



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting FEB 22nd

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: Final Prep for Ski/Cabin Weekend*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



Thank You, Scouts

On behalf of the Girl Scouts, thanks to all Boy Scouts who helped with unloading Cookies last weekend.



ON MY HONOR...

At our last Troop Meeting, Mr. Sampson reminded Scouts of what the Scout Oath means. He told of an Eagle Scout who was captured during the Vietnam War by the North Vietnamese. This Scout was sent to a prison camp and routinely tortured and asked to denounce the United States. This Scout used the Scout Oath as a mantra to keep his mind focused throughout his 2 ½ years in prison. He never was "broken" – once a Scout, always a Scout; once an Eagle, always an Eagle – and he never denounced his service to God and his country.

Each week we also recite the Scout Oath and the 12 attributes of what a Scout is. Let these words remind you of your ongoing pledge to serve others. Thank you, Mr. Sampson!

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

Update on Fundraising: I have split up the entire fundraising task into several manageable chunks – a few parents are needed to help manage very specific Pancake Breakfast jobs. Many of you have helped in the past – perhaps you are willing to repeat that job. I now need you to come forward to take 1 of these smaller jobs. None of these is difficult, so please remember that many hands make for light work.



Yes, I am also still in need of one additional parent to help out on our Committee. We still need a Troop Committee Secretary, whose job is to take minutes of our meetings once each month. That's it!

And speaking of that, our next Troop Committee Meeting is **Sun March 4th, 7 pm** at the River Glen Church. ALL adults are welcome to attend – you don't need to be a Committee Member. Come see what part you can play in helping our Scouts. I appreciate your help.

We're gearing up for a busy Spring and Summer season of Scouting. I'd like to thank in advance Kathy & Stan Smith for their efforts to ensure our Troop has a superb summer camp experience this year! Look for their information packets soon.



CALENDAR

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



TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **Mr. Marineau** met with the **sailing Hi-Adventure** group after our Troop Mtg. Contact him for details if you missed this.
- **Mr. Bainbridge** has information on the RAGBRAI hi-adventure **bike ride**: 500 miles across Iowa, July 22-28. YOU can do this! He is collecting names of those interested – no commitment – just register your interest at this stage.
- **Mr. Smith** needs his video copies back, and he is also missing a water bottle and 2 compasses from the 2/11 orienteering outing. A second outdoor meeting is tentatively planned for Mar 11th – a special event put on by the Chicago
- **Science Merit Badge Clinic** on March 24th at Argonne Labs. Very limited enrollment, so see sign-up sheet or contact Mr. Maurer ASAP. This 1-day event will earn you one of the following badges: Chemistry, Computers, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Engineering, Geology, or Nuclear Science.
- We had our first **new Moose Scouts** from Packs 521 and 125 join us! And we'll get new scouts each week. Thank you all for making them feel welcome.
- Permission slips for Feb 23-25 snow sports & cabin camping were due 2/15.

FUTURE Troop Events

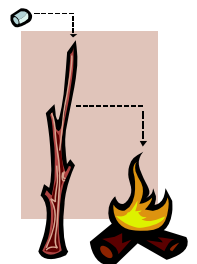


Our **March campout** is on the **16th-18th** weekend, and this will be here before you know it. Event will be held at the Rainbow Council Reservation in Morris, IL – and will feature a climbing wall, rappelling, zip-line, and both lo- & hi-COPE events. This is one campout you won't want to miss!

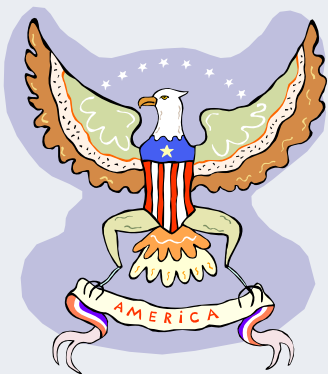
Our Activity Chairs, Mesdames Dunning & Schwartz, need a headcount sooner rather than later. Therefore, your **permission slips for this event are due March 1st**.

Check website for [permission slips](#). These are **DUE Mar 1st**!

- **April backpacking trip** is scheduled for **20th-22nd** weekend – same location as it was in November: Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL.
- **Camporall**: Weekend of **May 4th-6th**, at Sandwich, IL.
- **June 8-10** is our annual **Service Project Weekend** up at Owasippe. 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.



If you have missed any previous announcements, check out our archived E-Mail Newsletters on our Troop Website: www.troop81.org – click on “Troop Information”.



EAGLE CORNER

Kurt M. is putting the final touches on his Eagle Project: 4 performances of a Jazz Ensemble for local nursing homes, March 10 & 11.

Last week's practice was cancelled and is being rescheduled. Kurt will contact you – or contact him.

Also, anyone can help (not just musicians) – he can use "roadies" and extra hands to set up chairs, move equipment, and so forth.



WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET BASKET?

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Only 1 more meeting (and a bit) to turn in your donations to **Mrs. Kelly O'Brien**. She 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. We appreciate your help!

A Few Words From Scoutmaster Maurer



As you know, we had our first Moose Scouts join our Troop this past week. Many more will join us over the coming weeks. I appreciate when each Troop 81 Scout welcomes them, introduces them to others, and helps them get settled into our activities.

Think back to what your first year of Boy Scouts was like. If it was great, be sure to make our newest Scouts' experience a great one too. If you were somewhat confused or overwhelmed your first year, make sure that you prevent these feelings in others – show them, help them, teach them.

Our annual Moose & Muskie training overnighter is a great time and place to demonstrate your skills to other. Stay tuned on a specific date and sign up if you wish to participate.

It is here that I would like to once again recognize formally two gentlemen, Mr. Geoff Dubbins and Mr. Tiger Harris. Each year these two gentlemen take very eager young Scouts and start our new Moose & Muskie patrols. The growth and maturity that occurs during that first year of scouting is tremendous, and Messrs' Dubbins & Harris combined efforts with these young scouts is to be commended. Thank you, Gentlemen, for all that you do!

Are **YOU** ready for Summer Camp and/or High Adventure?!

You will definitely need a Class 1 Medical Form, and possibly a Class 2 or even Class 3 Form on file. See our 2 previous E-Mail newsletters for exact details.

Remember, EVERY Scout needs to fill out a NEW Class 1 form EVERY year.



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

Now is the time to schedule physicals with your doctor – BEFORE you know it, Summer Camp and High Adventure trips will be HERE!