



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting JAN 25th

1. *Eagle Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.*
2. *Activities: Final Klondike Prep & 2nd Class rank reqs competition.*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



REMINDER:

Lay out your cold weather camping gear ahead of Friday. Make sure you have a pad for under your sleeping bag. Wearing a hat in your sleeping bag at night greatly increases your camping comfort level!



If YOU Missed Court Of Honor...

...we hope you enjoyed the football game(s)!

Seriously, you missed a great feast with fine fellowship. **Many thanks to Sherri Nagy** and her multi-talented crew of chefs and servers, set-uppers and take-downers. As always, Sherri's team ensured that our Troop continues to run on a full stomach for our many special events.

All Scouts should check in with their Patrol Leaders for any awards, patches and announcements that were missed.

A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer

It is always my pleasure to host a Court of Honor. It is important to publicly recognize the achievements of our many Scouts as they advance along their path to Eagle (and beyond). As those of you who attended saw, almost every boy is involved in some aspect of our Troop's leadership. The gym "stage" was crowded with eager young men, willingly accepting their patches of new responsibility, and proud of their rank and merit advancements.



For those of you who could not make the event, please take a moment to publicly recognize your own Scout at home in front of your family – words of encouragement and praise go a long way to helping your Scout continue to embrace scouting as a way of life.

The Court of Honor is also a place for me to thank those who help me with the administration of the Troop: to Mrs. **Pat Fisher** for her years of service with Troop awards, and to Mrs. **Chris Dubbins** and Mrs. **Kim Emanuel** who continue in this role; to Mr. **Kevin McGrath** for his years of service as our Troop Committee Chairman, and to Mr. **Dan Cronin** for stepping into this role; to Mrs. **Sherri Nagy** for her continued organization of our special events – she took my own mother's recipe for Chicken Parmesan and did it perfectly for over 200 people!; to Mr. **Dean Bergquist** for his years of service behind our Friends of Scouting campaign and to Mrs. **Laura Bednar** and Mrs. **Mary Jane Gloudeman** for continuing in this important role; to Mrs. **Julie Ensigner** for coordinating the many Boards of Review; and finally, to all of my **Assistant Scoutmasters** who make running this Troop a pleasure indeed. Even on a double-header football Sunday!





CALENDAR

Jan 25: Troop Mtg (Eagle Patrol).

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

Feb 1: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion)

CHANGE: Feb 4: Troop
Committee Mtg. 2 or 3
pm. Venue TBD.

NEW INFO: Feb 8: Troop
Mtg & OA Elections.
(Viking)

Feb 15: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Feb 22: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

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

- **REMINDER:** Klondike permission slips were due last meeting. Remember to contact **Mrs. Schwartz** or **Mrs. Dunning** if you have changes to slips you have already turned in (i.e., arriving late, leaving early, not able to go, etc.).
- **REMINDER:** See your Patrol mentor if you have not received your sew-on name tag and instructions. All NEW patches should be sewed on: Look Sharp!
- **REMINDER:** **Mr. Smith** has info about an Orienteering Merit Badge he'll be starting. This will run in March and April. Sign up at Troop Mtg. Answers to his orienteering quiz questions are available for those who ask.
- We had Webelos from Packs 533 and 534 last week. Thank you all for making them feel welcome. ☺
- Winner(s) of the Tenderfoot Skills Competition will be announced. (We have not forgotten!)

Each patrol should be thinking of how they can contribute to Troop 81's Auction Basket – see next page for full details.



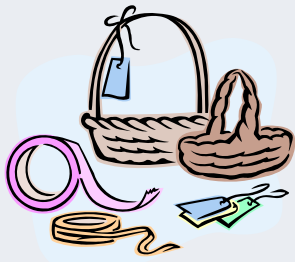
Patrols can donate a service project to the basket, such as a car wash, a garden clean-up, or a set number of service hours. These donations will then be used by whoever wins the basket with a winning high bid.

Let's see how creative you can be! If you have an idea, please talk about it with your Patrol. Donations are due March 1st, so you have 5 meetings to decide.

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) **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.
- March campout – the dates MAY be changed, due to Spring Break starting that weekend. Stay tuned on this.
- **NEW INFO:** April 20-22 campout is now confirmed as our rescheduled back-packing trip – same location as it was: Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL.





A-TISKET, A-TASKET

Mrs. **Kelly O'Brien** has graciously accepted to coordinate your many donations for our 1st-ever **Troop Auction Basket!**

On **March 8th** 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. T81 wins a prize if we have the basket that sells for the most \$\$\$.

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 1st, but it's never too early to start thinking of this fun project!

Please contact Kelly at billandkell@comcast.net if you have questions, or if you have any donations.



EAGLE'S CORNER

Kurt M. still needs wind instrumentalists for his jazz ensemble Eagle Project. Musicians will perform on March 10th & 11th at four nursing homes in the area. Musicians as well as equipment "roadies" are needed for this event. There is *free food* involved as well. Sign up at Troop Meetings or contact Kurt directly. Remember, a Scout is: HELPFUL! ☺

Russell M. will also need additional help with warmer-weather finishing touches on that KYBO! Contact him directly for details.

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



We understand that many of you cannot always make our weekly meetings to hear announcements. At the Court of Honor Sunday, I mentioned that this newsletter is our main means of communicating with our Troop families, so I'd like to repeat a few important items here.

First, thanks to Mrs. Kelly O'Brien for stepping forward to coordinate our Troop auction basket! (See note to the left.) **Second**, we're still looking for a group of parents willing to help coordinate our Pancake Breakfast Fundraising Event for 2007. If there is *any* aspect of this event that you are willing to coordinate, please come forward. It is vital that our fundraising efforts continue, as this event in particular involves all of our Scouts and gives each of them an opportunity to earn his own way and pay for his scouting experience. **Third**, we also need a Troop Committee Secretary – this is an easy 1-1 ½ hour per month position – and keeps you well informed of Troop activities.

REMEMBER: Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be Superbowl Sunday, Feb 4th; the exact time and location to be confirmed. All Troop families are welcome!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING – THANKS!

Thank you to all the Friends of Scouting supporters in Troop 81. If you have not returned your signed pledge card yet, please see one of us - Dean Bergquist, Mary Jane Gloudeman, or Laura Bednar - as soon as you can.

PS: Don't forget your company matching forms!

Yours in Scouting,

Dean, Mary Jane & Laura

