



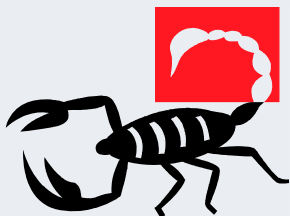
# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting April 19<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: Pack inspection & Food distribution.*
3. *Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!*



### **REMINDER:**

**Those Scouts AND Adults back-packing this weekend **MUST** bring your fully-loaded packs to Troop Mtg. for inspection and food distribution.**



**Our Moose Patrol had a very successful Basic Training Campout this past weekend, and miraculously it didn't rain or snow (for a change!).**



**Thanks once again to Adult Mentors Dubbins & Harris for their leadership at this important training this year . . . and thanks to all Instructors & older Scouts who attended to help the younger boys develop their outdoor skills.**



## Important Words From Your ScoutMaster, Mr. Maurer

**NOTE: If you missed last Thursday's meeting, please take time to discuss the following message with your Scout. (And if your Scout did attend last Thurs, but you did not, please ask him about my conversation with him.)**



First, please ask your Scout why he comes to meetings. Is he dragged there by his parents, or does he willingly attend to learn leadership skills, to uphold the Scout oath, and to truly help others? I know that your family looks to me and to our other Troop leaders to provide a safe environment for ALL Scouts, and this means both physical and emotional safety. The majority of our boys have behavior fitting of a Scout, which in turn provides a safe environment. But there are some who do not.

**Effective immediately**, there will be **ZERO tolerance** of fighting, bullying, teasing, and any other abusive or inappropriate behavior towards others, towards the property of others, and/or towards the property of our host Church. Foul and/or abusive language will not be tolerated as well. Scouts who misbehave will be sent home immediately - a parent will receive a phone call to come pick up the Scout, immediately. If the Scout wishes to continue with Troop 81, he and his parents will then need to come to our next Committee Meeting to explain why he should be allowed to continue, given his past behavior.

Again, the majority of our Scouts behave as Scouts should. We need to restore the character that makes Troop 81 great, by addressing the poor choices that some Scouts are making.

**Important  
DATE!**

## CALENDAR

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

May 3: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine)

May 4-6: Camporall,  
Sandwich, IL

**NEW:** May 6: Troop  
Committee Meeting, 7pm,  
River Glen

May 10: Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk)

**Courts of Honor:**  
May 17, River Glen  
Aug 26, Von Oven

**TROOP 81  
BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### THIS WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- **Mr. Smith** has a **geocaching opportunity** for Scouts at the May 4-6<sup>th</sup> Camporall. Sign up at Troop Meetings. He also met with **Orienteering Merit Badge** Scouts – see him to sign off on your requirements.
- **Mr. Dunning** will be available at Apr 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to sign off on **Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge** reqs, so bring what you got!
- April 26<sup>th</sup> is the last mtg to complete **Boards of Review** to make Spring Court of Honor deadline. Scouts should contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger to reserve a date ahead of time – this allows her time to obtain sufficient parent volunteers.
- **Summer Camp & Submarine Overnighter "Count Me In"** forms were handed out by Mrs. Kathy Smith. **These are due back April 19<sup>th</sup>**- no \$\$\$ due yet – just headcount. Parent Meeting to discuss full details is coming soon.
- **Donations Accepted!** In prep for Summer Camp, we are in need of your gently used **Class B shirts**. Please go through your drawers and find any you have outgrown, and donate them to the Troop store. We resell them for \$1 a piece to any Scout who needs one. See **Mrs. Sherry See** or **Mrs. Maureen Wycklendt** during meetings if you need to order new Class B's at \$7 each. Orders are due May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please donate before then, in case others need 'em.
- **Joke of the Week:** Lucas F had a great one about the Assistant Scoutmaster with a broken finger. If you have a joke to tell, please see SPL Kevin D.



**April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** is our **Backpacking** weekend, at Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL. This is ~3 ½ hours drive away. We will leave Hill Middle School at 6 pm Fri...returning Sun ~2 pm.

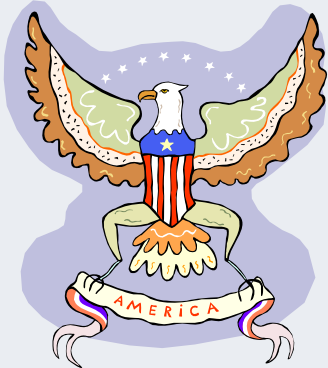
- Your permission slip was due 4/12 (last week).
- **No boots, no trip!** If you don't have your **boots on, in the parking lot, you'll be sent home to get them or you don't go.** This applies to ALL Scouts, whether you're backpacking or not. **Hiking boots are required for ALL campouts.**
- Remember to bring ~\$5 cash for our lunch stop on ride home.
- Parents label EVERYthing! But boys pack their pack themselves!

### FUTURE Troop Events

- **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!** Look for your packets and a Parent Info Night soon.



**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

**Kevin R's** Eagle Project has been rescheduled for **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, to complete landscaping for the new Harvest Bible Chapel. Complete details (what to wear, bring, etc.) are on sign-up sheet at mtgs.

**Andrew S.** needs your help on **April 28 & May 4**, 9am-5pm, to build sets of small nesting therapy benches for the Evanosky Foundation. Sign up at Troop mtgs or contact him for details. Scouts interest-ed in woodworking would find this a fun event! (Note that May 4<sup>th</sup> is a D204 holiday.)

**Matt K's** project is now taking sign-ups for a **May 12<sup>th</sup>** event, 9am-3.30pm. Scouts will be stenciling storm drains with messages to raise awareness about the harmful effects of dumping waste. Meet at Hill Middle School. Complete details of what to bring, wear, etc., in on sign-up sheet. (Rain date for this project is May 26<sup>th</sup> – same times.)

**Cha-Ching!\$! Remember the District's Silent Auction March 8<sup>th</sup>?** Well, the final tally is in and our basket brought in \$825 towards the Friends of Scouting Campaign!

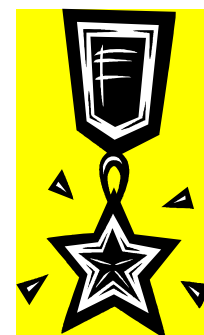
**BIG THANKS** are in order to those families who donated items to our 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Troop Auction Basket: The **Smiths**, The **Dubbins**, The **Novack's**, The **Marineau's**, The **Cronin's**, and The **Sampson's**. Thanks, too, to **Mrs. Kelley O'Brien** for coordinating our donations and for making our basket look fabulous.



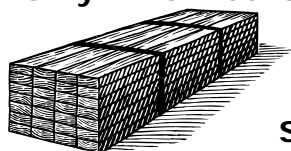
**Our Spring Court of Honor is May 17<sup>th</sup>**, upstairs in the Church Sanctuary during our regular Troop Meeting, followed by desserts and refreshments in the basement. ALL Scouts & Parents are requested to attend!

If you can contribute goodies to this event, **please contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy**. She can also always use many hands to make light work of set-up, serving, and clean-up.

**A New Parent Tip:** Think of this as a mini-Blue&Gold – Courts are held 3-4 times a year, and recognize the rank advancements and other achievements of our Scouts.



**Only TWO weeks left\* to schedule your B.o.R. (Boards of review)** (\* in order to make rank advancements in time for May 17th Court of Honor)

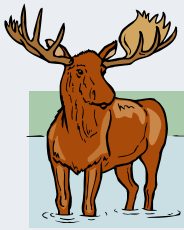


**Scouts**, contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger directly to schedule. **Parents**, you can help our Troop by volunteering to sit on a Board – this is a great way to learn how the Scouts advance – and no experience is necessary!

**NEW & IMPROVED MEDICATION SAFETY:** For Summer Camp, we all know about the Medication Permission Slips right?...but what about if your Scout needs to take medication during a regular campout?

Well, our website now has a copy of this important form, for you to download. Use this form for regular medications, or for seasonal or one-off events such as infections and allergies. (Go to [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org) and then click on Troop Documents, "Medication Card.") Have this form filled out and place in a Ziplock bag along with any medications. Scout should hand this to Mr. Maurer or other adult leader prior to campout departures.





Each week we'll highlight something just for Moose Families in your very own corner of the newsletter!

**MOOSE REMINDER:** Please bring back all Troop Equipment clean, dry, and note any missing/broken pieces. Check in your gear with your Patrol Quarter-Master!

Our website ([www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)) has a specific set of instructions for cleaning equipment. Check it out under "Troop Documents".

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



**Want your son to have a great Scouting experience?** Get involved yourself with Scouting! It's just that simple. You don't have to wear a uniform (unless you want to), to help your Scout along his path to Eagle. Simply get yourself involved in ANY aspect of our Troop that YOU will enjoy and have fun with. Can't decide? Come see me or Mr. Tim Maurer at the back table and we'll find out together how YOU can have fun helping your son and his fellows Scouts. And, **parents are always welcome to join us on campouts.**

The **next Committee Meeting will be on Sun, May 6th** at 7 PM at the church. Remember, the admission price has been waived. Take advantage of this free offer: Come join us! ☺



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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.*