



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>

1. NO Patrol is on set-up & take-down. ALL are welcome to help clean up at end of refreshments, tho.
2. Activities: Court of Honor!
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform! Plus your merit badge and OA sash, if applicable.



### REMINDER:

Your Summer Camp fees are **DUE THIS THURS,** May 17<sup>th</sup>.

(All other activity fees and forms are due May 31<sup>st</sup>.)



**ALL Scouts & Parents are invited to our Spring 2007 Court of Honor, to be held during our May 17<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting, upstairs in the River Glen Church. FULL Class A dress uniforms + sashes. Ladies, don't forget to wear your red ribbons.**

Light refreshments will be served afterwards downstairs. Please contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help with goodie donations, set-up, serving, and/or clean-up.

## A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

We held last week's meeting outdoors – it was a beautiful evening. Flags and announcements were difficult to hear due to traffic noise and there may be much to catch up on if you missed the meeting.



I presented the Scouts with some initial details of our Eco-Challenge. This will be held up at Owasippe, during the June 8-10 Service Project weekend. I strongly encourage all parents to come up for this event, for two reasons. First, and most importantly, you will experience at least some of what your Scout will at his full week of Summer Camp. It's a beautiful spot spread over 5000 acres. We'll be holding a tour, and there are even hot showers available after a hard day of fishing. Second, we especially need parents' help that weekend – both to drive and to supervise the various Eco-Challenge "stations". (Unfortunately, we cannot have siblings attend.)

Look for permission slips soon – and parents, come join us.

Our **Summer Camp Information Meeting** was held last week – if you missed this important mtg, be sure to pick up your entire Info Packet this week. Last year info was sent out at different times – this year, everything is together at once, so be mindful that camp fees are due May 17<sup>th</sup>; activity fees are then due May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please also review this document link [http://www.troop81.org/documents/2007\\_Owasippe.pdf](http://www.troop81.org/documents/2007_Owasippe.pdf) for further info that Mr. Maurer handed out and discussed with parents. This is an additional 8-page PDF handout with important info and tips.



Mrs. Kathy Smith and her husband Stan are our Summer Camp Coordinators. If you have not taken a moment to meet them yet, stop by the back table during meetings to say "hello". Thank you so much, Smith's, for all that you are doing for our Troop! The countdown continues: less than six weeks now until Summer Camp 2007! ☺



**Important  
DATE!**

## CALENDAR

May 17: Court of Honor  
NO Patrol 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)

June 3: Troop  
Committee Mtg, 7 pm.

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

June 8-10: Owasippe  
Service Campout

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

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

June 28: No mtg!  
(Summer Camp!)

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- Mrs. Smith & helpers handed out Summer Camp packets!
- Mr. Smith thanked all Scouts involved with helping run geocaching at Camporall.
- Mr. Marineau held a meeting for Sailing High Adventure participants.
- Mr. Gorecki held a follow-up meeting for those interested in new Venture Crew.
- Mr. Rypka handed out permission slips for email addresses to be included in Troop Roster. If you turned these in by Sun May 13, your address will be in the May 17<sup>th</sup> roster. If you missed this deadline, you'll be included in the Aug one.
- The Bednar's collected a whopping 94 boxes of breakfast cereal and 6 boxes of oatmeal for Hessed House! Thanks everyone.
- Mr. Maurer unveiled details of the Eco-Challenge, to be held at the Owasippe Service Project weekend, June 8-10. More details coming next week.

### Coming May 24<sup>th</sup>: Youth Protection Training!



ALL Adults attending Summer Camp this year must have a current card/ certificate stating they have completed Youth Protection Training. (Training needs to be updated every 2 years.) We turn documentation in to Owasippe staff. If any adult attending summer camp has not completed the training, you will be asked to complete YPT up at Owasippe instead. This training will take you away from many more enjoyable camp activities, so...plan ahead!

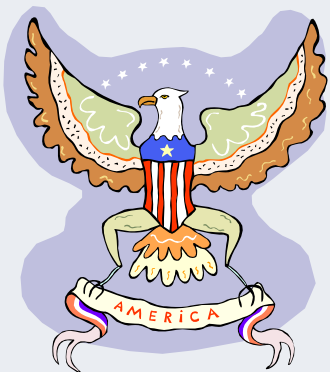
...We will be holding our own YPT for Troop Adults, on May 24<sup>th</sup> during our regular Troop Meeting. Details coming next week.

### FUTURE Troop Events

- **May 24<sup>th</sup> mtg:** Personal Fitness Merit Badge night, with personal trainers on hand this meeting to help you write your own plan. Eco-Challenge prep.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **June 7<sup>th</sup> mtg:** Camp set-up competition with lanterns, tents, stoves.
- **June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>:** Owasippe Service Project & Eco-Challenge Weekend!
- **June 14<sup>th</sup> mtg:** Patrol dessert competition & extra Summer Camp prep for Moose Scouts. Start thinking about pre-writing letters to your Scout....
- **June 21<sup>st</sup> mtg:** Final Summer Camp prep
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>:** **Summer Camp!**
- **After Summer Camp:** we meet every other Thurs.
- **July:** Troop & Patrol Elections!
- **August 26<sup>th</sup>:** Court of Honor at River Glen




All previous announcements are in our archived E-Mail News on: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org) .



## EAGLE CORNER

**Andrew S.** wishes to thank all who came out to help him complete his project with all of that sanding. Together you completed 14 sets of nesting therapy benches (a total of 56 benches in all!). Thanks to your finishing touches, this project is now...well,

"finished"! 

**Matt K's** storm-drain stenciling project this past Sat raised awareness about the harmful effects of dumping waste. Scouts also hung fish-shaped brochures on doorknobs explaining the project. Over 31 Scouts and Adults came out on a gorgeous day and stenciled 215 drains in the Brookdale subdivision for ~6 hours. That's ~36 drains per hour! So many were done that they ran out of paint. Thanks to all!!!



**Kevin R's** landscaping Eagle Project is nearing completion - listen for more info at Troop Mtg.

## A LETTER From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

I don't know why I struggled with this week's letter, it should be easy, but it wasn't.



We need as many adults as we can to come to the Owasippe Service Project Campout and help with the Eco-Challenge. The Owasippe Service Project is my favorite campout of the year. I love Owasippe the Scout Reservation. Owasippe was important to me as a Scout. I should be able to write to you about why it is such a special place that you would be immediately convinced to attend.

**And that is the problem:** there is so much to tell you about Owasippe that I just don't have room to cover it all here. Each time I tried to write about it the words just wouldn't stop flowing. I spent three train rides trying to find the right words to convince you to come. I'm now on my fourth train ride and my editor is waiting for an email as soon as I get home tonight (Tuesday already!).

I tried a few different titles: "Free Fun AND Free Food?" ... "What kind of fun? The best kind, the Free Kind!" ... "When I was a scout at Super Camp Stuart (Hey!)" ... "Last chance to see Owasippe before it closes" ... and the lowest of low, an untitled, heart tugging, tear jerking tale of how your sons are growing up so fast.

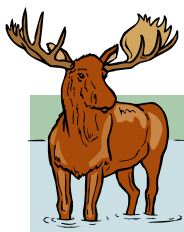
What I finally realized is that you have to experience Owasippe yourself to appreciate it.

Please consider coming along on the service project campout to experience Owasippe and help with the Eco-Challenge. 'Nuf said!



## NEWS MOOSE CAN USE

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

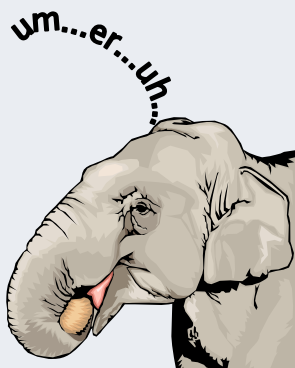


At the Court of Honor this Thurs, some Moose Scouts may be receiving their first rank advancement to "Scout". Each Scout and his parent(s) will be called up to the podium. The parent(s) are handed a badge attached with a safety pin to place this badge temporarily on the Scout's left uniform pocket. The badge is pinned *upside down* to begin with. Once the Scout has done a "good turn", he may turn the badge right-side up, and it may then be sewn on his uniform. At the same time that badges are handed out, Scouts receive a red ribbon to pin on their mother's shirt/dress. Each time a Scout receives a rank advancement, his mother will also receive an additional pin for this ribbon.

**NEW PARENT SUMMER CAMP TIP:** All Scouts will be extremely busy at Summer Camp! Remember to build plenty of downtime into your son's schedule. Don't feel that every hour and day must be filled. Having spare time allows him to enjoy all of those special things that will crop up at the spur of the moment – building a rope hammock, playing card games, fishing, swimming, or short hikes with buddies. To name just a few!...



(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've 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 under "Troop Information."



The "Troop Documents" section is also very useful.

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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 over the weekend for the following Thursday's mtg.

## LAST CHANCE!

If you missed last week's deadline to order Class B shirts, you can turn in your order form this Thursday, May 17th...but that's your LAST CHANCE!

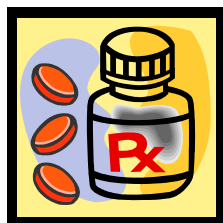
Shirts are \$7, and you'll need 2 or 3 for Summer Camp (and they are also used on almost every campout). Adults going to Summer Camp, please order as well – you, too, will need these!



Older Scouts – consider donating those shirts which no longer fit you to other Scouts. Turn in your donations to Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt and they will pass them on.

## MEDICATIONS REMINDER

**Mrs. Sherri Nagy** is your contact for all medical forms. Please download a medication form from our website for you or your Scout – this is to be used for ANY medications (even over-the-counter items) that you wish to have dispensed at Summer Camp or on campouts. Items may include Benadryl, aspirin, Motrin, etc.



- Yes, even these over-the-counter items need a medication form in order to be dispensed at camp.
- Place all medications in their original bottles/ packaging into a Ziplock bag along with the form.

At Owasippe, ALL medications are kept in a sealed cooler and stored in the trailer (Refrigeration is available, if needed.) This keeps meds from pesky animals and is an Owasippe camp requirement. Adult meds can be self-administered; Scout meds are dispensed per parent instructions on the forms.

ALL medical issues are handled in the strictest confidence, so please do not hide any medical conditions. Make any special notations on the medication forms themselves.

## TROOP 81 QUARTERMASTERS!



Please reserve a couple of hours this Saturday – May 19<sup>th</sup> – for trailer clean up and maintenance. All Troop and Patrol quartermasters should plan on attending for a minimum of 2 hours. The clean up session will run from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Further details will be forthcoming. If you cannot attend, get a substitute. I will be talking to each QM individually to set up a work schedule. We'll meet at Mr. Maurer's house for this.

Thanks, ~ Mr. Bainbridge