



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting JAN 11th

1. Viking Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. NEW: ALL QMs to arrive at 6 pm!
3. Activities: Troop & Patrol Election Night!
4. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



REMINDER:

ALL Quarter-Masters arrive 6 pm, Jan 11th, to ready up the trailer for Klondike!



IT'S TROOP ELECTION TIME

It only comes around but twice a year:
Troop Election time!

Come elect your Senior Patrol Leader, your Patrol Leaders, and other key Patrol positions of responsibility, including the **NEW** Patrol Cooks.

Campaign promises? Yes!
Speeches? Yes!
Excitement? Yes!

Huge crowds? We hope so!

Your "say" in running the Troop? **DEFINITELY!**
Kissing babies? Probably...not....



A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer

Our new, 5th Patrol – The Vikings – is formed! This was a bit like the sorting hat exercise at Hogwarts, but I'm confident that we've got the right mixes to make these changes work. This Patrol will now include the following 15 Scouts:



From Moose/Muskie - Rajeev U., Tim K., Peter S., Alex K., Jordan S., Aaron C., Mark C., and Colin Yorke.

And from the other Patrols - Aaron M., Kyle S., Patrick O., Kevin A., Mike H., Kevin R., and Kevin D.

The Adult Mentors will include Mr. Claire, Mr. Schwartz, and me. Look for a new flag and cheer in coming weeks!

Other "graduating" Moose/Muskie are:

To Blackhawk – Nick D.

To Eagle – Alex P., Austin J., Nick N., and Eric K.

To Scorpion – Zach L., Greg C., and Chris V.

And to Wolverine – Nathan S., Evan S., and Ethan S.

Reminder that Jan 11th is Troop Election Night – if you are interested in the Senior Patrol Leader position, please email me ASAP – I need to put together the ballot. *Exciting times ahead!*

**Important
DATE!**

CALENDAR

Jan 11: Troop Mtg
(Viking). **ELECTION
Night! QMs arrive at 6pm.**

Jan 18: Troop Mtg
(Wolverine). **Klondike
sled demo.**

Jan 21: Court of Honor,
Longwood School.

Jan 25: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

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

Feb 1: Troop Mtg.

NEW: Feb 4: Troop
Committee Mtg. 7 pm.

Feb 8: Troop Mtg.

Feb 15: Troop Mtg.

Feb 22: Troop Mtg.

Feb 23-25: Snow Sports
& Cabin Camping
weekend.

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL
WWW.TROOP81.ORG



TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements



NEW: Law Merit Badge info is avail – open to 1st class & above; only 30 spots open; to be held Feb 24th at Kane County Judicial Center; cost is \$7, inc. lunch. Sign up forms are at front table at Troop Mtgs, or call 406-7126 with questions.

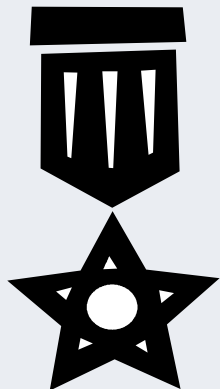
- **NEW:** Permission slips for Klondike are available – see our website, or pick one up at front table. These are due January 18th.
- **NEW:** Details of an upcoming Troop 81 Merit Badge Clinic will be announced soon. This will likely be over two weekends in March/April.
- We had visitors from Packs 123 and 988. Thank you all for making them feel welcome – they had a great time, judging by the smiles on their faces. ☺
- Mr. Smith had info about Grand Canyon. If you missed signing up for High Adventure Jan 4th, reservations will be made Jan 10th if you want to squeak in.
- Mr. Bergquist presented SPL Kevin D. with a commemorative Norman Rockwell plate, in honor of giving so much to the Eagle Patrol (which he is leaving) and to the Troop. If you have a chance to get to Dallas, don't miss the National Boy Scouting Museum there.
- Scorpion Patrol led the Scouts through a fast-paced and thorough Tenderfoot Skills Competition. Winner(s) will be announced at next Troop Mtg, and prizes will be awarded accordingly. *What does that 5'11" butcher with size 11 shoes "weigh" anyway?*
- **LAST CHANCE:** 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. Call Luke G. (882-8439) if you have any Q's.



DON'T FORGET: 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 leadership requirements for Star and Life.



FINAL REMINDER TO

RSVP: Our Winter Court of Honor will be Sunday, Jan 21st at Longwood School, 30W249 Bruce Lane, north of No Aurora Rd and west of Rt 59. (Brookdale Rd turns into Bruce Lane at light.)

Time: 3:30 pm potluck dinner, 5:00 pm ceremony

Who: All Troop 81 scouts, scout families & scoutmasters

Please RSVP by e-mailing or calling Sherri Nagy at ceg@wideopenwest.com or 717-9219 by January 11th. Provided will be: chicken parmesan, mostaccioli, drinks, & table settings.

A - G bring bread
H-Nash bring vegetable-type salads
Neal - Z bring dessert

Scouts wear: full dress uniform including sash, if you have one (Mom's, don't forget to wear your ribbon!)

And, of course, if YOU can help with this event, please contact Sherri, with thanks!

FUTURE Troop Events

- 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 Camporall, Sandwich.
- 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 Owasippe. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge.



EAGLE'S CORNER

Kevin D. could use some help finishing up his rocker boards. He held another session on January 6th. If you missed helping out, contact him to assist in the future. **Russell M.** will also need additional help with warmer-weather finishing touches on that KYBO! Contact him for details.

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.

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



REMINDER: The Troop 81 Committee still has several vacancies - Secretary, Fundraising Chair(s), Re-Charter Assistant (membership), and various members at large. Our Troop has always been very lucky with so many wonderful parents becoming involved and helping out. Let me know if something interests you- we can tailor a role to fit your schedule.

NEW: Our first Troop Committee Meeting of 2007 was Sunday, January 7th. The Budget for 2007 was approved, and information about Scout Account donations will be made available Thursday. Mr. Simnick will provide each Scout with a statement of his account, reflecting his earnings from Pancake Breakfast ticket sales, over the next few weeks, so look for these.

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be Sunday Feb 4th at River Glen Church. Due to a game that night, we're uncertain of the time we'll meet - stay tuned for that. All Troop families are welcome!

REMEMBER: Archived copies of these newsletters are on our website: www.troop81.org - check under "Troop Information" section ☺