



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting July 12th

1. *Blackhawk Patrol is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.*
2. *Activities: Troop & Patrol Elections & Trailer Clean-Out.*
3. *Remember you can wear your Class B Shirts until Labor Day. Hats still re'qd!*



REMINDERS:

Bring back all equipment, clean & dry.

Check it in with your Patrol QuarterMaster – DO NOT leave in a pile at the door.

Words of Thanks From ScoutMaster Maurer



What takes too long to get here and is gone too quickly once it arrives.....SUMMER CAMP at OWASIPPE! Months of planning, weeks of preparation, gone in what seems an instant. Troop 81 can boast that we had 82 Scouts and 28 adults attend camp this year. I would like to take this space in the newsletter to thank all who were involved. To the Scouts whose energy, excitement, hard work and behavior make all the time and effort worthwhile. To the Scoutmasters, Committee Members and other adults who took their time to pitch in to make this a memorable week for the boys.

Those of you who have never attended summer camp need to know of the awesome effort put forth during our week at camp. Our adults not only work with our boys in and out of camp, but pitch-in all over camp. We help serve the food, we help open the trading post, we help in the merit badge areas, we open the museum. In other words this is a working vacation for the adults involved. I would like to say THANK YOU to each and every one who came to camp or helped us get there. I hope to see many more of you at camp next year - it is an experience you will never forget.

Although we all worked hard at camp I would like to recognize three exceptional folks who never rested while we were at Owasisippe. First, **Stan and Kathy Smith**, without whose tireless work over the past year the Troop would have never gotten to camp and without their organizational skills we would have never gotten all our Scouts to all the activities they had planned. And to **Kevin D., our Senior Patrol Leader**, who worked as hard as any Scout on his own activities and then kept the Troop working. He also led us to the 9th straight year of obtaining the Baden Powell Award for keeping our campsite(s) clean and in good order.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A GREAT TIME AT OWASIPPE!!!

~ Tim Maurer

**TROOP
ELECTIONS
TO BE
HELD THIS
THURS!**



IMPORTANT! The semi-annual election of our Troop's Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and all Patrol leadership positions will be held during our July 12th meeting. You'll elect an SPL immediately after flags...and Patrol elections will be held at 8.10 pm.

Scouts, come have YOUR say in running YOUR Troop!



CALENDAR

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

July 19: **NO** Meeting.

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

Aug 2: **NO** Meeting.

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

NEW - Aug 11: Annual Troop Planning Mtg + Picnic. Details next issue.

Aug 16: **NO** Meeting.

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

Aug 26: Court of Honor
Sunday – River Glen

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BOY SCOUTS
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- No Troop meeting last week.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:
<https://www.troop81.org/information.htm> .

QUARTER-MASTERS' MTG @ 6 pm



There will be a Quarter-Masters' meeting at 6 pm, July 12th, (before our regular Thurs Troop Meeting) at River Glen Church. Lots to do after Summer Camp!

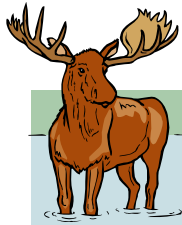
If you cannot come, please do send an alternate.

FUTURE Troop Events

- **PM of August 26th**: Court of Honor at River Glen. Please contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help with set-up/clean-up and general organizing.



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!

Well, how was your son's first Summer Camp experience? We trust he had a wonderful time, filled with tons of memories to last a lifetime. ☺

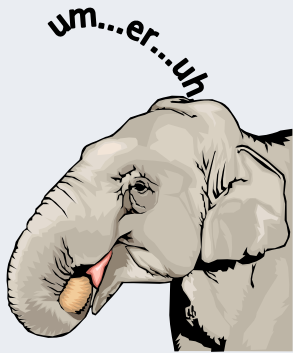
- Be sure to check the **Lost & Found bin**, which will be at the front area of our meetings for a few weeks. Sometimes you don't know you've lost something until you see it in there. And, we know your son has his name on all things, so...
- **Patrol elections** are during THIS week's meeting. The Scouts hold these 2x/year – in Jan and July. Perhaps your son would like to have a position of responsibility within his Patrol. Have him check with an Adult Mentor for details, or have him talk with another Scout whose current position your son is interested in.
- The **August Court of Honor** date is worth reserving on your calendar. Your son will receive his first (!) Merit Badges he earned at Summer Camp, along with a cool Owasippe patch for his uniform.



(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.) ☺

COMMITTEE NEWS

~ 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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If **YOU** have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact **Lisa Schweitzer**.



Even though we only meet biweekly for the next two months, summer is still a busy time for us. The Troop is readying for our four High Adventure Trips. We are preparing for the Court of Honor and most importantly, we are preparing for the Pancake Breakfast. Many of you are planning and taking your family vacations, and believe it or not, some are already getting ready to go back to school. I know it is a busy time, but we still need your help this summer.

Our next big event is the Pancake Breakfast. Just like our Summer Camp planning, we will be spending a lot of time preparing through the summer. As Mr. Maurer pointed out, it is the adult volunteers who make the difference when we are at camp. I'm not saying we are better or worse than any of the other troops at camp; we just make a difference by volunteering and helping the staff at Owasippe. On behalf of the Committee, I echo the thanks to all of our volunteers who made Owasippe possible for us this year. Just like Summer Camp, we need all of the help we can get for the Pancake Breakfast. Even if you helped out with camp, the Pancake Breakfast is a great opportunity for you to make a difference for the Troop. If you can help, please let Mr. Maurer or me know.

SIMPLY, "THANK YOU!"

Here's a 'Note of Thanks' I received and wish to pass along to all the Troop 81 adult leadership at OWASIPPE Summer Camp 2007. I believe this letter expresses the thoughts of all parents in our Troop.

"Owasippe provides a beautiful outdoor facility with a great opportunity for our Scouts to acquire skills and, hopefully, bring home a few merit badges.

"But it's all of you, our Adult Leaders, who make it possible AND memorable for them.

"The months of phone calls, planning, and preparation add up to countless hours. What a huge commitment! Under your watchful eyes, all of our boys' needs are met.

"Thank you EACF & EVERY ONE OF YOU for administering meds, loaning bug spray, cracking jokes, taking pictures, and offering encouragement. It wouldn't be a go if the trailers weren't hauled, the Banker didn't keep the cash, blue cards weren't signed, etc. The list is endless.

*"So -- from cooking the Sunday morning "Train Wreck" breakfast to that 5 hr drive back to Hill parking lot on Saturday, a heartfelt **Thank You!**"*

~ Mrs. Marge Dunning