



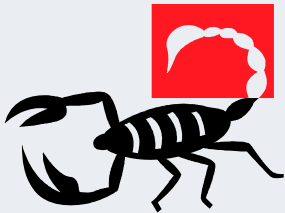
# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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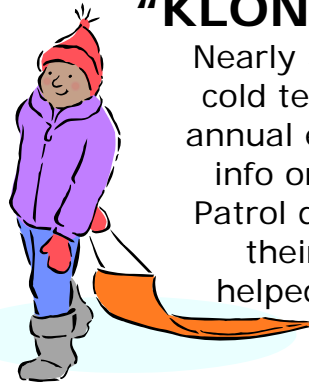
## Troop Meeting FEB 1st

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class rank requirements competition.*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



### REMINDER:

**Bring back all Troop Equipment from Klondike – turn all items into your Patrol QuarterMaster – do not dump them in a pile! Also, make a note of any repairs or missing parts.**



## **"KLONDIKE was AWESOME!" \***

Nearly 50 Scouts and over 15 adults braved the cold temps and enjoyed themselves at this fun annual event this past weekend. Read below for info on the overall competition results – each Patrol did admirably, often with duct tape being their new-found friend. Thanks to all who helped: drivers, cooks, mentors, organisers, **and Scouts!**

## A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



Well done, Klondike Scouts! Troop 81 was well represented at this annual District event. Very well represented, as it turned out: Viking Patrol took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the overall competition...and Scorpion took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. These are out of ALL of the Patrols and Troops who participated from the entire District! Patches will be handed out at Troop Meeting, and this patch is always a great looking one to collect.

The weekends are rapidly slipping away. Klondike is now behind us; our February outing features cabin camping; and before you know it, March will be here with warmer camping weather, and our rescheduled Backpacking trip. There is much to look forward to.

During our February 8<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting we will hold Order of the Arrow Elections. I will highlight this in more detail next week.

Until then, stay warm, and enjoy the game on Sunday. We have cancelled our Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Troop Committee Meeting - details elsewhere in this newsletter.

**IMPORTANT:** All troop and patrol quartermasters should plan on being at River Glen church at **6:00pm on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** for monthly trailer clean up. If you can't make it, you need to arrange a substitute. Bundle up warmly and wear gloves!  
Thanks, *Mr. Paul Bainbridge*



(\*overheard in the Hill parking lot Saturday night)



## CALENDAR

Feb 1: Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

**CANCELLED:** Feb 4:  
Troop Committee Mtg. Go  
Bears!

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.

Mar 1: Troop Mtg.  
(Eagle)

**NEW** Mar 4: Troop  
Committee Meeting, 7 pm  
River Glen Church.

Mar 8: Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

**TROOP 81**  
**BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL  
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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- Kevin D. thanked everyone who helped him with his Eagle Project – he is done – WHEW!
- Viking Patrol presented cold weather info, in prep for Klondike overnighiter.
- **Mr. Dunning** met with those who have signed up for Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges. There's a trip to the Fire Station scheduled. Have your requirements completed for this. Contact him if you missed the short meeting or have questions.
- **Mr. Smith** met with those signed up for Orienteering Merit Badge. He will contact you for the first outdoor meeting, which will be at Waterfall Glen, Argonne Lab. site, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from 8 am-2 pm. Permission slips and details avail Thursday. There are over 40 geo-markers out there waiting to be found! And, it's not too late to join us! Sign up at Troop Mtg. **BONUS:** you can use these orienteering trips to work on other rank requirements too.
- **Mr. Maurer** collected \$125 deposits (per person) for Grand Canyon trek. He also met with everyone, so if you missed his meetings, contact him for info.
- **Kurt M.** met with those Scouts signed up to help with Jazz Ensemble Eagle Project—if you missed this meeting, he will contact you with a practice schedule.
- We had 3 Webelos from Pack 110. Thank you all for making them feel welcome. ☺
- **REMINDER:** There were quite a few "left-over" badges, patches, and pins at the front table – please check next Troop Meeting if you forgot to pick yours up!

### 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



### 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)) 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.





## CORRECTION!

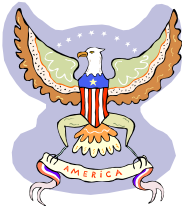
If any of you tried to email **Mrs. Kelly O'Brien** with your donations for our Troop Auction Basket – you found out that the one published in last week's newsletter didn't work!

Kelly is coordinating your many donations for our 1<sup>st</sup>-ever **Troop Auction Basket!** This basket will be auctioned off March 8<sup>th</sup> by the Indian Prairie District as a fundraiser.

Each Patrol can contribute service hours or a project. Your company can contribute items or events. And each family can contribute items as well – *the sky's the limit!*

We need your items by March 1<sup>st</sup>, but it's never too early to start thinking of this fun project!

Please contact Kelly at the correct address: [billandkel@comcast.net](mailto:billandkel@comcast.net) if you have questions, or if you have any donations.



## EAGLE'S CORNER

**Kurt M.** met with his jazz ensemble helpers after Troop Meeting, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. If you missed this meeting, contact Kurt directly for a complete practice schedule for his Eagle Project. Musicians will perform on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at four nursing homes in the area. Musicians as well as equipment "roadies" are needed.

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

Well, with Troop Elections behind us, **Mr. Dave Rypka** will be getting each of us a new Troop Roster. These will be handed out at Troop meetings over the next 2 weeks (to save postage), so please make a point of coming in when you drop off your Scout and introduce yourself to Dave. Of course, if we don't see you, the roster will be mailed to you.



In the next month or two, Dave will also be entering all of the data required for "recharter" of our Scouts. This re-registers them for another full year of scouting. **Mrs. Sue Simpson** has graciously accepted our call to help Dave with this process. We also will be updating Class 1, 2, &/or 3 Medical forms. If you're due to visit your doctor soon, be sure to take a BSA form with you to complete: copies are on our website – [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org), under Troop Documents. If you are/will be over 40, and going to summer camp OR High Adventure, you will need a Class 3 form completed by your physician.

**Good news!** We now have a few parents who have volunteered to help with the Pancake Breakfast – we would like a few more of you to come forward so we can form a small committee for this event. If you can help – a little or a lot – please come see me. Finally, we do still need a Troop Committee Secretary. Contact me for details. I appreciate your help.

**CANCELLATION:** Our Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Troop Committee Meeting is cancelled! If you need any issues resolved before March 4<sup>th</sup> (our next one), contact Mr. Maurer/me at regular Troop Meetings. If you have outstanding expenses, see Mr. Simnick.

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**DON'T FORGET:** **Everyone** is encouraged to check the **Lost & Found box** at the front of Troop Meetings – you often don't know you are missing something until you actually see it in the box. If your name is on it, we'll try to get it to you...but if you didn't label your things, they go to Mr. Maurer!

