



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting March 15th

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: Final prep for March campout & Board Game Night!
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



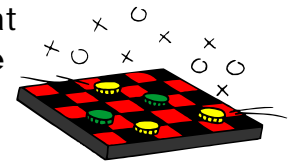
TROOP EQUIPMENT:

Do **YOU** have any T81 Equipment that needs to be returned? Please return it **THIS Thurs**, for this weekend!



DON'T FORGET!

Please bring **2** things to the Troop Meeting THIS Thursday: **(1)** your signed **Rainbow Council Parental Consent Agreement** (if you're going on the campout THIS weekend) – see Marge Dunning's 3/13/07 email about this – the consent form was attached to that email; and **(2)** your **favorite Board Game** – because it's GAME NIGHT!



A Few Words From Assistant Scoutmaster Bainbridge

The annual Indian Prairie **District Appreciation Dinner Dance** will be held on **Friday, April 13** at 6:30pm at the White Eagle Golf Club. The cost for the evening is \$30.00 per person and the dress is business attire. The troop needs to send an RSVP to the district by March 31 with the number of people attending. There will be a sign up sheet at the next 3 troop meetings. If you are attending, please sign up at a Thursday meeting or let me know via email so that I can forward the correct count to the district.



The recipients of the District's **Silver Acorn Award** will be announced at this Appreciation Dinner. Please take the time to recognize a deserving candidate from our Troop for this award! Mighty oak trees grow from tiny acorns – this award recognizes the work of an individual whose efforts contribute to the growth of our Unit. Please include a brief summary of the individual's accomplishments with your nomination. This is the last week that Silver Acorn nominations will be accepted. Contact me directly for full details.

~ Thanks – Mr. Paul Bainbridge

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



I have just a few specific jobs which still need to be filled with parent volunteers. Please consider stepping forward to assist with Pancake Breakfast 2007. Join this important group and snag a one-off job that really helps our Troop.

Thanks for all of your continued help. If there is something specific that you would like to do for Troop 81, just come see me and we'll fit you in!



Important
DATE!

CALENDAR

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)

Apr 28: Work Day at
River Glen Church,
8.30am

NEW: Spring Court of
Honor May 17, River Glen

TENTATIVE: Summer
Court of Honor, August
26, Von Oven.

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

- **CHECK:** If you have not yet received your Scout Account letter from **Mr. Simnick** (our **Troop Treasurer**), please contact him! (See Troop Roster for phone #.) Your Scout's personal information also needs to be updated. All updates to Mr. Rypka or Mrs. Simpson, this month, please.
- The **10-mile hike** planned along the I&M canal, **Sat March 10th** **was cancelled.**
- **IMPORTANT:** **new Moose & Muskie Scouts** – you have a pack and equipment inspection coming up BEFORE our next Campout.
- **Scoutmaster Maurer** and other Scouts assisted with **Crossover for Webelos** this past weekend – look for new scouts each week!
- **Mr. Bergquist** asked that Scouts put April 28th on their calendars (see box below) – River Glen Church is a generous sponsor – please show courtesy towards them by leaving your Patrol rooms even CLEANER than before you used them!
- **DEADLINE:** Those of you going on the **RAGBRAI** bike ride high adventure trip need to get your \$125 deposit and registration forms to Mr. Paul Bainbridge by THIS Friday, March 16th. Contact him directly for full info!
- **NEW:** On Saturday, **April 7**, Troop 81 will build and supervise the fire for St. Thomas Catholic church's Easter Vigil service. Scouts should be at the front of the church at 7:00pm in Class "A" uniform. Our duties include building the fire, safety, and cleaning up. Note that the boys are not part of the service; they are only responsible for fire duty. The event should earn 1 hour of service credit.
- **NEW:** On Tuesday, **April 10**, Troop 81 will conduct the opening and closing flag presentation at the monthly Naperville Township meeting. Scouts should be at the Naperville Township highway department garage on North Aurora Road, just east of Eola Road (Across from All-Seasons skating rink) at 7:00pm. Class "A" uniform required. Attendance at this event will earn 1 service hour of credit and may also be used to fulfill requirement 3a (and maybe 3b) of the "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.



Annual Work Day at River Glen Church

Set this date aside now, please: **Sat April 28th** -
– 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!).

...More Future Events on next page...



*Forget something you
have read or heard
about?*

*Check out our Troop
website:*

www.troop81.org.

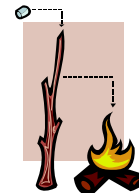
*Each weekly E-Mail
Newsletter is
conveniently archived.*

*If you have any
contributions to our
weekly E-Mail
Newsletter,
please contact **Lisa
Schweitzer (Morris)**
(look for Morris in the
Blackhawk phone list).*

TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES cont.!

FUTURE Troop Events

- **April backpacking trip** is scheduled for **20th-22nd** weekend.
- **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”.



100 Years of Scouting!

Centennial Quality Unit Award
Introduced Nationwide

You may notice a small rectangular patch on Scouts' right uniform sleeves. This is an annual Quality Award patch, and Scouts can wear this with pride. In honor of an upcoming 100 years of Scouting, a new Centennial Quality Award program will replace the current Quality Awards program for 2007 through 2010. Troop 81 is preparing to qualify for this new award. Look for details soon.