



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting September 6th

1. *Viking Patrol is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.*
2. *Activities: Pancake Selling Info Mtg.*
3. *We're back to full Class A dress!*



REMINDER TO BOTH PARENTS & SCOUTS!

**Be sure to bring
your calendars
to our meetings**

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**we will have
Pancake selling
session sign-up
sheets at the
back tables.**

Words Of Thanks, From ScoutMaster Maurer



First and foremost I need to again thank **Kevin D.** for his efforts over the past year. Kevin stands among some of our finest SPL's. His efforts in keeping this Troop running in the right direction are admirable. As we are proud of him, he can be proud of the work he has done and the Troop he hands off to Lucas F., our new SPL. Welcome Lucas - the Troop stands ready to work with you to bring about a quality program, Scout-led, as has been our tradition.

Another successful Court of Honor. Over 200 merit badges, 30+ rank advancements and an array of other honors and awards that were presented to our Scouts, leaders and adults. 82 Scouts and 30 adults and leaders attended summer camp. 48 Scouts and leaders went on 4 different High Adventures this summer.

As I stood in front of the crowd on Sunday I was reminded that while I am the most visible, **there is a host of support that I need to recognize and be thankful for** as Scoutmaster of this Troop:

To the adult mentors who work with the Scouts at meetings and on campouts. To the members of the Troop Committee who continue to make good financial decisions and keep this Troop running soundly in the face of ever-changing financial challenges. To the new and familiar faces on the Pancake Breakfast Committee. It is nice to work with a group of people who hold on to the fundamentals while not being afraid to change direction when needed. To Julie Ensinger who arranges the Boards of Review and all who sit as board members. To our advancement Chairperson, Chris Dubbins, who works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all awards are properly recorded. To Kim Emanuel who organizes the awards before the CoH. To Sherri Nagy, Sue Simpson and all who helped put the CoH together with a wonderful meal. To Beth Schwartz and Marge Dunning who keep us going where the boys want to go every month. To Stan and Kathy Smith who take us to summer camp well prepared and organized. To the leaders and parents who drive the Scouts where they want to go and join in the fun. To the Merit Badge Counselors and all who work with the Scouts and their advancement. And to Lisa Schweitzer who keeps us informed with this newsletter.

It has been said that many things take a village. Troop 81 takes an ARMY. **THANK YOU ALL** for making this Troop a successful experience for the Scouts who attend.

~ Tim Maurer



CALENDAR

NEW Aug 30: NO Meeting!

Sep 6: Troop Mtg. (Viking on set-up) – Back to Class A's! Pioneering Competition.

IMPORTANT! Sep 6: Parent Info Mtg re Pancake, after flags, River Glen.

NEW Sep 8: Troop Service Project, David M Caruso Memorial Park, Longwood Subdivision.

NEW Sep 9: PLC Mtg & Troop Committee Mtg (4 and 7 pm, respectively)

Sep 11: 9/11 Memorial participation, City of Naperville.

Sep 13: Troop Mtg. (Wolverine on set-up) Fire & Public Safety Night.

NEW Oct 6: Troop Work Day at River Glen Church

Nov 3: Pancake Breakfast Event @ NNHS

**TROOP 81
BOY SCOUTS**
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- New Service Project opportunity: Mrs. Sherry See is coordinating our Troop's assistance with the development of a new memorial park in the Longwood Subdivision to honor Sergeant David M. Caruso, an Eagle Scout who died in Iraq. Event is on September 8th, and involves the planting of over 60 trees and shrubs. Contact Sherry directly with questions. Sign up sheet is at Troop Mtg. Details below in this newsletter.
- The City of Naperville needs our Troop's help: specifically to hand out flyers at a 9/11 memorial, to be held Tuesday evening Sept 11th in downtown Naperville. 30 Scouts are needed who will be in complete Class A dress uniform. Sign-up sheet is at the front table at next two meetings.
- Moose Patrol mother/son campout was postponed.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

<https://www.troop81.org/information.htm> .



FUTURE Troop Events

- **September 14-16:** Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend, TFC Ranch, Rochelle, IL. Meet at Ranch at 7 pm – call others for carpooling.
- **NEW! September 21-23:** Governor Dodge State Park campout, Dodgeville, WI. Hiking + swimming + optional tour of House-on-the-Rock. Details coming! And look for permission slip on-line soon.
- **NEW October 6:** Troop work day at River Glen Church; mulch & fall cleanup.
- **NEW: The PLC met and here is the schedule of campouts planned for 2007-2008:**
 - October campout: Biking!
 - November "Late-Night" campout: 10pm-2am activities.
 - December: Wilderness Survival campout.
 - January: Klondike overnighter.
 - February: Skiing & Snow Sports.
 - March: Caving in Iowa.
 - April: Horseback riding & backpacking combo.
 - May: Indi Time Trials. Vroom!
 - June: Owasippe Service Project.
 - July: Summer Camp – yes, dates are set already: June 28-July 5!



Lucas & his team also sketched out tentative plans for 4 great High Adventure events next year: Scuba diving at an offshore Texas oil rig...Whitewater rafting...Boundary Waters canoe trip...and a winter HA trip near Ely, MN (think dog sledding & igloos).

E-NEWS REMINDER



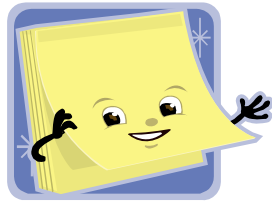
Deadline to submit items for a newsletter will now always be Monday...
...then look for your E-newsletter to be posted on our website a mere 2 days later, on Wednesdays. (We realise this is only 1 day before our Troop Meetings, but this schedule will allow for the very latest news to reach you.)

We're meeting every week now, starting Aug 30th, so we'll get back into a regular routine.

~ Lisa Schweitzer



MORE Important Pancake Stuff:



For those parents who signed up for "Parking Lot Parent" for a weekend, please call Natalie Storey @ 416-8296 to confirm your date. Our sign up sheet was lost off of the Scout table. Anyone who has already called her, we thank you. She will be calling you shortly to slot your weekend. Thanks for your patience and for volunteering. We really do need your help!

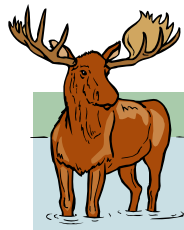
~ Carol Laskey

It's NOT too late! Anyone who has a business that would like to **place an ad** on our Pancake Breakfast placemats should contact Audrey Clair @ 630-904-9651 or audreyclair@yahoo.com.



USEFUL MOOSE NEWS

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



Now that 1st year Scouts have started earning Merit Badges, you might wonder how these are displayed. You should purchase a green Boy Scout sash (at Deicke Scout store, Chalkboard, or similar) and sew the badges across the sash (3 per row).

You will notice that Eagle-required Merit Badges have a silver embroidered rim; elective Merit Badges have a green rim. The sash is worn over the RIGHT shoulder. And ONLY Merit Badges are displayed on the FRONT of the sash. So, have your Scout put on his sash *before* he starts sewing on those badges to get the alignment right! (Google "merit badge sash" or similar for more info and some photos online, like the one in the left column. The back of the sash may have temporary activity patches – check online for rules and details.) The sash is NOT the place for previous badges of rank. Merit Badges may be sewn on in ANY order.

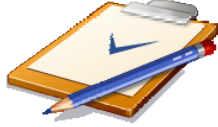
One thing that was said by a Scout during the Court of Honor ceremonies reminded me of something: "be sure to have your own Scout keep all of his rank advancement cards in a safe place."

We use those plastic sheets that hold trading cards to keep ours safe. All of the extra patches and segments fit in there too. And, when we get a new rank patch, we slip the old one in there with the rank advancement card.



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

Whew...one last page to go, below!



If you missed last Sunday's Court of Honor:

- Your son can pick up his packet of badges, photos, pins, patches, and so forth from his adult Mentor.
- New Troop rosters were handed out, so see Mr. Dave Rypka or Mrs. Sue Simpson at our next meeting for yours.
- This new roster lists the new leadership positions our Scouts have, and Scouts (and parents) are reminded to follow the chain-of-command to answer questions and/or to resolve issues. 😊