



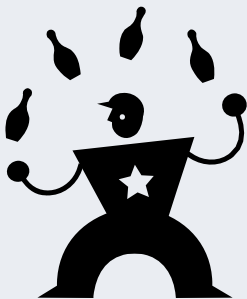
# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting JAN 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Scorpion Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. Activities: Scouts introduced to New Patrol; Tenderfoot Rank Skills Competition Night!
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform! And you're new belt buckle, too! ☺



### REMINDER:

**Troop 81  
Committee Mtg  
SUNDAY, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>,  
River Glen Church**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



Our first Troop Meeting of 2007 marks a special event that happens each year: the graduating Moose & Muskie Patrols split up and re-join their "permanent" patrols. This year is extra special because we have a 5<sup>th</sup> experienced patrol forming. This means that each Patrol will experience changes, not just Moose/Muskie. We'll announce these changes on Thursday.

2007 promises to be a busy year for our Troop. I'm looking forward to working with you all to make it a *great* year as well!

## NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

Every year I suspect each of us makes a few New Year's Resolutions. Did you know Troop 81 can help meet your own Resolutions this year?



Experience tells me that folks are thinking about how they can be more involved in the development of their sons and give something back to their community. Becoming an active participant on the committee or stepping up as an ASM is a great way to fulfill that New Year's resolution.

The Troop 81 Committee has several vacancies: Secretary, Fundraising Chair(s), Re-Charter Assistant (membership), and various members at large. With a new Patrol, Assistant Scoutmasters are welcome, too. If you have a goal to stay involved with your family (including your sons) as they grow up before your very eyes, becoming more involved with Troop 81 can accomplish that goal for you.

Our first Troop Committee Meeting of 2007 is THIS Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, River Glen Church. See you there!

Important  
DATE!

## CALENDAR

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

**REMINDER:** Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Troop Committee Mtg, 7  
pm, River Glen. All are  
welcome!

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.

Feb 4: Troop Committee  
Mtg. 7 pm.

Feb 8: Troop Mtg.

Feb 15: Troop Mtg.

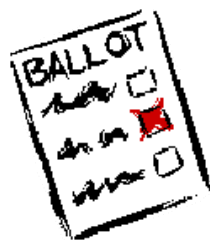
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**BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL  
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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **REMINDER:** There will be a 10-mile hike through the Palos area forest preserve and along the I&M canal on Sat January 13<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested. Sign up at Troop Meeting. Call Luke G. (882-8439) if you have any questions.
- **LAST CHANCE:** If you plan on a High Adventure trip this summer, gotta register your interest on the sign-up sheets at Jan 4th Troop Meeting! Grand Canyon and Adirondacks are the two choices.
- New Patrol rosters will be printed and distributed soon after Elections.



**NEW:** A new position of responsibility is being added this election to increase the leadership opportunities in our Troop: "Patrol Cook". The scout who seeks this position will be required to attend a minimum of 4 of 6 regular campouts, cook or supervise the cooking at all the meals on the campouts, be involved in all the meal planning at the meetings, and create or manage the Patrol Recipe book. In accordance with BSA guidelines, this position will not satisfy the position of responsibility requirement for the rank of Eagle but will satisfy the requirements for Star and Life.

**Troop Elections** will be held during our Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.



## EAGLE'S CORNER

Remember, a Scout is: HELPFUL! ☺

Listen for announcements about on-going and future Eagle Scout projects. Please sign up to help where you can. Helping others now makes it easier for you to ask for help when you need it most.