



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 10th

1. Blackhawk Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early this evening and be prepared to stay late to clean up.
2. Activities: Extended Mtg – Eagle Project work; Summer Camp Info Night.
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



REMINDER:

Check in all Troop equipment with your Patrol QuarterMaster – do not leave in a pile outside the church/trailer. All equip. should be dry, clean, and any broken or missing pieces clearly noted.

PARENTS: PLEASE ATTEND – MAY 10th!

Our **Summer Camp Information Meeting** will be held during this week's Troop Meeting. **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. Less than seven weeks until Summer Camp 2007! ☺

CLASS B SHIRT ORDER FORMS DUE MAY 10th AS WELL!

A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer



I wanted to pass along some positive feedback I received from many attendees at this past weekend's Camporall. Specifically, many adults from other Units came up to me (or emailed me afterwards) to compliment our Troop 81 Scouts on how well-behaved, how well-dressed, and how friendly they were at Camporall! We hosted ~150 people at some of our meals, and I often saw our Scouts offering up their own seats to our guests – to adults and other Scouts alike. Our Scouts took the time to shake hands with the Order of the Arrow inductees as they traveled from their seats down the bleachers to the podium. Our Scouts were always completely in uniform, with neat tucked-in shirts.

The Chicago Area Council is not charging our Troop for using the Owasipee facilities for our mid-June campout, because of the tremendous service project we complete for them each year. In fact, they are willing to turn on the hot water early this year and allow us to use the staff showers for that June 8-10 campout. Parents, please take advantage of this and come up to see this beautiful camp where your Scout will spend a week this summer.

On a local note, at the PLC Meeting this past weekend, I saw a tremendous offer of help extended to a fellow Scout in need, by agreeing to lengthen our regular Troop Meeting time (from 6–9 pm) to help Andrew S. complete his Eagle Project.

All of these examples make my time with Troop 81 so worthwhile!



CALENDAR

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) + **NEW**- Youth Protection Training provided for ALL adults going to Summer Camp

May 31: Troop Mtg. (Moose is on set-up)

NEW June 3: Troop Committee Mtg, 7 pm.

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

June 8-10: Owasipee Service Campout

June 14: Troop Mtg. (Viking on set-up)

June 21: Troop Mtg. (Wolverine on set-up)

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- **NEW:** Venture Crew info meeting was held May 7th at Gorecki's house. Contact Mr. Gorecki for more information.
- The Bednar's collected MANY boxes of breakfast cereal for the Hessed House. Thank you all for helping with this project!
- Contact either Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt to purchase uniform items. Scouts are expected to dress in full Class A uniform for May 17th Court of Honor. Order forms for Class B shirts are due May 10th. Pay for shirts when they come in.
- Continue to check in with Mr. Smith regarding your Orienteering Merit Badge.
- Scoutmaster Maurer thanked everyone who participated in the April 28th Church Work Day, as well as the 2 Eagle Projects on that same day. He handed out a carabineer for each Scout/Adult who participated as a thank-you gift.



REMINDER! We're having an extended Meeting May 10th – Come early at 6 pm and stay late until 9 pm – this is to help Andrew S. complete his Eagle Project (sanding and finishing nesting therapy benches for the Evanosky Foundation).

Please come help Andrew out – he is under a tight deadline to complete this work & YOU can make a difference!

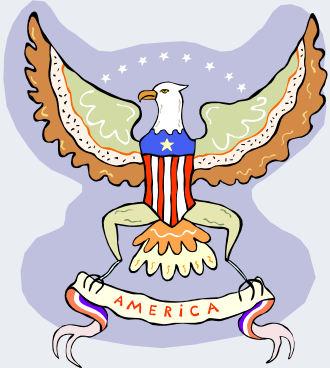


FUTURE Troop Events

- **NEW** May 31st mtg: Outdoor Fun Night – we'll meet at a local park for our mtg. More details to come. Be cool - wear your Class B's until Labor Day.
- **May 17th mtg:** This is our Spring Court of Honor. ALL Scouts & Parents are requested to attend. Please contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help with goodie donations, set-up, serving, and/or clean-up.
- **NEW** May 24th mtg: Personal Fitness Merit Badge night, with personal trainers on hand to help you write your own plan.
- **NEW** June 7th mtg: Camp set-up competition with lanterns, tents, stoves.
- **June 8th-10th:** Owasipee Service Project & Eco-Challenge Weekend!
- **NEW** June 14th mtg: Patrol dessert competition & extra Summer Camp prep for Moose Scouts. Start thinking about pre-writing letters to your Scout....
- **NEW** June 21st mtg: Final Summer Camp prep
- **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



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



EAGLE CORNER

Andrew S. enjoyed your help this past weekend. Please also come early/stay late at May 10th Troop Mtg.!

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., is on sign-up sheet. (Rain date for this project is May 26th – same times.) **NEW:** Matt's project now requires a separate waiver form to be signed by everyone involved (Scouts & Adults) – pick up a copy at Troop Mtg., or see next page of this newsletter for form to sign.

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

FREE NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



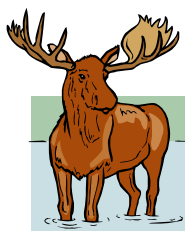
If you missed the Troop Committee Meeting this past Sunday, you missed more than just free food. The free food this month was "Derby Pie". The consensus was that it was very good in addition to it being free. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM at the church. Did I mention we will have free food at the meeting?

I need to move the Pancake Breakfast organizational meeting previously scheduled for May 10th because it conflicts with the Owasippe Parents' mtg. I'm working with our outgoing coordinators, Mrs. Gorecki and Mr. Steffek to find a new date that works for them. Please stay tuned for the new date. And yes, there will be free food!

Are you free the weekend of June 8th-10th? One of the items discussed at the committee mtg was the need for as many parents as possible to attend the Owasippe Service Project Campout on June 8th-10th. There are plenty of reasons for you to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to see Owasippe Scout Reservation and experience a bit of what your son experiences at summer camp. We will give you a free tour of Camp Blackhawk and show you the sites where we will camp. The KYBOs in our site have free flush toilets and the Ranger opens the staff showers for us on Sat evening for free. If we get enough parents to attend, we can probably free some of you from the need to drive. Weather-wise, this campout is usually free from ice and snow. If you need camping gear, we can probably let you borrow the essentials for free. Not sold yet? What about a few free hours of fishing or boating on a private lake? We need the extra adults because the PLC asked if we could run an Eco-Challenge competition. This is a fun competition that the boys love. We will need adults to help while the boys participate in the Eco-Challenge course.

Afterwards, you will still have plenty of free time to fish, boat, relax or stretch out your sleeping bag. We can also probably arrange some free food! Feel free to contact Mr. Maurer or me if you have any questions. [Challenge: how many "free's" are in this message?!]

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! On the path to Eagle....

Young Scouts are usually very eager to start down the long road to Eagle! One of the requirements along the way is to complete at least 21 merit badges. These are similar to the pins and belt loops that Cub Scouts earned, but merit badges are more involved and some can take substantial time to complete. Over the next few months, many opportunities will start to come up to complete merit badges. In fact, your Scout will be able to complete his first 2 or 3 at Summer Camp! Look carefully through the Summer Camp information packet with your Scout (to be handed out May 10th) and let *him* choose those merit badges that *he* is interested in.

NEW PARENT TIP: You don't want your Scout to get burnt out or become overwhelmed. Encourage your 1st year Scout to complete his rank advancements (Tenderfoot, then 2nd Class, and then 1st Class) as a priority these first few years. Aside from the merit badges earned at Summer Camp, 1st year Scouts usually do not focus too much of their time on earning other merit badges. (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.) ☺



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 under "Troop Information."

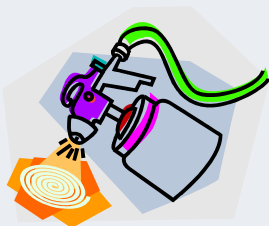


And if **YOU** have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact **Lisa Schweitzer (Morris)** - look for Morris in the Blackhawk section of your Troop roster. She lays out each week's news over the weekend for the following Thursday's mtg.

IMPORTANT!
HERE IS MATT K.'s special waiver form ->

If your Scout is participating in this Eagle Project, please print out this waiver, sign it, and turn it in to Matt at the next Troop Mtg.

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T81 ORDER OF ARROW CANDIDATES CONFIRMED!

Congratulations to the following Troop 81 Scouts and Adult Leaders who were called out at this past weekend Camporall, and are now members of the Order of the Arrow:

SCOUTS

Derek K. Tom D.
Drew L. Jeremy S.
Aaron M. Chris D.
Joe M. Dan C.
Kyle S. Matt K.
Bryan G.

ADULTS

Mr. Andy Hayward
Mr. Rich Le Blue
Mr. Rich Gorecki

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE



In consideration of the City of Naperville, at my specific request, permitting me to participate as a volunteer stenciling storm drains, I, the undersigned, do knowingly, freely and voluntarily release, remise and discharge the City of Naperville, its officers, agents, representatives and independent contractors from any and all liability claims, causes of action and damages, whether through negligence or otherwise from any personal loss or damages or loss or damages to person or property caused by, arising out of, or which may arise in the future, out of my involvement in the stormdrain stenciling program. I have been made aware in advance that there are certain risks associated with such a Program, and I voluntarily assume those risks. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Naperville and all other released parties from any claims arising out of my actions in the stormdrain stenciling program. I further understand and agree that I am voluntarily participating in this Program in order to assist in the education of Naperville residents, and that I am acting without pay, and neither as an officer, agent or employee of the City.

If participant is under eighteen (18) years of age, his or her parent or guardian must consent to participation and sign the waiver form.

I have read and fully understand the nature of this WAIVER and RELEASE.

Signature

Date

Organization

Daytime Phone #

Address

After 5:00 Phone

Signature - Parent/Guardian

