



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting April 26th

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: Cereal Drive!
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



REMINDER:

Check in all gear with your Patrol Quarter-Master!

Do NOT leave it in a pile! Note broken/ missing pieces, and ensure equipment is **CLEAN & DRY!**

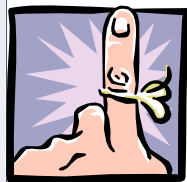
SPRING INTO SERVICE!

April 28th will be a busy day for our Scouts. EACH Scout is asked to join *at least one* service project opportunity. Please sign up at Troop Meeting.



- An all-Troop work day at our host Church, River Glen. Scouts will work from 9 – noon (and earn 3 service hours), and donuts are rumored to be served! Wear Class B + hat, gloves, and bring gardening equipment, with – you guessed it – your NAME on EVERYthing.
- Join 1 of 2 Eagle Scout projects scheduled for this same day – details are in The Eagle's Corner, see pg 3. These events also include free food!

Camporall Permission Slips DUE 4/26



We just got done with the Backpacking...but time to move forward to our District-wide event: Camporall on May 4th-5th. Your permission slips are due back **THIS** meeting (April 26th) – we need to give a very firm headcount to ensure enough camping space (with 5000 in attendance)...and make sure each attendee receives a cool badge!

STILL NEED CAMPING GEAR?

Aldi has self-inflating sleeping pads for \$20 and Lexan water bottles for \$3.50. Sports Authority has ZERO degree bags on sale for \$30 (all other bags up to 40% off). Specials are for this week only, while supplies last.



Important
DATE!

CALENDAR

Apr 26: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

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

May 3: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

May 4-6: Camporall,
Sandwich, IL

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

May 10: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

May 17: Court of Honor

May 24: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

May 31: Troop Mtg.
(NEW: Moose!)

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River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- This week's meeting featured a **triathlon competition** amongst Patrols. Candy to the top 3 Patrols next meeting...SWEET!
- April 26th is the last mtg to complete **Boards of Review** to make Spring Court of Honor deadline. Scouts have already contacted Mrs. Julie Ensinger, right?!
- **Summer Camp update:** Mrs. Kathy Smith collected all "Count-Me-In" forms. **NEW:** Summer camp will also feature Paintball at the Archery Range this year!
- **Scuba Diving** at Camporall – for 1st class, >=14 yr olds – sign up at Troop Mtg.
- **Order of the Arrow Service Group** – sign up at Troop Meetings.
- Mr. Smith has a **geocaching opportunity** for Scouts at the May 4-6th Camporall. See him to sign off on your Orienteering Merit Badge requirements.
- **Joke of the Week:** Lucas F had a great one about the man cleaning out his garage. *Ka-Boom!*



FUTURE Troop Events

- **April 28th Work Day** at River Glen Church.
- **May 4th-6th: Camporall**, Sandwich, IL. New OA inductees will be tapped out at this ceremony.
- **June 8th-10th: annual Service Project Weekend** at Owasipee. Boys plan on also holding an Eco-Challenge.
- **June 23rd-30th: Summer Camp!** Look for your packets and a Parent Info Night soon.
- **August 26th:** Court of Honor at River Glen (**note change** from Von Oven)

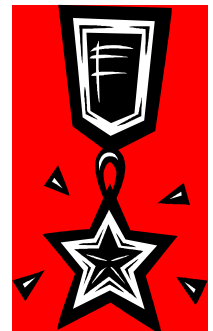


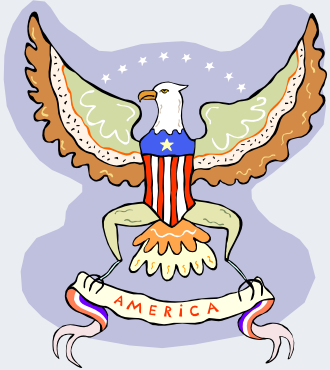
All previous announcements are in our archived E-Mail News on: www.troop81.org.

Our Spring Court of Honor is May 17th, 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! New Troop Rosters will be made available.

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.

New Parent Tip: Once your Scout receives his 1st rank of "Scout", at his first Court of Honor he will also receive a special pin to present to his mother. With each subsequent rank advancement, the Scout receives a new badge for his uniform, and his mother receives another pin to wear on a special red ribbon. Many of our new Scouts will be receiving their 1st rank badge on May 17th – this is a special Court of Honor for them!





EAGLE CORNER

Kevin R's Eagle Project has been rescheduled for **April 28th**, 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 & NEW May 5** (previous note said 4th), 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 interested in woodworking would find this a fun event! (Note that May 4th is a D204 holiday.)

Matt K's project is now taking sign-ups for a **May 12th** 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 26th – same times.)

NEW & IMPROVED MEDICATION SAFETY: Did you go to our Troop Website this past week and download our new Medication Permission Slip? *You didn't?!*

Use this form for regular medications, or for seasonal or one-off events such as infections and allergies. 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.



You will want to use this Medication Card for ANY medication (even over-the-counter items such as Benadryl, Motrin, etc.) that might be needed on ANY Scouting event. Medication Cards are not just for Summer Camp anymore! Download your copy today! Go to www.troop81.org and then click on Troop Documents, "Medication Card."

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



I just returned from the April Backpacking Camp Out. It was a training trip for the Grand Canyon Crew to prepare us for our High Adventure trip this summer. Before we left, I was worried about the trip. How would I do? What will they have me do? Will I fit in? In the end, I knew there was only one way to find out. I put my trust in the experienced members of the crew. It was hard work but it was easier than I thought. It was so rewarding, I would go back in a heartbeat.

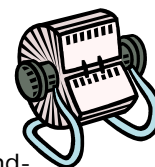
There was something about this trip that made it special: Teamwork. Everyone carried their personal gear and shared in carrying the crew gear and food. Teamwork spread the burden. We offered each other encouragement all along the way and laughed and joked to ease the struggle. Teamwork made it fun. The more experienced members of the crew taught the less experienced. Teamwork sustains the crew.

This is the way the Troop Committee works: Teamwork. Like the crew, we need all parents to pitch in and share the load. Like the crew, we won't give you more than you can handle. We will help and encourage you along the way. Like the crew, a few experienced adults can run the committee but it can't be sustained. You might be apprehensive about volunteering. How will you do? What will we have you do? Will you fit in? There is only one way to find out. Give it a try. The **next Committee Meeting will be on Sun, May 6th at 7 PM** at the church. Hopefully it will be a rewarding experience and you won't be able to wait for the next meeting.

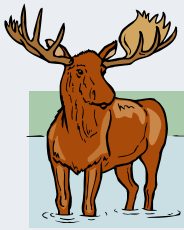
Finally, I want to thank our Troop for putting forward my name to receive a Silver Acorn Award. This is a special honor and it means a great deal to me.

WHO'S WHO IN THE TROOP?

Our new Troop Roster IS coming! Mr. Dave Rypka has finished our annual ReCharter process...and all info is almost ready to print. Rosters will be handed out at our May 17th Court of Honor Meeting, so please be sure to stop by and get your copy before going home that evening. Hand-deliveries saves us mucho \$\$\$ on postage.



New this version: Troop Adults will have their applicable E-Mail addresses printed in the Roster. Our Troop Committee still needs to decide whether e-mail addresses for *Scouts* should be included as well. If you feel one way or the other, make your voice be heard at our next Committee Meeting (open to ALL parents), May 6th, 7 pm, River Glen Church, when this issue will be discussed.



MOOSE TIP: You labeled EVERYthing prior to your first campouts, right?! If you've lost something, check out our Lost & Found bin, at the front table at Troop Meetings.

NEW PARENT TIP: You took your son's Toten' and Fireman's Chits out of his uniform shirt pocket BEFORE you washed the shirt after the campouts, right?! Laminate your son's newly awarded Chits and they'll last a lot longer. (Office Max/Depot/Kinkos can laminate.)

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



If you have a specific question you'd like answered for the benefit of all Moose (and older) Scouts, please see/call Lisa Schweitzer.



DISTRICT AWARDS PRESENTED!



At our last Troop Meeting, I provided you with information about our District's Annual Awards Dinner, held April 13th. This important event recognizes the achievements of our many adult volunteers. At the troop, crew, or pack level, the Silver Acorn Award goes to an adult who has had a significant influence on the growth of that unit. From small acorns, mighty oak trees grow. We had several deserving nominees to recognize this year in T81, but only one award could be given, and that award went to Mr. Dan Cronin, our Committee Chair. Congratulations!



As I told you, I am always amazed at how many of our parents are involved with *other* groups outside of Troop 81. Here is a complete list of Troop 81 adults who received a **Silver Acorn Award** on behalf of other units they are involved in:

- From Venture Crew 357, Mr. Bill Marineau.
- From Pack 101, Mrs. Laura Danielson
- From Pack 110, Mr. Glen Piske
- From Pack 125, Mr. Jamie Hensley
- From Pack 169, Mrs. Kim Emanuel, and
- From Crew 888, Mrs. Laura Bednar.



In addition, the District confers a **Spark Plug Award**. As the name suggests, the recipient helps ignite the fuel that sets the engine in motion. The Spark Plug is usually given to a newer member that has brought a great deal of energy to the District and the entire Scouting program. This year, Mr. Stuart Katz received this award.



The highest honor bestowed to an adult Scouter at the local level is the **Silver Beaver Award**, and it recognizes an individual's distinguished service to young people within a BSA council. This year's award went to Mr. Dave Rypka.



Lastly, there was one final award given on the night. The **Woods Service Award** (given by Woods Services in Langhorne, PA) recognizes only ONE individual in the entire nation, who has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership in the field of Scouting to a special needs unit. This award will go to Mrs. Kate Henderson, who will travel to the national meeting in Atlanta this summer. The Woods Services Award is the highest recognition awarded by the BSA in this area of service!

It is truly an honor to have so many adult volunteers from our own Troop be recognized. **Our Troop is blessed, indeed!**

~ ScoutMaster Maurer



Forget something you have read or heard about?
Check out our Troop website: 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.