



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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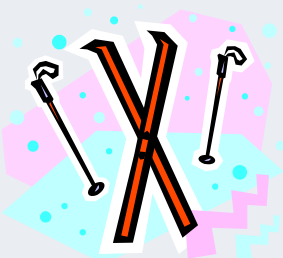
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Troop Meeting March 1st

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*: Start prep for March campout. *Your permission slip is DUE 3/1!*
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



Get Well, Erik!



A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer



While on our ski campout this past weekend our Troop had the unfortunate experience of having one of our Scouts involved in a serious accident. Erik K. had his skis cross and he fell hard to the ground. We spent the better part of the next few hours in the emergency room, speaking with doctors, taking x-rays and visiting an oral surgeon. Erik is now home safe and recovering from his injuries. As last I spoke with him he was in good spirits and looking forward to getting around school and the scout meetings with his crutches. If you get a chance, I'm sure Erik would appreciate a call or get well card from his fellow Scouts and Scouters. Erik is expected to be at the meeting this Thurs.

Now that I have had an opportunity to reflect on the situation I would like to share some of the positives that can come from this accident. **First**, Erik was wearing a helmet and skiing with a buddy.

Second, when the accident occurred Mike H., who was skiing just behind Erik, stopped and put his skis in an X, as he had learned from Mr. Marineau. He asked other skiers to get the ski patrol and did what he could to help Erik. When the ski patrol arrived Mike advised them on how to get a hold of the leaders on our own radios. Mike is to be commended for his actions.

Third, as we rushed Erik to the emergency room, the leaders of this Troop came together to fill in the gaps left behind by those going to the hospital. Each of the leaders did a little bit more in communication, driving scouts, planning and decision making - this to make sure the scouts at the ski hill were well taken care of and allowing those of us who took Erik to the emergency room the ability to focus on the issue at hand.

Fourth, we were prepared with CURRENT and COMPLETE health information and permission to treat forms (Class I, II, III physical forms). This form gave us the ability to get Erik in to treatment without delay. The information provided gave the ER doctors a baseline of information with regard to height, weight, blood pressure allergies, medications, emergency phone numbers and the like. So, when you see the emails and other requests from Sherri Nagy asking for updated information, please DON'T DELAY in responding quickly to her request.

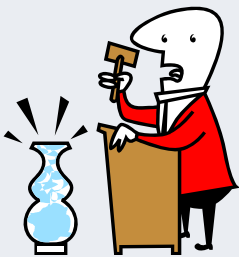
And finally, I have long felt that we have a special and committed group of adults leading this Troop. The events of this weekend once again showed me how special this leadership is and how fortunate we are to be part of this organization. My special **Thank You** goes out to all involved.

"Be Prepared!"

An ORDER FORM for Class B Shirts (needed for Summer Camp) is coming soon.



LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE



DEADLINE: Please contact **Mrs. Kelly O'Brien** with any last-minute additions to our fundraising Gift Basket. 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 an Auction Basket which will be raffled off. Kelly's address & phone are in the roster. Kelly has some great items so far, and appreciates your help.

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



A Final Friendly Reminder: 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.** Specifically, our Troop needs fundraising parents to step forward, as well as a Troop Committee Secretary.

Your time commitment is small, but your impact will be great.



IS YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING?

Many new scouts are joining our Troop. As you probably noticed, all Boy Scouts look alike (or your uniforms certainly should!).

Now is the time to quickly recheck **EVERY**thing you wear to meetings, **EVERY**thing you take on campouts, and **EVERY**thing you use during scouting – **EVERYTHING** – make sure that your name is on **EVERY**thing.

This greatly increases your chances of getting it back once it is lost. (And trust us – something of yours **WILL** go missing at some stage.) Oh, did I mention **EVERY**thing? No, a few more tips:

- Remember to photocopy a few pages from your Scouting book **EVERY** few months – the pages at the back which list the requirements that you have worked so hard on – that way, if your book goes missing, you have a record of what you've done, and when.
- Lay out **EVERY**thing before you go camping – **EVERY**thing! – and take a permanent marker or laundry pen to put your initials/name on **EVERY**thing.
- Check our Troop Lost & Found department – sometimes you don't know you lost it until you see it in the box with **EVERY**thing else! 😊



CALENDAR

Mar 1: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

REMINDER- 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)

CANCELLED - Mar 29
~~Troop Mtg.~~ (it's Spring
Break!)

Apr 5: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Apr 12: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

NEW: Apr 28 is Work
Day at River Glen Church

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **IMPORTANT:** Mr. Simnick (our Troop Treasurer) handed out **Scout Account statements** to those families in attendance. If you missed this, please check with him at 3/1 Troop Mtg. Also included was your Scout's personal information, which needs to be updated. All updates to Dave Rypka or Sue Simpson, please.
- **NEW:** There is a **10-mile hike** planned along the I&M canal, **March 10th**. See Tommy D. or sign up at Troop Mtgs. This is a 2nd class req – think ahead to Spring Court of Honor if you need this!
- **Mr. Marineau & Son** gave a presentation on ski equipment and snow sports.
- **Mr. Bainbridge** now has **additional** information on the RAGBRAI hi-adventure **bike ride**: 500 miles across Iowa, July 22-28. This is at front table at meetings.
- **Mr. Smith** announced a second outdoor meeting for those completing Orienteering Merit Badge, or if you are just interested in learning about orienteering. There is a timed event at Waterfall Glen F.P. on March 11th – go find the markers using only a compass! Permission slips available next mtg. Scouts will work together-we CAN do this! **NEW:** Part of the Orienteering Merit Badge is teaching skills to others. There is opportunity March 4th to do so. See Mr. Smith for details.
- We had **visiting scouts** from **Pack 110 and 988**. Thank you for making them feel welcome.

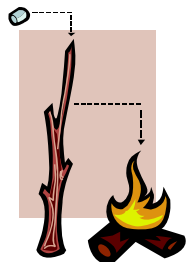
FUTURE Troop Events



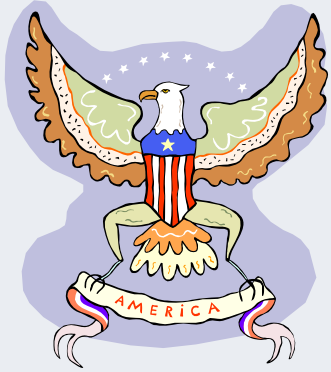
Not to be missed! Our **March campout** is on the **16th-18th** weekend. Event will be held at the Rainbow Council Reservation in Morris, IL – and will feature a climbing wall, rappelling, zip-line, and both lo- & hi-COPE events. Cost is \$35 per scout (\$20 usual fee + \$15 for course.)

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 Owasipee. Boys plan on holding an Eco-Challenge.
- **Summer Camp** is confirmed for **Sat Jun 23 – Sat June 30**.



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's Eagle Project is tap-tap-tappin' along: 4 performances of his Jazz Ensemble for local nursing homes, March 10 & 11, between 2 pm and 4 pm each day.

ANY Scout is welcome to attend – either to listen or to help – but why would you just listen?! Kurt still needs Scouts to attend to escort patients to the performances from their rooms.

Performances will be held at Tabor Hills, the DuPage Convalescent facility, St. Catherine's, and St. Patrick's Residence.



TO UPDATE or NOT TO UPDATE?

Here we go again! **EVERY** Scout and **EVERY** registered Adult needs to update his/her Class 1 Medical Form **EVERY** year. These can be downloaded from our Troop website: www.troop81.org (look under Troop Documents section) or you can see Sherri Nagy at Troop Mtgs for a copy.

If you are going to summer camp you may need the Class 2 portion filled out (it is valid for a few years so you might be ok with last year's form). And high adventure participants and adults over 40 years old will need a Class 3 Form on file. See our previous E-Mail newsletters for exact details on when to update (specifically Feb 14 and Feb 5 – look under archived newsletters in the Troop Information section)!

Remember, EVERY Scout and Adult needs to fill out a NEW Class 1 form EVERY year, and you may need to update their Class 2 and/or 3 forms too!



A Few Words From Your E-Mail News Editor

There's a new movie out in theaters now called "23". Perhaps you've heard of it? The ads look pretty creepy, but the story line sounds rather cheesy: this man (played by Jim Carrey) imagines that the numbers 23 have great significance and hold power over his actions. The numbers 23 (and derivatives thereof) are everywhere. EVERYwhere – imagine!



Well, we've hit our 23rd issue of this weekly E-Mail Newsletter, which I hope is neither creepy nor cheesy. Rest assured, this issue holds no greater significance for me than our 22nd or our 24th.

I thoroughly enjoy my involvement with Troop 81. When I look around the room at Troop meetings and events, everyone there seems to enjoy his and her involvement too. And, as the saying goes, when you truly enjoy what you do, it hardly seems like "work".

I hope you will each find a volunteer opportunity within our Troop that you enjoy as much. So here's to 23 more weeks...and 23 more issues! That number 23: it's positively **EVERY**where! Just like your Scout's name is on **EVERY**thing too....Right?

Remember to check out our Troop website: www.troop81.org. If you have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact Lisa Schweitzer.