



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting March 22<sup>nd</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:  
Discussion about Scout safety.
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



## **RETURNING EQUIPMENT:**

**Please check in your equipment with a QuarterMaster – do not leave it outside in a pile!**



## **Parents: Please discuss this article with your scouts!**



*MCGRADY, N.C. — The search for a Boy Scout who disappeared during a camping trip in a North Carolina park resumed on Monday after the child's mess kit was found about three-quarters of a mile from where he last was seen in Doughton Park. About 10 scouts and their three adult leaders of Troop 230 noticed Auberry was missing after eating lunch together Saturday. "The most probable thing is that he walked away, went out in the woods and went to investigate," said David Bauer, a ranger with the parkway. (Article From FOXNews.com)*

Parents, this is one of the nightmares that we as adult leaders have to deal with on a continual basis during our camping trips. There are not many things that will turn a fun outing deadly serious more quickly than a missing scout. We take many precautions to prevent things like this from happening, but we need your help. Troop 81 and the Boy Scouts have a few rules that when implemented, can prevent this from becoming a headline closer to home.

1. No scout should ever leave camp (meaning our specific area of tents) without speaking directly with his patrol mentor. Your son should know who that is or in rare cases, which adult is filling in for his patrol mentor on a specific outing.
2. In the rare case that the adult mentor is not in camp, there is always at least one adult left in charge of the camp while others are out. In that case, your son should talk to that adult.
3. If a group is leaving camp, the patrol mentor or adult in charge should know the name of every scout who is leaving camp.
4. A scout should never leave camp without a buddy. The buddy system helps in a number of ways, but in some cases might provide that voice of reason asking, "are you sure we should do this?" The common phrase "2 heads are better than 1" certainly applies here.
5. At summer camp there is a sign-out board when scouts are going to their merit badges. Every scout is required to write his name and where he is going on that board if he is out of camp for any reason.
6. Wear your hat and either class "B" in camp and class "A" while traveling. This makes you easier to spot in a group (like a gas station or rest area) or in the woods.



There may be other conditions specific to the outing or location that will be explained to all scouts on a case-by-case basis, but these 5 simple principles, if followed, will prevent future headlines that none of us want to read or be a part of.

Thank you in advance for speaking with your son and helping us all sleep better at night.

Yours in Scouting, Assistant ScoutMaster, Bill Marineau



*PS: On Tuesday March 20, this Scout was found ALIVE, thank goodness!*



## CALENDAR

Mar 22: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine)

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

Apr 5: Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk) & **New  
Parent Info Night!**

Apr 12: Troop Mtg.  
(Eagle)

Apr 19: Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

Apr 20-22: Backpacking  
Campout.

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.

## TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

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



## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

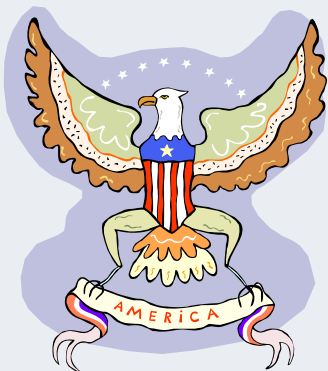
- On Saturday, **April 7**, at 7 pm, Troop 81 will build and supervise the fire for St. Thomas Catholic church's Easter Vigil service. Sign up at Troop Meetings. Note that the boys are not part of the service; they are only responsible for fire duty. The event should earn 1 hour of service credit. Class "A" uniform required.
- On Tuesday, **April 10**, at 7 pm, Troop 81 will conduct the opening and closing flag ceremony at the monthly Naperville Township meeting (Highway Dept garage on No Aurora Rd, just east of Eola Rd across, from All-Seasons skating rink). Troop 81 stores its trailers on Naperville Township property, so it is time to do a good turn for them. Sign up at Troop Meetings. Arrive before 7 pm to set up. 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.
- On **April 13**, at 6.30 pm at the White Eagle Golf Club, the **Indian Prairie District Appreciation Dinner Dance** will be held. Cost is \$30 p.p. and dress is business attire. Mr. Paul Bainbridge needs your RSVP by end of March – sign up sheets are at Troop Mtgs, or you can contact Paul directly.
- It's too late to mention this for the past weekend, but keep in mind for the future: if you are buying food for your Patrol, be sure to pick up a Troop cooler from the trailer beforehand! ☺
- **Grand Canyon High Adventure** folk met during Troop Meeting with Mr. Maurer. Contact him directly for details if you missed this.
- **Canoeing High Adventure** folk met with Mr. Krawczyk after Troop Mtg. Contact him for details if you missed this.
- **Orienteering Merit Badge** Scouts met after Troop Meeting. Mr. Smith asked that Scouts come to 3/22 meeting with at least 2 dates in mind for future orienteering outing. Group is starting to plan an orienteering event for our Troop, and other teaching opportunities, as part of this badge's requirements.
- Anyone interested in **Hiking Merit Badge** program should see either Mr. John Smith or Mr. Greg Pronger. Info at front table at Troop Mtgs.

### FUTURE Troop Events

- **April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Backpacking** weekend, Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL. **NEW:** Moose/Muskie Scouts and others who will not be backpacking will do other activities.
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> Work Day** at River Glen Church.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Camporall**, Sandwich, IL. New OA inductees will be tapped out at this ceremony.
- **June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: annual Service Project Weekend** at Owasipee. Boys plan on also holding an Eco-Challenge.
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: Summer Camp** is confirmed. **NEW:** Look for your packets and a Parent Info Night later in April!

And, 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

**Kurt M. would like to thank the following Scouts for help with his Eagle Project, which is now COMPLETE!**

**Musicians: Sean S., Aaron L., Bryan G., Mike K., Rajeev U., Sam D., and Kevin D.**

**Crew: Drew L., Matt B., Garrett B., and Kevin S.**

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*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 there.*



*If YOU have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact **Lisa Schweitzer (Morris)** - look for Morris in the Blackhawk section of your Troop roster. She lays out each week's news on the weekend for the following Thursday's mtg.*

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



Thanks for all of your continued help with our Troop. Together we get a lot accomplished, and we sure have fun along the way.

We are **canceling the April Committee Meeting**. The meeting fell on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Since many of us will be coming back from Spring Break, and the following Sunday is Easter. We voted to skip the meeting for April. If you have troop business to conduct, please bring it to my attention at a Troop Meeting. The **next Committee Meeting** will be our May meeting on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM at the church.

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



**Be sure to Schedule your next Board of Review in Time for Spring Court of Honor (May 17)**

**Did you know?** Once Scouts pass their BOR, they assume the rank they achieved on the date of that BOR – the Court of Honor recognizes the advancement, but the BOR is where the rank advancement is actually achieved.

**Scouts**, contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger directly to schedule.

**Parents**, you can help our Troop by volunteering to sit on a Board of Review – this is a great way to learn how the Scouts advance – no experience is necessary!

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**There have been MANY, MANY changes to the following Merit Badges:**

Animal Science, Archaeology, Art, Athletics, Aviation, Camping, Climbing, Cooking, Dentistry, Entrepreneurship, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Personal Fitness, Rowing, Safety, Shotgun Shooting, Snow Sports, Sports, Stamp Collecting, Traffic Safety, & Weather.



Click on this link to find out the specifics:

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/advchanges07.html#Camping>.

The **2007 BSA Requirement books** are now in at both Scout Shops for \$5.