



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting DEC 28th

1. Moose & Muskie Patrols are on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. Activities: Game Night.
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform! And you're new belt buckle, too! ☺



~ Yes, there are Troop Meetings through the Holidays! ~



What Time Is It? Game Time!

Moose & Muskie scouts promise a fine evening of fun and fellowship. This is their last meeting together before they join the other Patrols.



Bring your favorite board or card game – but no electronics please!

A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



Our December 21st meeting featured something different upstairs in the church – we held a very special Eagle Scout Ceremony for John “Jesse” Koltes. Many of you have not witnessed a Ceremony before. It is something special, isn't it? I trust you walked away with inspiration from Jesse to continue on your path to Eagle Scout. As I've mentioned before, we have upwards of 10 Scouts preparing for their Eagle project at this time. You can help them. Someday it will be you at the podium providing inspiration to others!

Sign ups for 2007 High Adventure will end on Jan 4th. You can email me if that is easier. We need to start making reservations, hence the deadline.

~ Happy Holidays, Troop 81!

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

I am always somewhat amazed at how so many great things get done in our Troop by parent volunteers. If you came to our Troop Holiday Party this past Thursday, you witnessed the work of Mrs. Sherri Nagy and her helpful gang of cookie elves. Sherri organizes things so well, it looks so simple. I'm sure that is it not, and I thank her and her crew for all of the time and effort that goes into making sure our Troop runs on a full stomach at special events!



A huge thanks, too, to Mrs. Julie Ensinger, who coordinated a dozen or more Boards of Review this past month alone – our January Court of Honor will be full of advancing scouts as a result. Please take a moment to thank Julie when you next see her: her work is never really done (Scouts are always advancing!), so we seldom stop to recognize her time and efforts. Many, many parents assisted Julie, and our thanks go out to you as well.

~ Happy Holidays, Everyone!





CALENDAR

Dec 28: Troop Mtg
(M&M). Game Night!

Jan 4: Troop Mtg
(Scorpion). M/M join
perm. Patrols; Tenderfoot
Competition Night!

Jan 7th: Troop Committee
Mtg, 7 pm, River Glen.

Jan 11: Troop Mtg
(Wolverine). ELECTION
Night!

Jan 18: Troop Mtg
(Blackhawk). Klondike
sled demo.

Jan 21: Court of Honor,
Longwood School.

Jan 25: Troop Mtg.

Jan 26-27: KLONDIKE!
@ 3FiresRanch, Rochelle,
IL. 1 night camping only.

Feb 1: Troop Mtg.

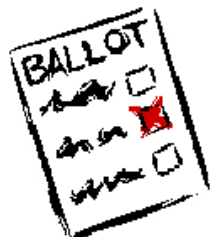
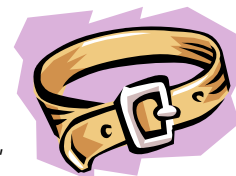
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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- Scouts received a special holiday gift from the Troop: a pewter belt buckle. Naturally, in order to wear this, you need to wear a belt with your uniform! (If you were absent, we have one reserved for you – see your Patrol Leader.)
- **NEW:** There will be a 10-mile hike through the Palos area forest preserve and along the I&M canal on Sat January 13th for anyone interested. Sign up at Troop Meeting. Call Luke G. (882-8439) if you have any questions.
- If you plan on a High Adventure trip this summer, gotta register your interest on the sign-up sheets at Troop Meeting by Jan 4th! Grand Canyon and Adirondacks are the two choices.
- Moose & Muskie Scouts will be joining the "older" patrols at the January 4th Troop Meeting. New Patrol rosters will be printed and distributed soon after Elections.

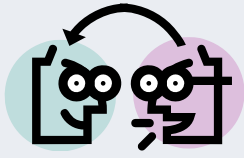


REMINDER: Troop Elections will be held during our Jan 11th Troop Meeting. In preparation for this, Junior Leadership Training will be held – **tentatively** on Jan 6th (Saturday). Details are coming soon.

NOW is the time to think of which position of responsibility YOU would like in the Troop! Talk with your Patrol Leaders.

FUTURE Troop Events

- **REMINDER:** Winter Court of Honor will be Jan 21st at Longwood School. **If you can help with this event, please contact Mrs. Sheri Nagy.**
- 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.
- Summer Camp is confirmed for Sat Jun 23 – Sat June 30.
- 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 Weekend up at Owasipee. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge.



Do YOU Have 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.



EAGLE'S CORNER

Sign on to be a part of Scouting history! **Russell M.** is putting the final touches on his Eagle Project, the re-building of the Von Oven Scout Reserve KYBO in downtown Naperville. The old KYBO burned down some years ago. Not many scouts can say they helped build a KYBO, now, "can" they?!



Kevin D. still needs help with his Eagle Project. He is building 50 rocker boards used in physical therapy exercises for disabled and handicapped people. He needs your help Dec 28 (8am-4pm) and Dec 29 (9am – 5 pm). Call him, please, to sign up. Location is at the Grace Community Christian Church Aurora. Free Food! Bring your routers, drills, sanders, and safety glasses!

