



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 3rd

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



REMINDER:
Monthly QuarterMaster Mtg - arrive at 6 pm to ready up the trailers for Camporall. If you can't make this please arrange an alternate Scout from your Patrol.

THANK YOU, MRS. ENSINGER!



Our April 26th Troop Meeting sure was a busy one: fully 15 Scouts completed and passed their Boards of Review for their next rank advancement. Our Troop would like to thank

Mrs. Julie Ensinger for her coordination of this phenomenal effort! She marshaled upwards of 18 parent volunteers to ensure the boys had adequate opportunity to participate. Thanks to all parents who came forward to help Julie. Couldn't have done it without you all.

And thanks, also to.....all of the helpful Scouts and Adults who came to River Glen for our Spring Work Day on Saturday. A gorgeous day to work outside, and many hands made for lighter work. River Glen is a very generous host to our Troop – it is nice to see so many giving back to them in such an important way. Thanks to Mr. Rich Gorecki for being our Church liaison!



Important Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

I have once again had to address the entire Troop about some Scouts' inappropriate language and behavior during our meetings, especially in the parking lot where we do outdoor activities. When you use abusive language, which law of Scouting are you breaking? When you are not acting in a kind, courteous, friendly manner with other Scouts, you are not being a good Scout yourself.



I know that my message does not apply to every Scout. But, I am asking each Scout to help fix the problems within our Troop. Please lead by a good example. Practice the 12 tenets of Scouting: "A Scout Is ..."

Our Troop activities are meant to be fun, but they cannot continue if Scouts are acting irresponsibly and the games are not fun for everyone to enjoy. Any scout who cannot follow the laws of Scouting will be asked to phone his parents for an immediate ride home.



Each week I expect each Scout to make a decision for himself about his behavior. From now on, I expect every Scout to be engaged in appropriate, productive Scouting activities during the entire time you are at Troop Meetings. Otherwise, please make the decision to stay at home.



Important
DATE!

CALENDAR

May 3: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine on set-up)

May 4-6: Camporall,
Sandwich, IL

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

NEW - May 10: Troop Mtg
& **Summer Camp Parents'**
Mtg. (Blackhawk)

May 17: Court of Honor
(no Patrol on set-up)

May 24: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle on set-up)

May 31: Troop Mtg. Can
wear Class B's until Labor
Day (Moose is on set-up)

June 3: Troop
Committee Mtg, 7 pm.

June 7: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion on set-up)

June 8-10: Owasipee
Service Campout

June 17: Troop Mtg.
(Viking on set-up)

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Naperville, IL

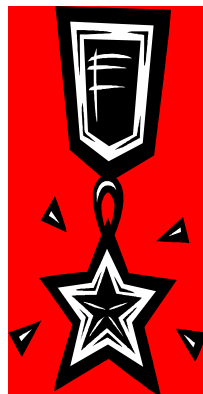
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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- 15 Boards of Review were held this night. And, all 15 Scouts passed. Super! If you missed out on this night, you still can achieve your next rank in time for Summer Camp – just contact Mrs. Ensinger – Scouts become the next rank immediately after passing their Board, but won't receive their badge until the August Court of Honor. Mrs. Ensinger holds Boards usually on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. You must call her to reserve a spot, however.
- The Bednar's are still collecting for the Hesed House. Bring breakfast cereal!!!
- Troop Chaplain Mr. O'Brien reminded us that this Thursday, May 3rd, is National Day of Prayer.
- Mr. Maurer says that your new neckerchiefs are ready – contact either Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt to purchase these.
- Continue to check in with Mr. Smith regarding your Orienteering Merit Badge.
- All Moose & Viking Patrol members to see Aaron C. for permission slips + info.
- **Joke of the Week:** Lucas F gave us advice on the 3 most important things to take on a survival exercise. Don't forget that deck of cards!



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!

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.

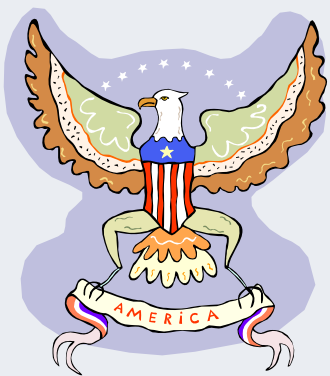
Scout Tip: ALL Scouts are expected to be in full Class A dress uniform: Class A shirt, Troop 81 hat, neckerchief with slide OR bolo (if applicable), belt, with shirt tucked in. If you need any items, please contact Mrs. Sherry See or Mrs. Maureen Wycklendt to purchase them. Scouts may have sashes as well, and mothers, don't forget to find & wear your red ribbons!

FUTURE Troop Events

- **NEW May 10th:** Summer Camp Meeting for ALL Parents.
- **May 31st mtg:** Be cool - wear your Class B's until Labor Day.
- **June 23rd-30th:** **Summer Camp!**
- **After Summer Camp:** we meet every other Thurs.
- **NEW July:** Troop & Patrol Elections!
- **August 26th:** Court of Honor at River Glen (not Von Oven)



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



EAGLE CORNER

Andrew S. enjoyed your help on Saturday, but he still needs you on **May 5**, 9am-5pm, to build sets of small nesting therapy benches for the Evanosky Foundation. Sign up at Troop mtg or contact him for details. Scouts interested in wood-working would find this a fun event!

Kevin R's landscaping Eagle Project may need a little more help – listen for announcements at Troop Mtg. Thanks to all who helped on this past gorgeous Saturday.

Matt K's project is still 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.)

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



In the Troop's never-ending search for volunteers, I'd like to try something that seems to work well with the Scouts. Let's see if it works with the parents! We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available and they have free food involved. That's right, free food. You have to be wondering how good it can get! You get free food just for volunteering?



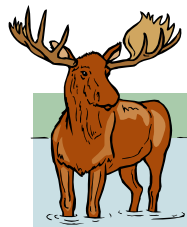
We need volunteers to help organize the Pancake Breakfast. You might be asking yourself "Is there free food?" Hey, this is Troop 81. Of course there is free food. Not only are there going to be free pancakes and free sausages, but there is as much free syrup as you can get on your free pancakes! You can even put the free syrup on your free sausages! How is that for free food? Please see me if you are interested.



Did you know that all shirted leaders eat for free on campouts? That's right, free Train Wreck, free Jambalaya, free Salisbury Steak and free Cobbler just to name a few. What? Not only do you get to wear a uniform and sleep in a tent, the food is free?! But wait, it gets better. We even serve free coffee! Please see Mr. Maurer if you are interested.

Want to start out low cal? How about an hour's worth of free food? Our next Troop Committee Meeting is Sunday, May 6th at 7:00 PM at the church. I'll bring some free food. What kind of food you ask? It will be the best kind: the free kind. Did I mention admission is also free? ☺

NEWS MOOSE CAN USE



Each week we'll highlight something just for Moose Families. **BUT** – other families might find a tip or two in here, too!

Here's the process for turning in permission slips:

- Check our website to download your own copy of the permission slip – often there are not enough at the meetings because people take a copy one week, forget to bring it, so take another copy the next week,
- Parent AND Scout signs the slip & encloses \$\$\$.
- Scout turns both in to his PATROL (NOT directly to the back table!) at "Patrol Time" – this ensures that your Patrol can count who is going on each event, order the right amount of food, set a duty roster, etc.
- Patrol representative turns in entire Patrol's stack of permission slips to Mrs. Schwartz or Mrs. Dunning at back table after Patrol time.

NEW PARENT TIP: Try to let your Scout do as much for himself as possible, including getting his many questions answered himself. You will be amazed at what he can accomplish at the end of this first year of Boy Scouts!



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

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have read or heard
about?*

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*And 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.*

PARENTS: PLEASE MARK THIS DATE – MAY 10th!

Our **Summer Camp Information Meeting** will be held during our May 10th Troop Meeting (exact location to be determined). **ALL parents** sending boys to Summer Camp are encouraged to come – even if your son is a repeat customer.

By attending this meeting, you save Mrs. Kathy Smith a LOT of time by answering your questions together in a group. Mrs. Sherri Nagy will also be on hand to discuss the medical forms, and at least 2 Adult Leaders will be there to walk you through "A Day In The Life Of A Summer Camping Scout." The info you'll learn as a parent will greatly enhance your son's experience – so we **highly recommend** your attending this May 10th Parents' Meeting. Eight more weeks until Summer Camp 2007! ☺

