



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>

1. *Wolverine Patrol* is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.
2. *Activities: Fire & Public Safety Night* with Mr. Dunning & N'ville Fire Dept.
3. *We're back to full Class A dress!*



## **REMINDER TO BOTH PARENTS & SCOUTS!**

This is the last week to register interest in High Adventure Trips – no obligation – just a headcount. It will be difficult to add you later, so sign up now!



## PANCAKE SELLING HAS BEGUN!



Wow, you couldn't have asked for better weekend weather to kick off our ticket sales!

Scouts did great...together they sold tickets and received donations totaling \$?. Oops, I can't spoil the surprise before next Troop Mtg!

### Many Important Points...Please READ:

- Retail Sales Parent(s) – be sure to pick up your ticket packet & Scout envelopes from Charlie Lupsha the Thursday prior to the Sat/Sun session. There will be no hand-off from the am to pm parents – each session's lead parent must pick up the corresponding packet themselves from Charlie. Call him if this is unclear.
- We urgently need parking lot attendants! We need experienced families to be our designated go-to person for each weekend in October. (Sept 22-23 parent will be DeeDee Marineau; Sept 29-30 parent will be John Freck.) Being the attendant counts towards your entire parental commitment. And no driving involved! ☺
- Friends & Family tix will be made available once Scouts have sold-out the various subdivisions. Like last year, we estimate this to be in early Oct, and announcements of which subdivisions are available for open selling will be made as they are released.
- SO PLEASE: do NOT email/call all of your neighbors to "reserve" a sale for your own Scout. This is not fair to the other Scouts who will be canvassing your neighborhood, and it is quite discouraging for Scouts to hear door after door after door "No, I'm buying from \_\_\_."
- Be courteous: If you can't make a door-to-door session, PLEASE call the assigned Parking Lot Parent to cancel yourself (do not call Carol or Charlie – they won't have the sheets at that stage). This is important so we don't wait around for you at Menard's and keep other drivers and Scouts waiting to get started selling.

Please see the last 3 pages of newsletter for much more info. This info was discussed at the "Pancake 101" meeting last Thursday. Please read through things thoroughly. There are important contact names/numbers and updates from last year.



## CALENDAR

Sept 15: Continuation of Service Project at Caruso Memorial, Longwood.

Sept 20: Troop Mtg. (Blackhawk) Orienteering theme.

Sept 27: Troop Mtg. (Eagle) Cooking Competition, but w/out ovens.

Oct 4: Monthly QM Mtg, 6 pm. Troop Mtg. (Moose) 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Quiz Nite.

Oct 6: Troop Work Day at River Glen Church.

Oct 11: Troop Mtg. (Scorpion) GPS & Geo-Caching.

**NEW** Oct 14: PLC Mtg, 4 pm, & Troop Committee Mtg, River Glen @ 7 pm.

Oct 18: Troop Mtg. (Viking) McDowell Woods Scavenger Hunt.

\* Nov 3: Pancake Breakfast Event @ NNHS

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**CHANGE:** Troop announcements will now be made ONLY at the END of Troop Meetings, ~8.20 pm. This will allow Scouts to get started with their Patrol time immediately after flags.

### **THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements**

- **IMPORTANT:** Permission slips for September 21-23 campout at Governor Dodge State Park (WI) are DUE at 9/13<sup>th</sup> meeting (by 7.30). These can be viewed and printed from the following link: [http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007\\_Sept\\_Wisconsin.pdf](http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_Sept_Wisconsin.pdf).
- Last chance to register interest for High Adventure – there are 4 options on the table (literally – that's where the sign-ups are). NO obligation ... BUT if you don't sign up now, you might not be able to be added later. Parents encouraged, too! Tentative trips are: Boundary Waters Canoe Trip, MN/Canada; Dog Sledding/Igloo Camping over Christmas Break, Ely, MN; Scuba Diving, TX; and Philmont 2009. (There are different age and rank reqs to be able to participate).
- See Alex T. if you are a stamp collector – he has some cool ones from his travels. Thanks for thinking of others, Alex!
- Instructors met during Patrol time to get assignments. Wolverine won their tent-setting-up competition.
- OA Ordeal on 9/15: this is your last opportunity this year – if you don't make it, your name gets tossed back and you then need to be reelected.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Check out Lost & Found ("MB" has a whole pack full of stuff in there!)...pick up your new Troop Roster...and if you missed Court of Honor, pick up your badges, High Adventure DVDs, pics, patches, etc.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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



### **FUTURE Troop Events**

- **September 21-23:** Governor Dodge State Park campout, Dodgeville, WI.
- **NEW Sept 23:** Boy Scout Open House, Von Oven. If you're not going to the campout, please help at this event for incoming Webelos.
- **October 6:** Troop work day at River Glen Church; mulch & fall cleanup.
- **Date Set October 6-7:** Biking campout, Blackwell Preserve. More details next page. Permission slip coming on-line soon!
- **Date Set November 9-11:** "Late-Night" campout w/ 10pm-2am activities.
- December: Wilderness Survival campout.
- **Date Set January 25-26:** Klondike overnighiter – only 1 night of camping.
- **Date Set February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports; cabin camping.
- March: Caving in Iowa.
- April: Horseback riding & backpacking combo.
- May: Indi Time Trials. Vroom!
- June: Owasippe Service Project.
- **Summer Camp – June 28-July 5!** **HELP:** We need a shadow for Stan & Kathy Smith – this will be their final year organizing S.C. Learn from the best!



**Thanks** to those who came out this past weekend to start landscaping Longwood's memorial park for Sergeant David M. Caruso. Workers are also needed to continue this work, on Sat, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at Troop Meeting or contact Mrs. Sherry See with questions. See full info to the right → → → →

**Thanks** to the Scouts who helped the City of Naperville hand out flyers at a September 11th memorial.

**Thanks** to co-leaders **Charlie Lupsha and Carol Laskey** for their energetic and informative kickoff to our Pancake FUNdraiser!

**Thanks** to everyone who participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Pancake Selling.

**Thanks**, Marge Dunning for being our Parking Lot Attendant and balancing all the money, tickets, maps, pens, envelopes, and sign-up sheets!!!

**Thanks**, Karrie Novack, for being our \$\$\$ receipting person for the entire 8 weeks of sales!

## **NEW October Biking Campout:**

- The October campout will be a biking campout based at Blackwell Forest Preserve on October 6 & 7. The current plan is to meet at Hill Middle School on Saturday morning, and then ride bicycles up to Blackwell from Hill – about 6 miles. When we arrive at Blackwell, we'll set up camp and then ride out on the Illinois Prairie Path to Batavia? Geneva? Wheaton? Herrick Lake? Fermi Lab? The details of the bike ride(s) on Saturday will be worked out dependent on interest and skill level.
- If you will be riding a bike on this campout, you must wear a helmet. Your bike should be in good working order, especially the tires and brakes. You should bring along a spare inner tube...a water bottle on your bike...or wear a Camelbak.
- At Hill School Saturday morning we'll load our packs and gear in the trailers as we usually do. The trailers will be driven up to the campsite and will be waiting for us when we arrive on our bikes. On Sunday morning we'll pack up as we usually do and then ride our bikes back to Hill.
- There will be further information about this campout as it approaches. Permission slip will be online soon.



~ Paul Bainbridge

## **TROOP 81 SERVICE PROJECT**

Did you see the 4-page spread in the Naperville Sun this past Sunday?! Here is the link, if you missed it (hope it works for you):

[http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/548782,6\\_1\\_NA09\\_CARUSO\\_S1.article](http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/548782,6_1_NA09_CARUSO_S1.article)



The Longwood neighborhood is so grateful to **Troop 81** for its support last weekend! They will continue the landscaping of **Sergeant David M. Caruso Memorial Park on September 15<sup>th</sup>**. David Caruso was a Marine and Eagle Scout (3 Palms) from Longwood who was killed in action in Iraq in 2004. The park is located in Longwood on property dedicated for this purpose by DuPage County in 2006. After working with the County for nearly a year to gain approval for this project, the people of Longwood are ready to start planting – and we are looking for help from the **Scouts of Troop 81!**

On **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, volunteers from Longwood, **Troop 81**, the Naperville VFW, and the Marines will continue the work started the previous weekend – planting trees and shrubs that have been donated by area nurseries.

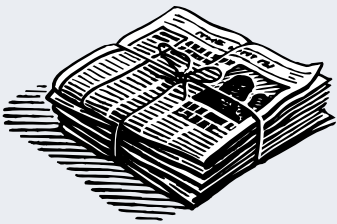
We feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to honor David's life and service to our country by building this park in his memory and hope your Scout will consider joining us in this great effort! If your Scout has an hour or two to spare on September 15<sup>th</sup>, **please contact Mrs. Sherry See at 527-1388 or at [momzilla22@wowway.com](mailto:momzilla22@wowway.com).**



Scouts (and parents) are reminded to follow the chain-of-command to answer questions and/or to resolve issues. ☺

Your new roster lists the new leadership positions our Scouts have.

### 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.)

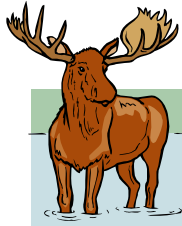
We're meeting every week now, so we're fast getting back into a regular routine.

~ Lisa Schweitzer

## USEFUL NEWS MOOSE MIGHT USE

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

Thank you all for coming to the Pancake 101 meeting last Thurs.



Helpful Reminders:

- **Be safe!** When you're the driver, keep all Scouts in line-of-sight at all times. If a Scout needs to use a bathroom, gather up all Scouts and head to a public restroom.
- **Be encouraging!** Have a 1<sup>st</sup> year Scout shadow an older Scout for a few houses to learn great sales technique.
- **Be bunnies!** The Scouts bunny-hop along the street, usually in pairs: a Scout goes to the very next house beyond where his partner is selling. If you don't know how this is done, ask an older Scout.
- **Be popular!** Have drinks and maybe even snacks for your Scouts when you're the driver.
- **Look sharp!** ALL Scouts are expected to be in full Class A uniforms, including hats, belts, scarves/bolos, and have something to write with.
- **Be respectful!** Scouts acting respectfully while selling outside of a retail location, will be asked back next year.



[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.] ☺

### **Quick Words From ScoutMaster Maurer**



I have a couple of important announcements to make at our next Troop Meeting. I hope you can be there to hear more details in person.

**First**, it is important that Scouts and interested parents sign up NOW for our 2008 High Adventure programs and our 2009 Philmont trip, so we can get these planned for you. It is easier for us to drop you than try to add your name later. So this is really the last week to guarantee a spot for yourself.

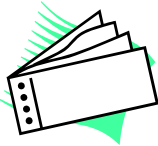
**Second**, the Troop Committee has agreed to offer a fund-raising opportunity for those Scouts going on High Adventure programs. I will meet with those Scouts involved and provide them with the details.

**Third**, we are so fortunate to have a second set of Adult Mentors stepping forward to learn the ropes from Messrs Dubbins & Harris next Spring. Geoff and Tiger have graciously and patiently trained incoming Moose & Musky Scouts for over 4 years now. Neither gentleman is leaving, just stepping aside and handing over their responsibilities to others in our Troop. Geoff and Tiger will stay with the current Moose Scouts until they are placed into other Patrols in Dec/Jan. I wanted to make this announcement well in advance so that we might reflect over the remaining months of their tenure, on all that Geoff & Tiger have accomplished. Please welcome Mr. Greg Pronger and Mr. Steve Ginell, who have stepped forward to learn from Geoff & Tiger, and to continue their work with many more new Scouts. Thank you, Gentlemen.

# Boy Scout Troop 81

# 2007 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

## Questions and Answers



<b>When</b>	Saturday, November 3; 7am-noon
<b>Where</b>	Naperville North High School Cafeteria
<b>What</b>	Troop 81's only major fundraiser
<b>Ticket Price</b>	\$5/single or \$15/family



### Ticket Sales:

**Q: What are the expectations of the boys?**

A: Door-to-door ticket sales in pre-determined neighborhoods. This year, all boys are expected to sell at least 4 selling sessions. They are also expected to work at the breakfast.

**Q: What is a regular selling session?**

A: It is scouts going door-to-door selling pancake breakfast tickets for a 3-hour block of time on the weekend or working the retail 3 or 4 hour block of time per our sign up sheets.

**Q: When are selling sessions?**

A: Selling sessions will be on the 8 weekends from September 8<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>. They run 9:00am – noon and 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturdays, and 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Sundays.

**Q: How do I sign up for selling sessions?**

A: A sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings for scouts and parents to sign up.

**Q: Can I sell to family and friends?**

A: Yes. Contact Mrs. Laskey (778-6187) for tickets. If you sell at least \$50 worth of tickets, or get donations of that amount, you can count it as one and only one selling session alternative. This money is due at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Parent Volunteers:



**Q: What work is involved at the breakfast?**

A: At least one parent is expected to work a shift at the pancake breakfast.

**Q: What are the driving expectations of the parents?**

A: Parents are expected to drive for 2 selling sessions. Drivers will accompany the scouts and be given maps of the designated area in which to sell during that session. The parent drivers will watch the scouts from their cars as the scouts are selling tickets in a designated area. They may also work a retail location as the responsible parent for overseeing the boys at our designated retail location.

**Q: Where can I get more information?**

A: Feel free to call Charlie Lupsha or Carol Laskey.

### Scout Benefits

**Q: Are there benefits to the individual scouts for participation in this fundraiser?**

A: The troop returns some money to the scouts as follows based on the scout's participation in the fundraiser.

	<b>If you participate in...</b>	U	T:
Middle School Boys	4 or more regular selling sessions (1 family & friends alternative is allowed in lieu of 1 session)	®	\$ 10%
High School Boys	4 or more regular selling sessions <i>or</i> 3 regular selling sessions + 1 alternate selling session	(	\$ 10%
	2 regular selling sessions + 2 alternate selling sessions	(	\$ 10%
Eagle Scouts Same as H.S. Boys	<i>Plus this option:</i> 4 alternate selling sessions	®	\$ 10%
All boys	Less than 4 total selling sessions, you will be expected to pay your \$150 registration fee, and still work at the breakfast.		\$ 10%

Key:

- ® Your yearly Scout registration fee or re-charter fee of \$150.
- 10% 10% of your sales credited to your Scout account.
- \$ A fixed dollar amount (TBD) to your Scout account.

**Q: What is the fixed dollar amounts the scouts receive?**

A: The actual amounts are determined during the budgeting process in January/February. Last year the boys who earned the fixed dollar amount got \$86.

**Q: What is a scout account?**

A: It is an account set up by the troop for each individual scout to use for any troop camping fees or personal camping equipment. Contact Mr. Simnick (355-8662) with questions regarding scout accounts.

**Q: What is an alternate selling session?**

A: Scouts who are in high school can volunteer to do other jobs that are related to the pancake breakfast that don't involve door-to-door selling. These alternatives include working the entire day of the pancake breakfast, selling advertising space (contact Audrey Clair), or friends and family tickets totaling at least \$50.00. Actual selling sessions still reap the most benefit to the scout. Middle School boys may sell 1 alternative friends and family totaling at least \$50.00 in lieu of 1 selling session.

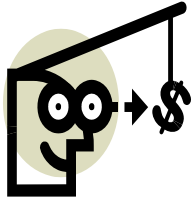
**Pancake Breakfast Day:**

**Q: What do we do at the pancake breakfast?**

A: Parents work in the kitchen or help supervise on the floor, scouts serve the customers. A training session will take place at NNHS on Thursday, November 1st. While some folks will be needed from 5am-1pm, most parents and boys will be able to work a 4-hour shift from 6:30am to 10:30am or 8:30am to 12:30pm. Specific duties and shifts will be assigned toward the end of October. High school boys will be able to earn an alternate selling session by working the entire time from 5am-1pm.



**Need Some Motivation?**



By completing just 4 selling sessions, your Scout's annual \$150 registration fee is entirely paid for – yes, entirely! Each Scout will also receive a to-be-determined amount into his Scout account (last year it was \$85), depending on the entire Troop's sales, PLUS 10% of his individual sales also go into that account. Scout Account funds can be used for anything Scout-related: summer camp, monthly campouts, gear (check with Mr. Simnick first, please), merit badge clinics, High Adventure trips, etc.

**Sooooo, did you know that your Scout “earns” about \$20 per hour for selling Pancake Tickets?**

The dueling Dan's (Cronin & Overton) calculated that for the 12 hours we obligate the Scouts to sell Pancake Tickets (4 sessions of 3 hours each), the Scout makes at least \$235 (\$150 for his registration fees and \$85 for his Scout account, based on last year's figures).

**We challenge you as parents to find an easier way for your son's to earn \$20 per hour raising money for all that we do in Scouting in Troop 81!**

## Coming Soon in a Future E-News:

- “And the candy bar goes to....” Who was our Top-Seller-Of-The-Week and weekly raffle winners?
- Future Merit Badge Clinic possibility.
- Junior Leader Training (JLT) details.
- An update on our Eagle Scouts.
- And MUCH MUCH MORE! Submit YOUR own news to Lisa Schweitzer by Monday...everyone will see it on Wednesdays.