



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting FEB 8<sup>th</sup>

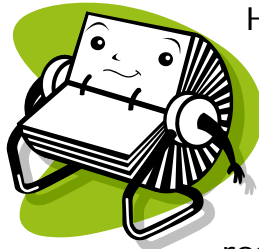
1. Viking Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. Activities: Order of Arrow Elections.
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



### **REMINDER:**

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

## **NEW Troop Rosters are Here!**



How many of you still use a Rolodex? Would your Scout even know what one is?! In this day and age of email and electronics, it is sometimes comforting to know that we still like to do a few things the old fashioned way: your new, paper copy of the Troop roster is available, and this was handed out to families at Troop Mtg. Please make a point of coming into the Church on 2/8/07 to get your own copy. Thanks to Mr. Rypka and Mrs. Simpson for putting this together. We can't get away from technology completely and we've moved to new software to put the roster together – So, **IMPORTANT:** check that your name, address and phone numbers are all correct. Let Mr. Rypka know if not.

## **A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer**

Scouts,

This week we will once again hold our annual elections for new members of the Order of the Arrow. It is important that we have a large turn out at the meeting for the elections to proceed!



For those who may be unfamiliar, the OA is a national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. Founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915, it seeks to develop and maintain a lasting brotherhood of cheerful service, scout camping traditions and spirit, and appreciation for Native American culture. The honor in becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow is that you can only become a member through an election of your peers. Nobody can individually select you or appoint you as a member of the Order of the Arrow.

We have many worthy scouts who are eligible. Many who have been on the ballot many times. As you view the ballot at this week's meeting, look not just for your friends' or patrol members' names. Look for those who are always in a position of responsibility, look for those who have taken the time to help you with a requirement to help you advance, look for the names of the scouts who are always at the service projects helping others, look for those scouts who are always on the campouts.

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## CALENDAR

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)

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

Mar 8: Troop Mtg. (Scorpion)

Mar 15: Troop Mtg. (Viking)

**NEW** Mar 16-18: COPE Campout Weekend @ Morris, IL.

Mar 22: Troop Mtg. (Wolverine)

## TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church  
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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge update: There's a trip to Fire Station #7 (main one on Aurora Ave, N'ville) scheduled for Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Have your requirements completed for this. Contact **Mr. Dunning** if you have questions.
- **Mr. Smith** met again with those signed up for Orienteering Merit Badge. Your first outdoor meeting will be Feb 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from 8 am-2 pm, Waterfall Glen, Argonne site. He has permission slips, and these are due back by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, he has a strict list of items to bring. It's not too late to join us! Last chance to sign up is at 2/8 mtg. There is a second outdoor meeting tentatively planned for Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – this is a special event put on by the Chicago Orienteering Club at the same location as Feb 11: Waterfall Glen. Details to follow....
- **Eric K.** announced a new 10 mile hike available on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at Troop Mtg. This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> class rank requirement if you need it completed before Spring Court of Honor.
- We had 3 Webelos from Packs 110 and 643. Thank you all for making them feel welcome. ☺ Mr. Maurer and other Troop members crossed over 4 new scouts from Cub Pack 521, so expect them to join us as our newest Moose & Muskie!
- **REMINDER:** If you have a tent (or other equip) from Klondike – Aaron C. read off a dozen or so names - you need to bring these back this week!

Two or three meetings ago, each Scout received his own name tag to sew on his uniform. The Troop went to considerable expense and effort to provide these – yet many of you have not sewed them on!



To help, here again are the instructions:

- Trim excess red thread from between the letters.
- Fold under raw edges and iron (you may trim these too)
- Sew above the RIGHT pocket, just above the BSA strip
- Iron again to secure.

Mr. Maurer would like to see ALL Scouts have their tags on.

### 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. **Check website for permission slip.**
- **NEW:** March campout is now on the **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** weekend! It will be held at the Rainbow Council Reservation in Morris, IL – and will feature a climbing wall, rappelling, zip-line, and both lo- & hi-COPE events. This is not to be missed!





## GIRL SCOUTS NEED BOY SCOUT HELP

Here's a **SWEET** opportunity for service hours:

The Girls Scouts of Prairie Winds Council need Boy Scout assistance in helping distribute cases of Girl Scout **COOKIES** on **Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Work involves light lifting of boxes from trailers into cars/vans.

Sign up sheet and further info is at Troop Meeting.

If anyone needs Girl Scout **COOKIES**, ask a Boy Scout – chances are he has a sister!



## ATTENTION! TROOP ATTENTION!

### Are YOU ready for Summer Camp and High Adventure?!

You will definitely need a Class 1 Medical Form, and possibly a Class 2 or even Class 3 Form on file. Nothing brings more confusion than perhaps which form is needed and how often it needs to be updated.

Here's a recap:

**Class 1** Medical Form - update yearly for EVERY Scout and registered adult; can be filled out by adult.

**Class 2** Medical Form - update every 3 years, must be completed by a physician, and is required for camping.

**Class 3** Medical Form - required for High Adventure & jamborees & for adults over 40, must be completed yearly by a physician. (Class 3 can be used for Class 2 but not vice versa.) EVERYone going on a **High Adventure** **MUST** have a **Class 3 Medical Form** completed by their physician! You might want to make an appointment now to make sure you can schedule it in time.



You can download all of these forms from the troop website: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org). Look in "Troop Documents". Sherri Nagy also has a box of forms if you need them - check with her at the meetings.

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

I mentioned last week that we're gearing up for "re-charter" – our annual re-registering of Troop Scouts. Mr. Dave Rypka is using a new database program called "TroopMaster". He has already transferred the info over, and the results are your new rosters.



Soon (within a week or two), you will each receive a small packet in the mail. Included will be a 2007 Troop Information Update form – this will show all of the information we currently have on you and/or your Scout. This is considerably easier than last year – the information is all there now – you just update it as necessary. *If only taxes were this simple!* Also included in your packet will be a letter from Mr. Simnick, giving the balance of your Scout's account. You'll recall that \$85 went into every Scout's account who participated fully in our Pancake Fundraiser, as well as 10% of his total sales.

And speaking of Pancake Breakfasts...we still need just a few more parents to join our Fundraising Committee. If you can help – a little or a lot – please come see me. We still need a Committee Secretary, too. It's a small commitment, but a very necessary one for our Troop. I appreciate your help.

Our Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Troop Committee Meeting was cancelled – some special game or something? If you need any issues resolved before March 4<sup>th</sup> (our next mtg), contact Mr. Maurer/me at regular Troop Meetings. If you have outstanding expenses, see Mr. Simnick.

## IT'S THAT UNIFORM REFEREE AGAIN!



Are you in danger of receiving a 5 yard penalty? Or worse, ejection from the game?

Please check that you have your COMPLETE Scout uniform on for a Troop meetings:

- Class A shirt
- Troop hat
- Neckerchief/slide or bolo
- BELT
- All current patches sewn on shirt?
- Shirt tucked into pants?

Scouts may be asked to sit out or go home if their uniform is incomplete. If you or your Scout need items, see **Mrs. Diane Makaryk** – she has a box of spare uniform items for sale, and each for a small price. Also, as you outgrow items, check her box for bargains. Some shirts even have the correct patches already sewn on!



**FOS Wrap-Up:** By now you've turned in your signed FOS pledge card, of course. **No?!** If not, please contact an FOS rep asap: Dean Bergquist, Laura Bednar, Mary Jane Gloudeman. **Thanks!**

## A Scout is: REVERENT



Mr. O'Brien, our Troop Chaplain, informed us that Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> was **Scout Sunday**. He read out a statement by Lord Baden-Powell, which is excerpted here:



"The Scout, in his promise, undertakes to do his duty to his king and country only in the second place; his first duty is to God. ...God is the Father of us all...we Scouts count ourselves a brotherhood despite the difference among us of country, creed, or class.

"Let us, therefore, in training our Scouts, keep the higher aim in the forefront, not let ourselves get too absorbed in the steps. Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, back woodsmanship, camping, hiking, Good Turns, jamboree comradeship are all means, not the end. The end is CHARACTER with a purpose."

At the February cabin campout, Mr. O'Brien will conduct a short service with the Scouts. **The theme is "God As Your Shelter."** Please ask your Scout what this means to him.

### **Continuation** of Mr. Maurer's Message Regarding Order of the Arrow Elections

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There is no limit as to the number of scouts who can be elected to the Order. Look for those names and vote for ALL who have helped you along the way, as these are the scouts who belong as a member of the Boys Scouts Honor Society. You can vote for as many of the scouts on the ballot as you wish. We need at least 50% of our Troop members to attend our OA Elections. Scouts then need to receive at least 50% of these attending member's votes to become part of the Order.

