



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting June 14th

1. *Viking Patrol* is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.
2. Activities: Dessert Night + S.C. Prep.
3. Remember you can now wear your Class B Shirts until Labor Day!



REMINDER:

Patrols will get back their own dirty equipment at Owasippe, if that is what they turn in this week! Check out our website for cleaning instructions on all Troop Equipment.

PATROL DESSERT COMPETITION!

Our Meeting this Thursday will feature a dessert competition between the Patrols...not to be confused with a desert competition ...although that would be fun, too. Scouts, you may be asked to purchase an ingredient (or two) – your Patrol Leader may contact you.



We'll also have extra Summer Camp Prep for 1st year Scouts. Anyone with questions: this is your chance to ask!

Wear your Class B's, including your hat. Need a hat? They're \$13 – see Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt.

Summer Camp Countdown: <2 weeks!

- Start thinking about pre-writing letters to your Scout. Start mailing them ~ June 18th.
- Start putting together your gear – lay it all out on the floor and see if it will fit into your duffel/pack.
- And, speaking of fitting – make sure that gear actually fits you/your Scout!
- Label EVERYTHING!!!!
- Those medical forms are with Sherri Nagy, right?!? (You turn in medications at departure.)
- More info & tips on Pages 3 & 4, below....Also, be sure to look at this document for full details about this campout: https://www.troop81.org/documents/2007_Owasippe.pdf .



WHAT A WEEKEND AT OWASIPPE!

Great weather...super activities...loads of fun...
Thanks to all who came & helped!



TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Important
DATE!

CALENDAR

June 14: Troop Mtg.

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

June 28: No mtg!
(Summer Camp!)

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

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

July 19: NO Mtg.

July 26: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle on set-up)

Aug 2: NO Mtg.

Aug 9: Troop Mtg.
(Moose on set-up)

Aug 16: NO Mtg.

Aug 23: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion on set-up)

Aug 26: Court of Honor
Sunday – River Glen

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River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- Scouts turned in their requests for tent partners and type of tent they will sleep in – if your Scout has not done this, have him see his Adult Mentor.
- Sailing High Adventure Scouts met with Mr. Marineau.
- Mr. Bainbridge asked for volunteers for Naperville Township Flag Day Ceremony, Thurs, June 14th at 6.30, 139 Water Street. Will take ~1 hour; wear Class A's!

IF YOU'RE A FOOD SHOPPER

Just a reminder, if your family is chosen to be a food shopper for any future campouts: be sure to pick up your Patrol cooler and/or dry box from the trailer **BEFORE** the campout (e.g., at a Troop Meeting prior to the weekend).



FUTURE Troop Events

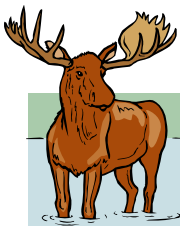
- **June 21st mtg:** Final Summer Camp preparation
- **June 23rd-30th: Summer Camp!**
- **After Summer Camp:** we meet every other Thurs., starting on July 12th.
- **July:** Troop & Patrol Elections! (probably July 26th)
- **August 26th:** Court of Honor at River Glen



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

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!

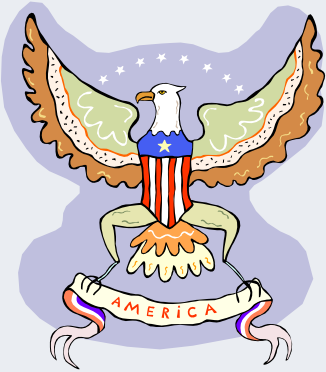


SUMMER CAMP TIPS:

1. Be sure to write to your Scout! Start mailing letters ~June 18th. You can also slip Mr. Dubbins or Mr. Harris (or any Adult Leader) a letter to your Scout before departure, to ensure you Scout has mail at the first mail call.
2. Scouts do not have to pack things into a backpack for Summer Camp – duffles or similar work fine.
3. Don't forget your Scout will not have access to his things during the long bus ride up – so have him pack a very small day pack or bag with a few things he might need: travel games, reading material, etc.. **Last year there was no food allowed on the bus. We anticipate the same rule this year.**
4. Remember: **NO FOOD OR CANDY OF ANY KIND** is allowed in your son's gear. **NONE. NADA. ZIP.**



(If you have a specific question you'd like answered for the benefit of all Moose (and other) Scouts, please see/call Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News Editor.) ©



EAGLE CORNER

Alex R. wishes to thank all who helped with his Eagle Project, which is now COMPLETE! If you need service hours signed off, please see him.



Mr. Maurer says a few more are coming up...we might finish the year 2007 with a total of 10 or more Eagles!



I'd like to thank all of the adults who came out to the Owasippe Service Project Campout to help out. We completed our Service Projects in just over an hour. We were then able to lay out our camp site and conduct tours of Camp Blackhawk. Because we had so many great volunteers, the Eco-challenge was also a big success. With all of the help, some of the adults were able to enjoy the same things the boys do when they are at camp like boating and fishing. Messrs. Bainbridge & Bergquist made (free) cobbler for everyone who helped.

We need a few volunteers to buy food for summer camp. We prepare three meals at camp: dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. We will provide you with a list of what you need to buy at this week's meeting. You will need to buy everything and bring it to the Hill Middle School when the troop leaves for Owasippe at 6 AM on Saturday, June 23rd. We can divide the purchases up among three adults or one person can buy it all. Please see Mr. Maurer or me at this week's meeting if you can help.

I know most of you are more concerned about summer camp than you are about the Pancake Breakfast. Keep in mind that it is the Pancake Breakfast that makes summer camp possible. The majority of our operating budget comes from the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast. In addition, the troop puts money into you son's scout account based on participation and percentage of sales. We have a great crew of parents already signed up to help but we always need more help. Please see Mr. Lupsha, Mrs. Laskey or me if you have suggestions or ideas for this year's breakfast or if you can help out.

We are in the homestretch for summer camp. If you haven't already begun, this weekend is a good time to begin packing. At my house, we renamed the living room the "camping annex". This time of year, we use it to lay out the gear we are taking to summer camp. We make sure everything has a name on it and it all fits, especially the boots. The boys are in boots most of the time and will walk a few miles each day.

Start writing letters to your scouts now, but don't start mailing them until next Tuesday. It is better to send too many letters than not enough.

A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer



The Owasippe service weekend was again a great success. We cleaned the Camp Blackhawk "Go" rifle range, the chapel at Camp Carlen and set up site 3 for our arrival on June 23rd. After a lot of hard work we all went back to relax and play. Eight energetic scouts participated in the Eco Challenge and made it a great competition. The rest enjoyed Owasippe. Many fish were caught (and released for the next lucky scout or scouter). A big Thank You to all the adults who made this a successful weekend. Can't wait to get up to Owasippe for a whole week.

Although summer is upon us it is important that those going to camp attend each of the next meetings. There is a lot of prep work and decisions that need to be made BEFORE we get to camp. Please make sure Mr. & Mrs. Smith have you schedule for the week.

Moose Scouts will be able to practice their swim test next Tuesday, June 19th at the Brookdale pool from 6-7:00pm. The fee for this evening is \$2. While the Moose will have priority, others who may want to take a shot at passing the swim test are welcome.

SUMMER CAMP 2007!

We have 111 folks going up: 81 Scouts and 30 Adults. Things will be a little crazy in that Hill Middle School parking lot at 6.00 am on Saturday June 23rd! Here's how you can make things go smoother:

- Prepare 2 envelopes for your Scout's spending \$\$\$\$. Put your Scout's name on the outside of each. 1 envelope should contain lunch \$ for on the way back; the other(s) envelopes can contain spending \$ for up at Camp. We believe Mr. O'Brien is our "banker" (we'll confirm this) and he will collect these envelopes on departure morning.
- Ditto for medications: place all meds (in their original containers) in a zip-loc bag, along with a completed medication card (see our website "Troop Documents" to download). These will be collected on departure morning by Sherri Nagy.
- Label EVERYTHING with a permanent marker. Use a sharp nail to scratch initials into metal objects such as slides, flashlights, canteens, etc.
- Bind together the Scout's 4 mosquito net poles. Put name AND Patrol name on each pole.
- Hiking boots are MANDATORY. No one leaves for Camp without them. ON! ☺
- Give your Scout a hug...take pictures...give him a kiss...and save any tears for your car ride back home. He'll be FINE. He'll do wonderfully. He'll probably have the best time of his life. And, you'll see him in 8 days.

If you're having trouble writing those letters to your Scout, read on. Two years ago, a family shared this letter with us.

Hi, Bobby –

Welcome to Summer Camp. I hope you enjoy your final year at Owasippe. I know that you're an experienced camper, but I can't help relaying some advice.

1. *Remember, if the spider is big enough to clog the intake of a vacuum cleaner, it is best left to the professionals, or at least a sturdy baseball bat.*
2. *The shower is that thing out of which the water sprays. Don't be afraid to use it in times of emergency.*
3. *Although the nutritional value of Owasimeal is still under debate, don't scoff at it. It is still the best long-term building material you are likely to find close at hand. Its usefulness for building retaining walls, road surfaces, and the like is unparalleled.*
4. *Your tent partner is there to provide you company and share chores. He is not to be used for bizarre experiments in human/animal DNA blending. Please don't do so without express written permission from your Scoutmaster, even if you do need the results for a merit badge.*
5. *Although it may have appeared that your parents were dancing and cheering as the bus pulled away, don't be fooled by this. We love you and miss you and hope you have a wonderful time.*

Love, Dad, Mom and Abby



PS: I hope you enjoyed the cookies. What? You didn't get any cookies?! Look for the Adult Leader with crumbs on his shirt....



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.*