



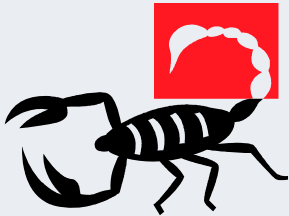
# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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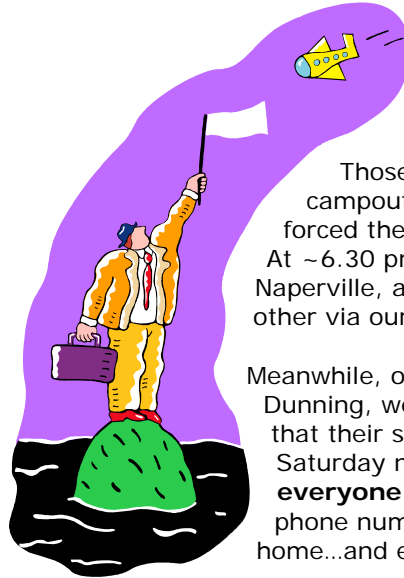
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## Troop Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>

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: Duty roster and food prep for March campout.*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



**NOMINATIONS**  
are due by  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>** to  
**Mr. Paul**  
**Bainbridge** for  
**Silver Acorn**  
**Award** – see  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Troop**  
**E-Mail News** for  
**details.**



## Are You Really REACHABLE?

Those of you who did not go on the Ski/Cabin campout Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> might not know that bad weather forced the Troop to come back a day earlier than planned. At ~6.30 pm Saturday, the Troop convoy set off back to Naperville, and were in constant communication with each other via our radios.

Meanwhile, our Activity Chairs, Mesdames Schwartz and Dunning, were frantically calling all families, informing them that their sons needed to be picked up from Hill at ~11 pm Saturday night! **They were not able to get hold of everyone as easily as they would have liked.** Some phone numbers were incorrect...some people were not home...and even cell phones went unanswered.

It is important to provide the Troop with enough phone contacts that will reach you or someone close to your family in case of an emergency! These contacts should be on the permission slips, but please also check that your Troop Information form (you received from Mr. Simnick along with your Scout Account info) has several numbers. Consider even putting a neighbor's or your son's close friend's numbers down as emergency contacts. Thank you for being REACHABLE!

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



We held our monthly Troop Committee Mtg this past Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to first introduce **Mr. Alec Sandy** as our new Troop Committee Secretary! Within 5 minutes of Alec stepping forward, I had **Mrs. Carol Laskey** call and offer to help with this role as well. Alec will take our meeting minutes, and Carol will help with our Troop correspondence, especially the many 'thank you' letters that we send. Thank you both for coming forward to help with the running of our Troop.

Many exciting events are being planned, so please keep watch for future dates, only one of which I can confirm now. We will hold a meeting for new parents on March 22<sup>nd</sup> – we estimate that about 16 new Scouts will join Troop 81 this year. We are still planning that Troop 81 Merit Badge Clinic...a Summer Camp meeting for parents later in April...and a Spring Court of Honor in May. The District Awards Dinner is April 13<sup>th</sup> – if you are planning to attend, please contact Mr. Paul Bainbridge.

We still need Fundraising help, so please consider stepping forward! Thanks for all of your help with our Troop.



**Important  
DATE!**

## CALENDAR

Mar 8: Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

Mar 15: Troop Mtg.  
(Viking)

Mar 16-18: Climbing  
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)

Apr 19: Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

Apr 26: Troop Mtg.  
(Viking)

**NEW:** Apr 28 is Work  
Day at River Glen Church

**TROOP 81**  
**BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL  
[WWW.TROOP81.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP81.ORG)



## 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 3/8 Troop Mtg. Also included was your Scout's personal information, which needs to be updated. All updates to Mr. Rypka or Mrs. Simpson, this month please.
- **FINAL REMINDER:** There is a **10-mile hike** planned along the I&M canal, **Sat March 10<sup>th</sup>**. See Tommy D. or sign up at Troop Mtgs. This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> class req – think ahead to Spring Court of Honor if you need this!
- **Chris D. and Jordan S.** gave a presentation on climbing equipment & safety.
- **Mr. Bainbridge** is still taking names for those interested in the RAGBRAI hi-adventure **bike ride**: 500 miles across Iowa, July 22-28.
- **Kevin D.** held a PLC Mtg on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Alex T.**, our Troop Historian, would like any additional photos of our trips.
- **Mr. Smith** had permission slips for the March 11<sup>th</sup> orienteering event at Waterfall Glen F.P. These are due at 3/8 Troop Mtg. **CHANGE:** Cost is not \$8 per Scout - \$8 is for our whole group. Cost will be between \$1 and \$2.
- **Scoutmaster Maurer** and other Scouts assisted with Crossover for Webelos this past weekend – look for new scouts each week!
- Permission slips for March campout (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>) were due at 3/1 Troop Mtg.

### FUTURE Troop Events

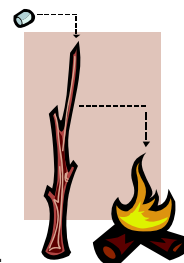


#### **NEW: Annual Work Day at River Glen Church**

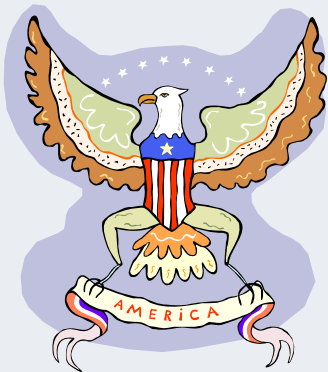
Set this date aside now, please: **Sat April 28<sup>th</sup>** -  
– a complete Troop event to help usher in Spring with a  
yard tidy-up for our Sponsor.

Dress is casual (no uniforms), but remember your Troop hat,  
and bring gloves and raking/weeding equipment  
(with your name on EVERYthing, of course!).

- **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**.



If you have missed any previous announcements, check out our archived E-Mail Newsletters on our Troop Website: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org) – click on "Troop Information".



## EAGLE CORNER

Please contact Kurt M. ASAP if you wish to help out with his Eagle Project. He and his Jazz Ensemble will perform March 10 & 11, between 2 pm and 4 pm each day, for local nursing homes.

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.



## QUARtermasters DOING GREAT JOB!



Mr. Bainbridge would like to thank all of the Quartermasters for a continued job well done with the Troop equipment and trailer!

This position involves coming early once per month to help check over our inventory and equipment, especially after campouts. The Quartermasters meet usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. If a Patrol Quartermaster cannot make this obligation, he should find a substitute from his own Patrol.

We have many new scouts coming into our Troop – help teach them the correct way to clean and stow our equipment. All instructions for this are on our website, under Troop Documents, "Equipment Cleaning Instructions" at [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org).

## ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE YET?



One last time! **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](http://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.**



Forget something you have read or heard about? Check out our Troop website: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org). Each weekly E-Mail Newsletter is conveniently archived.

If you have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact **Lisa Schweitzer** (look under Morris in Blackhawk Troop Roster!).

