



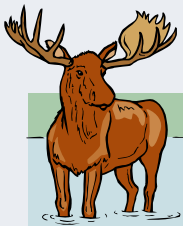
Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 31st

1. Moose Patrol is on Flags for our outdoor meeting. Please arrive early.
2. Activities: Annual Outdoor Game Night! Longwood School, Bruce Lane.
3. Remember you can now wear your Class B Shirts until Labor Day!



REMINDER:

Your Owasippe Service Project Permission Slip is **DUE THIS THURS, MAY 31!**

Also, your Summer Camp FEES & ACTIVITIES forms are **ALSO DUE!**

COME OUT AND PLAY!



Our Meeting this Thursday will be held at Longwood Elementary School (30W240 Bruce Lane, N'ville, 60563). We'll have a few pick-up games of softball and soccer. Wear your Class B's...and bring your mitts, bats, and/or balls. And, of course don't forget your Owasippe Service Project permission slip. It's DUE! (See Mr. Maurer's message, below.)

Summer Camp Update

ALL forms and additional activity fees are due May 31st.

- Have your Scout pick a tent partner.
- Make sure all gear FITS!
- Start assembling any medications.
- Discuss with your Scout how he will handle his spending \$.
- Start thinking about letters you'll be writing (you need to mail these ~June 18th).



A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer



Troop -

I sent out a separate email with the permission slip for the Owasippe Service Project Weekend as was promised at last week's meeting. This permission slip needs to be printed and returned at the meeting this week in order that menu's and duty rosters can be planned.

You should also be able to find the permission slip posted on the web site as well:
http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_Owasippe_Service_project.pdf

Remember, we need parents to attend this weekend. If you haven't been to Owasippe before, this is a great time to find out what all the excitement is about.

Thank you!

TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Important
DATE!

CALENDAR

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

June 3: **REMINDER –**
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!)

NEW July 5: NO
MEETING! (We start
meeting every 2 weeks
during summer.)

NEW July 12: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk on set-up)

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

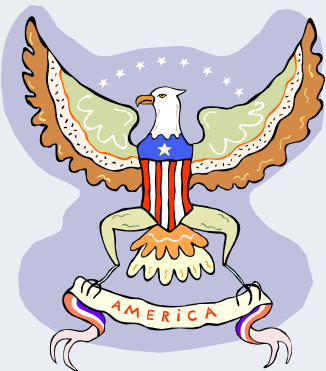
- Mr. Bill Marineau provided Youth Protection training during our meeting. If you missed this mtg., adults will be required to complete this course at Owasippe.
- Scouts had a tent-setting-up exercise and some met with Mr. Bergquist regarding their Personal Fitness Merit Badge.
- Grant D. (Blackhawk – GO!) is starting a 1st Class Emphasis "class", designed to work on 1-3 requirements per week, for those Scouts who need rank advancements. He met with interested Scouts last meeting, but you can join in at any time.
- Updated Troop Rosters were handed out again. Will be mailed if not picked up.
- Scouts need to sign up (with or without partners) for the Eco-Challenge, so we know how many stations and teams we have. There is a sheet at front table.
- Mrs. Kathy Smith handed out NEW activity forms for Summer Camp – there were a few changes/errors in the previous copies. Some of the times have changed, too. See her if you did not receive this form at last meeting.
- If you did not attend the Court of Honor, please see your Patrol Mentor for any missing badges, service stars, awards, patches, etc.
- Mr. Dubbins recognized James K. for his work with the Moose Patrol.
- Mr. Maurer reminded Scouts to ensure all of their requirements are recorded on the Adult Mentor's "blue pages" BEFORE attending your Board of Review.
- Mr. Bergquist held a round of Scouting Trivia – check next page for answers!
- **REMINDER:** 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. FREE FOOD!?!)
- **Joke-O'-The-Week:** Is there baseball in heaven? Yes, and you're batting next!

FUTURE Troop Events

- **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., starting on July 12th.
- **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

Kevin R. continued to work on his landscaping project. Thanks to all who participated.



Alex R. needs your help at River Glen Church on THIS Saturday, June 2nd, starting at 8 am. And yes: FREE FOOD! Sign up sheet is at front table, or contact him directly.



SCOUTING TRIVIA!

During the last Troop Meeting, Mr. Dean Bergquist held a round of Scouting Trivia. Here are the highlights.

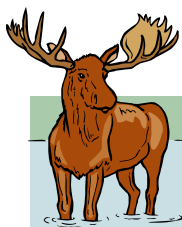


- In what year was Owasippe founded? 1911: it is the oldest BSA camp in North America.
- How many acres did the original Owasippe camp have? 35,000. It currently has ~5,000.
- What is the highlight of the "Moose" trail hike? The Trading Post!
- What training does an adult need at Owasippe? Youth Protection Training!
- What is the Order of the Arrow? It is Scouting's "Honor Society".
- What is the Order's motto? "Brotherhood of cheerful service."
- In what year was OA made part of Boy Scouts? In 1935.

Ready for more? Check out this fun, 10-question on-line quiz.
<http://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/World/Scout-to-Eagle-USA-254443.html>

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!



WHERE TO WEAR? At Court of Honor, your Moose Scout received his first badge of rank, that of "Scout". This badge is sewn on the left pocket of the Class A uniform. The right pocket area is reserved for any "temporary" badge of choice. See this link for complete details: <http://www.scouting.org/forms/34283.pdf> .

I've had a request for your ideas of what other families do with all of the extra patches and badges and awards that your Scout receives – do you have a blanket, a vest, a jacket, a banner, or a binder? Please email me your own ideas and I'll publish.

SUMMER CAMP TIP:

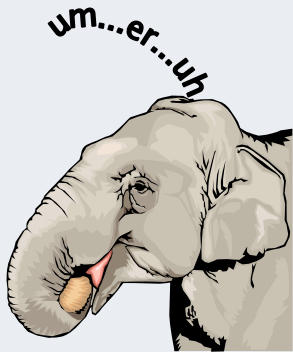
Scouts are now wearing their Class B shirts to meetings. But at Summer Camp, they will still wear their Class A shirt each evening at dinner. Mr. Maurer has a suggestion to avoid losing the slide and neckerchief: safety pin the entire pre-rolled scarf under the collar of the Class A shirt (at neck). This way the scarf stays attached at all times – the Scout merely needs to slip on the slide to be ready. Take a nail (or sharp object) and etch your Scout's initials or name onto the back of the slide (they all look alike!), which can be kept in his shirt pocket when not in use. Finally, pack a wire hanger so your Scout can hang up his uniform shirt after dinner – it may stay wrinkle-free all week!



(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.) ☺

THE PERFECT RECIPE!

~ Mr. Dan Cronin



Forget something...
...you've read or heard about? Check out our archived newsletters on our Troop website: 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**. She lays out each week's news over the weekend for the following Thursday's mtg.



If you had to make pancakes from scratch, would you know how to do it? Making something as simple as a pancake can be quite complicated if you lacked the recipe, ingredients and the proper equipment. Most of us couldn't do it without a recipe, a few trips to the grocery store, and quite a few bad pancakes before making that perfect pancake. Thankfully, there are plenty of step by step recipes for pancakes, ready-made mixes and with a little bit of practice almost anyone can make that perfect pancake.



Running a pancake breakfast for the Troop isn't much different. We would never want to try it from scratch. Fortunately, we are able to rely on past experience to prepare and execute that perfect pancake breakfast. If you have attended the breakfast before, you know we have a recipe for success! **Our recipe begins this Sunday, June 4th at 6PM at the church where we will begin the planning process for the 2007 Troop 81 Pancake Breakfast.** The big difference this year is Mr. Steffek and Mrs. Gorecki are turning over their recipe to a new group of volunteers. The Steffeks are moving to Texas and Mrs. Gorecki's boys are going to be Eagle soon (isn't that right Gorecki boys?!).

The Pancake Breakfast is the Troop's only fundraiser. All scouts and their parents are expected to help with this event. Through the income from this event we are able to cover most of the operating expenses for the Troop and put some money into the Scout accounts. We need volunteers to learn the recipe and ensure success again this year. If you have ideas on how to improve or want to learn more about our recipe and you can spare an hour this Sunday, we will be meeting in the church at 6PM. If you would like to help to organize but can't make the meeting, let me know.

Also this Sunday, June 4th, immediately following the Pancake Breakfast Meeting, we will conduct our monthly Committee Meeting at 7PM at the church.

SUMMER CAMP 2007!

It's not too early to start assembling all of your Scout's gear. Here is the link again for our suggested gear list: http://www.troop81.org/documents/2007_Owasippe.pdf (see pg 2 of this document).

Most importantly, for returning Scouts, check that everything still fits: shorts, swimming suit, boots, water shoes, etc.



1st-Time Campers: if you have questions about buying your mosquito netting and PVC piping, ask an Adult Mentor for help. You'll use these items year after year, and are worth the investment. Also, it is quite fun to sleep in this "cocoon"!

The countdown continues:

< 4 weeks now until Summer Camp 2007! ☺