



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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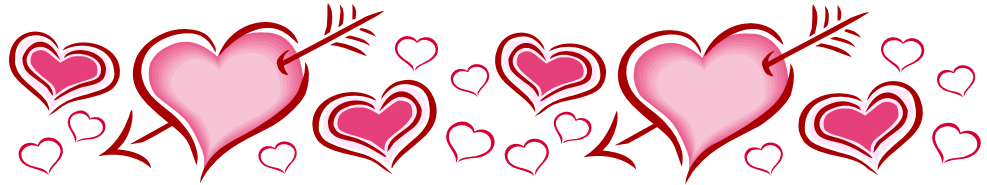
## Troop Meeting FEB 15<sup>th</sup>

1. *Wolverine Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.*
2. *Activities: Prep for Ski/Cabin Weekend*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



### **REMINDER:**

**There is a box of LOST & FOUND items at the front of our Troop Meetings. Some items have been in there since...  
...Summer Camp 2006?... These will surely be donated soon!**



## A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



Thanks to all who participated in our Order of the Arrow Elections last meeting. We had over 70 Scouts in attendance to vote. As has been the practice of Troop 81 and the OA, the results of the election will be kept confidential until the Official Tap Out Ceremony. The Tap Out Ceremony is where each of the selected scouts and adults are drawn from the crowd during a campfire put on by the current members of the Order of the Arrow. This year the Tap Out will take place during the campfire at the Camperall in May. I trust you learned a lot about the OA, which recognizes the importance of service to Scouting.

Another recognition is our own District's Silver Acorn Award. Please take a moment to re-read Paul Bainbridge's message about our Silver Acorn nomination process, below.



"Each year the Indian Prairie District gives its member units the opportunity to honor a person who has made outstanding contributions to the unit's success. The award given to honor that person is called the Silver Acorn. This year the Silver Acorn will be presented at the Indian Prairie District recognition dinner on April 13, 2007. Past recipients of the Silver Acorn award in Troop 81 include Tim Maurer, Jim Simnick, Dave Ripka, Alan Powell, Alan Christensen, Carole Christensen, and myself.

"I would like to solicit nominations for this year's Silver Acorn award. The past winners of the award who are noted above are not eligible for nomination. The nominee does not need to be a registered leader in the troop. Anyone who has made a contribution to the success of Troop 81 can be nominated.

"If you would like to nominate someone for the Silver Acorn, please email me at [pbainbridge@alcatel-lucent.com](mailto:pbainbridge@alcatel-lucent.com) with the name of the nominee and a brief summary of why the person deserves to be recognized. A panel of the previous Silver Acorn awardees will determine the winner from the received nominations.

"Troop 81 is one the largest, most active, and most successful Boy Scout troops in the area. Our success is largely due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the adult volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to the troop. Please take some time and consider nominating your choice for the Silver Acorn award. I am tentatively keeping nominations open until Friday March 16, 2007. If this date changes I'll send out a notice. Thanks." ~ Mr. Paul Bainbridge

**Important  
DATE!**

## CALENDAR

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)

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

Mar 22: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine)

Mar 29: Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk)

## TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL  
[WWW.TROOP81.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP81.ORG)



## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **NEW: Science Merit Badge Clinic** on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Argonne Labs. Very limited enrollment, so see sign-up sheet or contact Mr. Maurer ASAP. You must be a US citizen and age 12+. This 1-day event will earn you one of the following badges: Chemistry, Computers, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Engineering, Geology, or Nuclear Science.
- **NEW: Mr. Bainbridge** has information on the RAGBRAI hi-adventure **bike ride**: 500 miles across Iowa, July 22-28. He is collecting names of those interested.
- **Mr. Smith** met again with those signed up for Orienteering Merit Badge. Their second outdoor meeting is tentatively planned for Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – a special event put on by the Chicago Orienteering Club at Waterfall Glen. Details to follow....
- **Matt N.** is moving to Tennessee! He provided us with a great cake, and we wish him and his family well. Please keep in touch.
- There is still time to sign up for the **10 mile hike** available on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> class rank requirement if you need it completed before Spring Court of Honor. Sign up at Troop Mtg.
- We had **visiting Scouts** from Pack 643 and some recently moved here from New Hampshire who may join our Troop. Thank you all for making them feel welcome. Moose & Muskie Troops will be starting soon ☺ .

**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 slips](#). **These are DUE Feb 15!**

### FUTURE Troop Events

- **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!
- **April backpacking trip** is scheduled for **20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** weekend – same location as it was in November: Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL.
- **Camporall**: Weekend of **May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**, at Sandwich, IL.
- **June 8-10** is our annual **Service Project Weekend** up at Owasipee. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge. **Summer Camp** is confirmed for **Sat Jun 23 – Sat June 30**. Look for your info packets to come out next month or so.

## KEEP IN TOUCH!



Troop Rosters were handed out (to those who have not yet received them), but we still have a few leftover. If we don't see you, we'll mail out your copy.

It is important that you **check your roster** to ensure your own information is correct – we've moved to a new software program (TroopMaster), and we want to be sure everything is complete.

Look for your re-charter packet to come soon in the mail, along with a letter explaining the balance your son's Scout Account.



## 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 at the back of the room - check with her at the meetings.

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

It's hard to be a broken record, but...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 next Troop Committee Meeting is Sun March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the River Glen Church. ALL adults are welcome! Come see what part you can play in helping our Scouts.

### DONATIONS, DONATIONS, DONATIONS

Just a reminder that **Kelly O'Brien** is still looking for any of your company, private, and/or Patrol donations, for our contribution to Indian Prairie's annual fundraiser!

Troop 81 is preparing its own Auction Basket which will be raffled off.

Kelly has some great items so far, including tire rotation and oil change coupons, gift certificates, wine & accessories, and various company giveaways. Deadline is approaching – we appreciate your help!

Check out our Troop website ([www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)) for archived issues of this newsletter. If you have anything you wish to contribute, please contact Lisa Schweitzer.