop Events

- 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. If you can help with the planning, 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 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.



How Can My Scout/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.