



Troop 81 E-Mail News

April 9, 2007

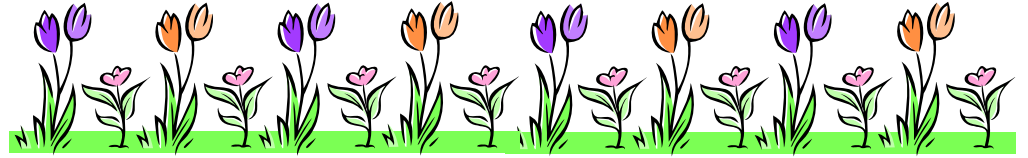
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Troop Meeting April 12th

1. *Eagle Patrol* is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. **Activities:** Your April campout permission slips are due; Patrol meal planning; Back-packing Preparation
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



WARNING: Each Patrol will now be assigned its own tents & equip. If it's returned broken & dirty, that's exactly how you'll receive it back for your next campout.



**April 5th was our NEW PARENT Meeting Night!
We have ~15 new Scouts joining the Moose Patrol.**

Please take a moment to greet our new Scouts and their families when you next see an unfamiliar face.

New rosters will be printed and distributed soon.



Full Details for New Parents are on the last page of this newsletter. Welcome to Troop 81!

* we encourage ALL families to read through this info, tho!

A Few Words From Your ScoutMaster, Mr. Maurer

As I mentioned at our last Troop Meeting, our Quarter-Masters have asked that we implement a new policy for our Troop equipment.



Each Patrol will be assigned its own tents for campouts. If you return the tents wet, dirty, or with broken or missing parts, these same tents will be made available to your Patrol on the next campout. By taking ownership of your own Patrol's equipment, we know you will take better care of it by treating it as your own.

Remember, when you point a finger of blame at others, there are 3 other fingers pointing back at yourself. Full details on caring for equipment are on our website: www.troop81.org (look under "Troop Documents" section).



CALENDAR

Apr 12: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

NEW: Apr 14-15: Moose
Basic Training, Blackwell.

Apr 19: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) + Summer
Camp "Count Me In"
forms due tonight!

Apr 20-22: Backpacking
Campout.

Apr 26: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Deadline for
BORs at this mtg!

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

May 3: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

May 4-6: Camporall,
Sandwich, IL

May 10: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk?) Class B
shirt orders due!

Spring Court of Honor:
May 17, River Glen

CONFIRMED: Summer
Court of Honor, Sunday,
August 26, Von Oven.

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

RECENT Troop Meeting Announcements

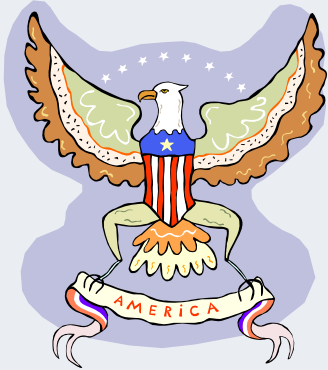
- **URGENT:** On Tuesday, **April 10**, at 7 pm, Troop 81 will conduct the opening and closing flag ceremony at the monthly Naperville Township meeting. T81 stores its trailers on Naperville Township property, so it is time to do a good turn for them. **Call Mr. Bainbridge immediately to help!** Full details in 3/19 newsletter.
- **IMPORTANT: Permission slips** for the April 20-22 Backpacking Campout were made available (and are due back April 12th). These are also on the website.
- Mr. Smith has a **geocaching opportunity** for Scouts at the May 4-6th Camporall. Sign up at Troop Meetings.
- The **Nagy Family** presented Russ M. with a **special plaque** to place on his completed KYBO at Von Oven, as his Eagle Project is now "in the can"!
- April 26th is last mtg to complete **Boards of Review** to make Spring Court of Honor deadline. Scouts should contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger to reserve a date.
- **Summer Camp "Count Me In"** forms were handed out by Mrs. Kathy Smith. These are due back by April 19th – she needs a headcount for submarine overnighter, too. No \$\$\$ due yet – just the headcount. Parent Meeting to discuss full details is coming soon. Can't wait! ☺
- Keep in mind: if you are **buying food** for your Patrol, be sure to pick up a Troop cooler from the trailer beforehand!
- **Canoeing High Adventure** folk met with Mr. Krawczyk after Troop Mtg. Contact him for details if you missed this.
- Anyone interested in **Environmental Science Merit Badge** program should contact Mr. Greg Pronger.

FUTURE Troop Events

- **April 20th-22nd Backpacking** weekend, Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co., IL. Moose Scouts and others who will not be backpacking will do other activities.
- **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 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 – click on "Troop Information".



EAGLE CORNER

Lots to discuss this week!

First, **Russ M's** Eagle Project is "in the can", so to speak. ☺ His project is complete, and the re-built KYBO at Von Oven is officially open for business! A special plaque was made and presented by the Nagy Family, to be proudly displayed on the KYBO walls. Look out KYBO Boogie Man!

Second, we have 2 additional Eagle Projects in the wind. **Kevin R.** needs your help on **April 14th** (Sat), to complete landscaping for the new Harvest Bible Chapel. Sign up at Troop meeting this week – full details and maps available.

Andrew S. needs your help on **April 28-29**, to build small therapy benches. Sign up at Troop meetings or contact him for details.

And, did we mention **FREE FOOD?!** Thanks to all Scouts who help – you and your stomachs are always rewarded!

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

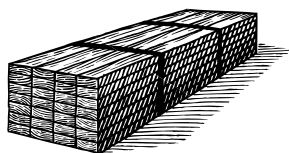


Welcome to all new Troop families! I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you. As you heard at our New Parent Meeting, the best way to ensure your Scout gets the most out of Scouting is to stay involved with Scouting yourself. That is also a great message to the parents of all scouts no matter how long you have been involved with the troop. We can always use 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. I do have a few very specific jobs which still need to be filled with parent volunteers. If you are unsure of where you can help, please reach out to Mr. Maurer or me. You can usually find one of us at the round table in the back of the meeting room.

As I sat through this year's New Parent Meeting, I realized just how many parents are involved in the running of the troop. While we covered the need-to-know areas, I was thinking of all of the other volunteers who do so much for the troop and keep things running so smoothly. **Thanks to all of our volunteers** for all of your continued help with our Troop. Together we get a lot accomplished, and we sure have fun along the way.

The **next Committee Meeting will be on Sun, May 6th** at 7 PM at the church. The admission price has been waived for all new families for a full year...and the rest of you continue to receive this free offer as well. Come join us!

Can YOU figure out this rebus?



Three weeks left to schedule your B.O.R. (Boards + O.R.)
(to make rank advancements in time for May 17th Court of Honor)

Scouts, contact Mrs. Julie Ensinger directly to schedule.

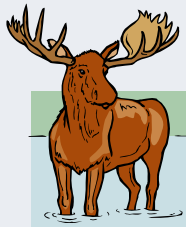
Parents, you can help our Troop by volunteering to sit on a Board of Review – this is a great way to learn how the Scouts advance – no experience is necessary!

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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.



Mr. Geoff Dubbins and Mr. Tiger Harris are our Adult Mentors for the Moose Patrol.

We keep new Scouts in their own Patrol during their first year of Boy Scouts.



Mr. Dave Rypka provided a sign-up sheet to ensure you get on our Yahoo Groups mailing list. You can also sign up to join our Group by visiting our website (www.troop81.org) and following the instructions on the Home Page there.

If you have not yet turned in your Scout's application form, Dave needs it ASAP! He handles our ReCharter and membership issues.



Mrs. Lisa Schweitzer (Morris) provides a **weekly T81 Newsletter** via an email link. Please share this weekly bulletin with your Scout...but it is not a substitute for what he learns at Troop Meetings ☺ - Contact her to contribute to our newsletter! Previous news is archived on our website.

NEW PARENT INFO!

Moose Basic Training will be held at Blackwell Preserve (use Mack Rd entrance), **Saturday April 14th**. Permission slips are on our website (www.troop81.org) and are due back at our April 12th Troop Meeting. Parents are asked to drop Moose Scouts off at Blackwell by 11 am Saturday...and pick them up at ~10 am Sunday. (Instructors and older Scouts to arrive by 9 am Sat, please!)

Moose Basic Training is FREE, and will cover the following activities: setting up tents...taking down tents...setting up tents in the dark...how to care for equipment...building safe campfires...handling lanterns, camp stoves, and cooking equipment...handling knives, axes, and saws safely...how to organize a Patrol cookbox ...cooking, washing dishes, and stowing equipment in our trailers. ***WHEW!***

- As you can see, this is a VERY important campout for new Scouts! Your Scout will earn his Fireman's Chit and Toten' Chit as a result of attending this campout. This allows him to carry and use knives and attend campfires safely.
- An important handout is available: "Boy Scout Campout & Outdoor Equipment Recommendations." Your Scout will not be allowed to camp without the correct equipment and/or clothing for his safety and the Troop's safety. A checklist of equipment is on our website, or contact either Mr. Dubbins or Mr. Harris for a copy.
- It is recommended that your Scout camp with the Troop at least 2 times before venturing off to Summer Camp (and we HIGHLY recommend he attends Summer Camp this June!). This is to prevent home-sickness and for everyone to get to know your Scout.
- All Scouts are required to wear their complete Class A uniforms to our Troop Meetings...to travel in Class A's (minus slide & scarf) to/from campouts...and may not leave the campout circle without either a Class A shirt+hat, or a red Class B shirt. This is also for safety reasons.
- Class B shirts are available to order (\$7 each). Order form is now on our website, and orders are due May 10th. Two to three Class B's are needed for Summer Camp.
- **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to put Scout's name on EVERYthing. EVERYTHING! Let your Scout pack his gear himself so he knows what he has and where it is stowed! All Scouts have the same handbook, hat, scarf, etc. Putting your Scout's name on EVERYTHING ensures it gets back to him when lost.

Mr. Tony Wycklendt handed out a complete list of **Merit Badge Counselor** opportunities. We request that you consider signing up to be a M.B.C. for an area of interest to you. Contact him for further details.

Mr. Dan Cronin is our Troop Committee Chair. His handout had important points relating to: key Committee positions; Boards of Review process; Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser; Friends of Scouting; & our Troop Guidebook is available on the website. Everyone is invited to our Committee Meetings, held (usually) the 1st Sun eve of each month. They are kept to 1 hour. The next one is **May 6th**, 7 pm, River Glen Church.

Mrs. Marge Dunning and Mrs. Beth Schwartz are our Activity Chairs. Although the Scouts plan the events they want to attend, Marge & Beth coordinate the permission slips, arrange tour permits, ensure sufficient drivers are available, and maintain emergency calling trees. They will always contact you about 1 hour prior to the arrival of the Scouts back from campouts so you're not waiting at Hill unnecessarily! Be sure to have correct phone #s on the permission slips...and notify them of any changes to your Scout's plans.

Mr. Jim Simnick is our Troop Treasurer. Each Scout has a Scout Account, like a bank. Scouts receive Troop funds when they participate in our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. (Note Nov 3rd 2007 on your calendar now!) NO Scout will be turned away from ANY activity due to lack of funds. If you are in need, please contact Jim for a confidential scholarship.

And finally, and certainly not least: **Mr. Tim Maurer is our ScoutMaster!**
On behalf of the entire Troop, **"Welcome to Troop 81!"**

