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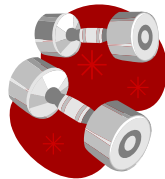
Troop Meeting May 24th

1. Eagle Patrol is on set-up & take-down. Please arrive early and stay late.
2. Activities: Personal Fitness Merit Badge Night; Eco-Challenge sign-up & prep.
3. Remember to wear your COMPLETE Class A Uniform!



IMPORTANT:

Parents need to sign a waiver for Scouts to take part in the CORE 1 Personal Fitness Training night. Download from website and/or come into mtg to sign this, please!



COME GET FIT MAY 24th!

For Scouts: This is our Personal Fitness Merit Badge night, with personal trainers from CORE 1 on hand to help you write your own 12-week plan. **IMPORTANT:** Parents must sign a waiver for Scouts to participate in this – download from our website and/or come into the meeting this week to sign this.

For Adults: This is our Youth Protection Training night. If you plan on camping with us, consider attending this mtg. All adults must have a current YP card/ certificate (w/in 2 yrs). If not, you will be required to complete this training up at Owassippe, and this will take you away from other, much more pleasant activities! So hope to see you this Thursday.



A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

Our Troop Courts of Honor are always a pleasure. This is our formal way of recognizing the progress your Scouts have made. If you missed this event, you can see elsewhere in the newsletter a complete list of all awards which were presented.



I would also like formally to thank the following people for their hard work in supporting our Troop:

- Julie Ensinger – coordinating all Boards of Review
- Chris Dubbins – entering advancement data
- Kim Emmanuel – buying the awards
- Sherri Nagy – coordinating the Court of Honor reception
- Sherri's Helpers – for pitching in
- My Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee – without whom we could not Function
- Mr. Bob Henderson – who is leaving us soon. I would like to recognize his and his family's contributions to our Troop over the years. Best of luck in Minnesota.

Summer Camp Update

Thanks for turning in your Camping Fees last meeting. Now please decide with your son on any additional activities and/ or merit badges. ALL forms and additional activity fees are due May 31st.

The countdown continues: < 5 weeks now until Summer Camp 2007! ☺





CALENDAR

May 24: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle on set-up) +
Youth Protection Training
provided for ALL adults
going to Summer Camp

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

June 3: **NEW** – Pancake
Organizing Comm Mt. 6
pm, and Troop Comm
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

- **NEW:** There will be a Pancake Breakfast Fundraising Committee Meeting on June 3rd (Sun), at 6 pm, River Glen Church, right before our regularly scheduled Troop Committee Meeting at 7 pm. Committee Chair Dan says FREE FOOD!
- Meetings were held after the Court of Honor for Venture Crew and Grand Canyon Backpacking groups. See Mr. Gorecki and Mr. Maurer, respectively, for details about these meetings. Backpacking trip plans have changed.
- Updated Troop Rosters were handed out! Thanks Mr. Rypka & Mrs. Simpson.
- If you did not attend the Court of Honor, please see your Patrol Mentor for any missing badges, service stars, awards, patches, etc.

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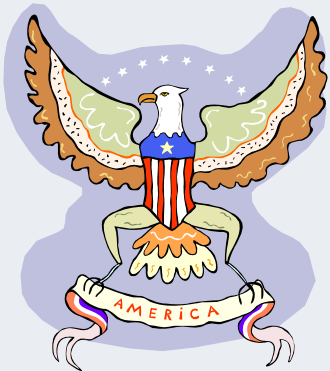
- This past Court of Honor saw all 15 Moose receive their first badge of rank ("Scout"); they also earned their Fireman's Chit and Toten Chit; James C. received a special award on behalf of Moose Patrol. Alex C. is the Patrol Leader.
- 6 Scouts received 2nd Class; 8 Scouts received 1st Class; 4 Scouts received Star; and Tommy D. is now Life Scout!
- Annual Service Stars were handed out – this is usually the time of year these are handed out because most boys join the Troop around Feb-April timeframe.
- Blackhawk Patrol received their Honor Patrol award. Patrol Leader Sam D. explained what Blackhawk did to earn this.
- Polar Bear Awards were handed to any camper who made it through sub-zero conditions on either the Dec, the Jan, or the March campouts.
- Klondike patches were also handed out.
- OA inductees stood for recognition.

FUTURE Troop Events

- **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.
- **June 7th mtg:** Camp set-up competition with lanterns, tents, stoves.
- **June 8th-10th:** Owasippe Service Project & Eco-Challenge Weekend!
- **June 14th mtg:** Patrol dessert competition & extra Summer Camp prep for Moose Scouts. Start thinking about pre-writing letters to your Scout....
- **June 21st mtg:** Final Summer Camp prep
- **June 23rd-30th:** **Summer Camp!**
- **After Summer Camp:** we meet every other Thurs.
- **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 .



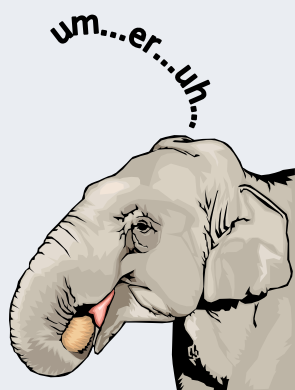
EAGLE CORNER

After a hectic Spring of Eagle Projects, we have a bit of a breather before the next round comes through.

Thanks to all boys who came forward to help. By being helpful now, you ensure that help will come your way when you need it too.

Eagle Scouts are like elephants: they DO remember who helped them along their journey.

And, speaking of elephants...



Forget something...

...you've read or heard about? Check out our archived newsletters on our Troop website: www.troop81.org !

Thank you, Mrs. Sherri Nagy & Helpers!

Thanks for a wonderful reception following our Court of Honor – it is always nice to have a social gathering of the families which make up Troop 81. Thanks to all who contributed and helped, especially with clean-up. Our next Court of Honor is August 26th at River Glen Church.

FREE! SMORGASBORD of INFO!

~ Mr. Dan Cronin



I figured it was a good time to hit you with a *smorgasbord* of unrelated items for you to consider.

June 4th - Pancake Breakfast Organizing Committee – Looking for a way to help the troop that doesn't require sleeping outside in a tent? How about getting involved in this group? We will hold a one hour organizational meeting on Sunday, June 4th at 6:00 PM at the church. It will precede the regular monthly Troop Committee Meeting.

June 9th, 10th and 11th - Owasippe Service Project – Come join us, see Owasippe, help with the Eco-challenge, have lots of fun and get some free food.

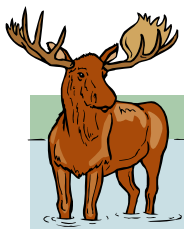
Owasippe Wish List – We made the Owasippe Wish List available on the Troop Documents Page on our website. If you have access to any of the items or wish to donate something please contact Mr. Maurer or me. http://www.troop81.org/documents/Owasippe_Wish_List_2007.pdf

Getting ready for Summer Camp or High Adventure? Here is some (free) food for thought. Now is a good time to check gear to avoid any last minute shopping. For example, make sure boots and uniform shirts still fit. Some of our gear only gets used at summer camp so check it to make sure it is still usable (e.g., mosquito netting and poles). From past experience, it is no fun to be scrambling around the night before summer camp shopping for hard-to-find items. If you have questions about summer camp or gear, feel free to check with your son's Patrol Mentor.

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!



Your son has now earned his Fireman's and his Toten Chits. Ask your Scout under what circumstances will one of the 4 corners of his Chit be cut off by an older Scout. (This is not a "good" thing, by the way!) And, have you laminated those Chits yet?

SUMMER CAMP TIP:

Each year an adult from T81, who is also a member of the local Brookdale Pool, arranges a date where Scouts can practice for their swim test. Scouts pass their swim test up at Owasippe (i.e., we do not pass them ahead of time). You can prepare your son for this experience by keeping in mind that the real test is performed in a lake with a muddy bottom, not in a heated pool. Look for a firm date of our Brookdale Pool pre-swim test soon. It is usually held one evening, by mid-June.



(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.) ☺