



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting DEC 7th

1. Wolverine Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening.
2. QM Meeting at 6 pm this night! If you aren't avail, send an alternate.
3. Activities: Final plans for Dec campout; cont. prep for Geo-Caching & Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



News From Your Committee Chair, Mr. Cronin



The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, December 10th, at 7 pm, at River Glen Church.

ALL Troop parents (not just registered adults) are encouraged to attend these important meetings. We receive and discuss information that affects all Scouts, and help shape the direction of the Troop.

Important Message From MR. BAINBRIDGE

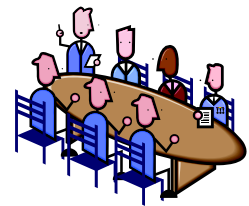


There will be a QuarterMasters' Meeting at 6 pm, December 7th. All Patrol and Troop QMs need to attend this monthly meeting to arrange our supplies in the trailers. If you cannot be there, please send an alternate person from your Patrol.

This meeting is important to ready the trailers for our December 8th campout!

BOARDS OF REVIEW REMINDERS

Scouts: Last day for a BOR before the January Court of Honor is Dec 21. Have those Scoutmaster Conferences and review EVERY requirement for your rank. Know your knots! Then, contact Mrs. Ensigner to schedule your Board. Your parent(s) should not be arranging your Board for you – this is the Scout's own responsibility!



Adults: If you are able to stay for an additional 15-20 minutes at our Troop Meetings, please come forward to help sit on these reviews for our Scouts. No experience is required. If you have not sat in on a BOR before, this will give you a unique glimpse of what your own Scout must face before receiving final approval for his rank advancements. The BORs can be a great way to learn how you can encourage your Scout to advance. Please contact Julie if you can help: 637-1271.



CALENDAR

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

Dec 8-10: Winter
Campout, Morris, IL

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.

Jan 11: Troop Mtg.

Jan 18: Troop Mtg.

NEW: Jan 21 Court of
Honor, Longwood
School.

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River Glen Church
Naperville, IL
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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- We had visitors from Cub Scout Packs 533 and 534. Thank you, Scouts, for welcoming them. We played Socks in the Dark and had loads of fun!
- Winners were announced for our **Patrol Cooking & Fire Building Competitions**. Blackhawk Patrol took honors for the Fire Building, and Moose Patrol took honors for their dinner presentation! Well done everyone! 😊
- The 11/30 meeting featured meal and duty roster planning for the Dec campout, which included training for our Geo-Cache activity. Scouts also worked on any outstanding advancements, including ongoing Wilderness Survival Merit Badge reqs.
- WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE: remember to complete any written requirements before Dec 8, and then we will complete the remaining reqs on that campout. Dress warm...in layers!
- **REMINDER:** Did you turn in your High Adventure survey form (7 different options!)? These are needed back in order to make arrangements for additional H.A. activities. Mr. Maurer will announce the results soon.
- 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.
- **REMINDER:** Service Hours are available for Dec 16th (6.15 – 9.45 pm) at the Naper Settlement. Sign up is at front table at Troop Meetings.
- Sailing High Adventure: Your second payment was due to Mr. Marineau last week. See him if you need to pay!
- Mr. Dunning met with Scouts interested in Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges. If you missed this, please give him a call or see him at next Troop meeting.

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?



WVHS PLANETARIUM

ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE

One Friday each month during the school year, the planetarium presents Family Night. These are shows open to the public and are created for groups of all ages.

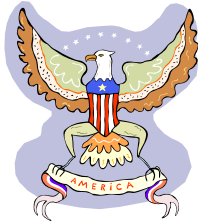
Each month a different topic is explored and discussed, and these may be helpful to those Scouts interested in the Astronomy Merit Badge.

The cost is \$1 for students K-8 grade and \$2 for high school students and adults. The shows start at 7 p.m. and last about an hour. Reservations are not required. Seating is limited, and on a first-come-first serve basis. For more information please visit the WVHS website:

<http://planetarium.ipsd.org>



EAGLE PROJECTS CORNER



Russell M. is completing his Eagle Project: rebuilding the KYBO at the Von Oven Scout Reserve in downtown Naperville. The old KYBO burned down some years ago. Russell and volunteers started last weekend, but this is an on-going project. Does the KYBO Boogie Man really exist? Come find out! Listen for announcements and sign up to help if you can.

COLD WEATHER SCOUTING, by MR. PRONGER: PART 1

Mr. Pronger is coordinating the overnight portion of our December campout. Here is an excerpt from material he has prepared for our Scouts.

When participating in cold weather outdoor activities, there are three primary points to remember:

- 1) **WEAR a HAT!!!** As we have all been told (but often seem to forget) we lose most of our body heat out of the head. Be certain you and your son has a hat appropriate for the weather and that it's actually on his head (and not in his pocket or the back seat of the car).
- 2) **KEEP DRY!!!** Even though it is cold out we will be active and everyone perspires. Dress so that the clothing next to you will draw the moisture away. If you've ever found yourself starting out feeling nice and warm outdoors but then after an hour or two feeling progressively colder (without a change in the weather) it could very well be due to perspiration chilling you down. This is just as important (and maybe more so) when heading out. You need a complete change of clothes to sleep in.
- 3) **LAYER IT!!!** This idea works for all areas of your body but is most important for what you are wearing on your upper body (your coat, etc). You will be warmer and be able to adjust your warmth better by layering your clothing. If you have just a parka on and a heavy shirt, you will probably start out OK, but as you are more active you will begin to over-heat. The problem you now have is that it is likely to be too cold to unzipper your parka; so either you're going to be cold (unzipper it anyway) or too hot (and start to sweat). Once you start sweating, in spite of your parka, you'll probably end up feeling cold because of the moisture next to you. If you had layered, let's say, a synthetic undershirt (they tend to move moisture away from you), a long sleeve undershirt, a flannel shirt, a zippered sweatshirt, and then a sturdy fall coat, you are going to start out just as warm (or warmer with what I just described) as with the parka. However, once you start to get too warm you can easily control your body temperature, either taking stuff off or simply unzipping a layer.

Got News To Share?

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 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.