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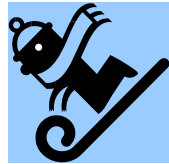
## Troop Meeting JAN 18<sup>th</sup>

1. Blackhawk Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. Activities: Klondike Derby Prep & Demo
3. If you need uniform items for Court of Honor, contact Mrs. Makaryk ASAP!



**Our Troop Merit Badge Clinic is Coming Soon:**

**Watch For Details in the Weeks Ahead**



## GEARING UP FOR KLONDIKE!

Step 1: Turn in your Permission Slip Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

Step 2: Be sure to re-read through Mr. Pronger's info on cold weather camping. This can be found in the Dec 5, 11, & 19 E-News newsletters - look under "Troop Information" on our website.

Step 3: Pray for snow!

## A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



Last Thursday we held our semi-annual Troop & Patrol elections. We had a great turnout and this shows that Scouts care about the leadership of their Troop. For Senior Patrol Leader it was a close race between Derek K. and Kevin D. Well done, Gentlemen. In the end, Kevin was elected to a second term, and will serve through the summer months. Many of you have stepped forward into leadership positions already and these are known in your Patrols; your individual Patrol elections and Kevin's leadership team will be announced to the entire Troop next week.

Each week it seems that there is more and more to do, and the months ahead will be busy indeed. I invite Scouts and their families to read through the many new announcements that are listed in this E-mail newsletter.

Continue to help where you can. Many hands make light work.

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



The Troop Budget Committee met and the 2007 Budget was approved at the last Committee Mtg (Jan 7). Each Scout who fully participated in the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will receive his annual dues paid in full, an \$85 donation to his Scout Account, as well as 10% of his total ticket sales to his account. Mr. Simnick will provide each Scout with an account balance in the coming weeks. Thanks once again to all who helped with this successful fundraiser – we're looking forward to 2007's event.



## CALENDAR

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.

**NEW:** Feb 4: Troop Committee Mtg. Time TBD because of the game.

Feb 8: Troop Mtg.

Feb 15: Troop Mtg.

Feb 22: Troop Mtg.

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

Mar 1: Troop Mtg.

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **LAST CHANCE:** Permission slips for Klondike are due Jan18<sup>th</sup>. These are on our website. Remember to contact Mrs. Schwartz or Mrs. Dunning if you have changes (after you've turned in your slip). R their #s on ur cell speed dial?!
- Mr. Henderson handed out new name tags (and sewing instructions) to all Patrol Mentors, to distribute to the Scouts. These are to be sewn onto your uniforms above the right pocket – just in time for Court of Honor!
- Mr. Smith has info about an Orienteering Merit Badge he'll be starting in Mar/Apr. **BONUS:** You can also sign up to complete rank advancements with this Merit Badge. See him at the next Troop Mtg for all the details.
- We had Webelos from Packs 125 and an older Scout who has recently moved into town. Thank you all for making them feel welcome. ☺
- There was a short meeting regarding the Grand Canyon High Adventure trip. If you have signed up for this, but missed our meeting, see Mr. Maurer.
- Winner(s) of the Tenderfoot Skills Competition will be announced at next Troop Mtg, and prizes will be awarded accordingly. (We're surprised no one asked about this, but the elections were exciting enough!) What did that 5'11" butcher with size 11 shoes "weigh" anyway?



**DON'T FORGET:** Our Winter Court of Honor is next Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 3.30 pm at Longwood Elementary School, Bruce Lane, Naperville.



This is a potluck affair – Troop will supply chicken parmesan, pasta, and all tableware. There is no charge for this event, but you *did* need to RSVP to Sherri Nagy (717-9219). Call her if there are any changes to your reservation or if you can help with this event.

Mothers of Scouts: remember to wear your ribbons!

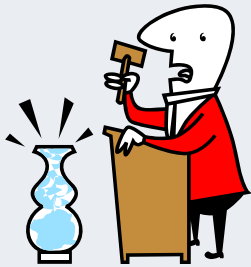
Scouts: In full uniform, including sash, if applicable.

This is a very special event! Not only will Scouts receive badges of Rank and Achievement, but those in leadership roles will receive new uniform patches as well.

### 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](http://www.chestnutmtn.com)) **NEW INFO:** Tickets are the same prices as last year: \$33 for lift ticket only; \$55 for lift, rental, lesson (you do not have to take the lesson, but it is included in this price). Like last year, we'll have 3 cabins.





## AUCTION, ANYONE?

On **March 8<sup>th</sup>** the Indian Prairie District will host a fundraising auction of **EPIC** proportions!

Our Troop has been invited to contribute an auction basket, filled with donated items. This is the first year we've been invited to do so.

T81 wins a prize if we have the basket that sells for the most \$\$\$.

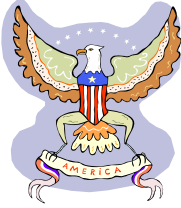
Each Patrol can work together to contribute Service Projects to the basket (yard clean-ups, car washes, etc.).

Your company can contribute items or events.

Each family can contribute items as well – *the sky's the limit!*

We need your items by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so there's some time to think about this.

**BONUS:** If someone would have fun putting this special basket together, please let Mr. Dan Cronin know!



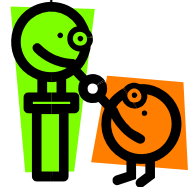
## EAGLE'S CORNER

**NEW:** Kurt M. has started his Eagle project! Kurt will be assembling a jazz ensemble to perform March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at four nursing homes in the area. Musicians as well as equipment "roadies" are needed for this event. We understand that there is *free food* involved as well. Sign up Jan 18<sup>th</sup> or contact Kurt directly. 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.

### Your Troop 81 FOS Committee writes:

"Each year at this time we renew our commitment to The Friends of Scouting (FOS) program. This effort provides financial support for leader training, helps maintain camps and equipment, provides financial support to less fortunate boys, and provides assistance to our growing programs for special needs Scouts. Our Council's cost to support each boy this year is \$130. We are asking each family to support their sons with this amount and you will receive the new 2007 edition Norman Rockwell mug, at our upcoming Court of Honor on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. 3Fires will offer the special FOS commemorative Council shoulder strip again this year for each full contribution.



"Families returning pledge cards that night will be eligible for door prize drawings including a \$50 gift certificate to Jimmy's Charhouse. We also have gift cards for Texas Roadhouse, Caribou Coffee, and Delta Sonic Car Wash. Checks should be made out to Friends of Scouting, and credit card payments can be accommodated if you prefer. If your employer has a matching contribution program, please submit the form with your contribution.

"Please support your son's scouting experience through Friends of Scouting with your tax-deductible contribution in any amount you can. Our request for your support is less than \$11 a month on an annual basis. Your \$130 contribution will admit you FREE to the annual FOS Charity Auction Dinner later this spring.

"Thank you for your participation in Troop 81 and the Friends of Scouting program. Your support has provided an excellent local program."

Sincerely,

*Dean Bergquist, Mary Jane Gloudeaman and Laura Bednar*  
Troop 81 Friends Of Scouting Campaign