



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting September 20th

1. *Blackhawk Patrol* is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.
2. *Activities:*
Orienteering Theme.
3. *Full Class A dress, gentlemen!*

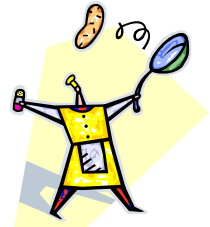


REMINDER TO BOTH PARENTS & SCOUTS!

Scouts should turn in their permission slips (and \$\$\$) to Patrol Leader during Patrol Time. This allows Patrol to get a headcount and put together duty roster.



TICKETS SELLING LIKE **HOTCAKES!**



As promised, here is the total for Week 1: \$4,207.13. Did you know that this is \$1000 OVER opening weekend last year?! ☺

Scouts did great again this 2nd weekend...perfect weather is helping things. Together they sold tickets and received donations totaling \$__. Oops, again, I won't spoil the surprise before next Troop Mtg!

A Few More Reminders for PARENTS...Please READ:

- **Parking Lot Parent** for Sept 22 and 23 is **DeeDee Marineau**. Remember to call her directly (355-4078) if you signed up to sell but will NOT be attending, so we don't wait around for you.
- **Retail Sales Parent(s)** – be sure to pick up your ticket packet & Scout envelopes from Charlie Lupsha the Thursday prior to the Sat/Sun selling session. Then turn in \$\$\$ to Parking Lot Attendant.
- Carol Laskey is putting together the **parent job list** for Nov 3rd. If you are happy with your job last Nov, do nothing. If you want to try something different, email Carol at claskey@wideopenwest.com. New parents will be assigned based on needs.
- We still **need parking lot attendants for October!** Being the attendant counts towards your entire parental commitment for driving...and no driving involved! ☺ Contact Natalie Storey @ 416-8296 or sign up at the next troop meeting. (Marge Dunning has offered to provide mentoring if you are unsure what to do for this job. She can talk you through the process or answer the "how to questions" that the instruction sheet may not answer.)
- **Friends & Family tix** will be made available once Scouts have sold-out the various subdivisions. We're still working on finishing the Brookdale, May Watts, and Longwood maps.
- **SO PLEASE:** do NOT email/call all of your neighbors yet to "reserve" a sale for your own Scout!

We've included again the "Pancake 101" Q&A sheets as an attachment at the end of this newsletter.

~ Carol Laskey & Charlie Lupsha



CALENDAR

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

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

Oct 6: Troop Work Day
at River Glen Church.

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

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

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

Oct 25: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) Skating?!

* Nov 1: Troop Mtg. at
NNHS – Pancake Training

* Nov 3: Pancake
Breakfast Event @ NNHS

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TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

REMINDER: Troop announcements will now be made ONLY at the END of Troop Meetings, ~8.20 pm.

THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- Mr. Maurer read out a letter of thanks from Mayor Pradel, for all of those who came out to help with the September 11th memorial service.
- Permission slips for Sept 21-23 campout were turned in...and duty rosters planned. Permission slips for October 6&7 biking campout are now available online: http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_Oct_Biking.pdf . These are due 9/27.
- QM's and Patrol Cooks are reminded to attend campouts (or arrange substitutes) in order to fulfill requirements, per Mr. Bainbridge.
- I keep forgetting to mention that there is an additional High Adventure "Mystery Trip" being planned. Probably because it is so mysterious, no one has any details....If you didn't sign up for High Adventure trips yet (dog sledding, Boundary Waters canoeing, scuba diving, Philmont 2009, AND the mystery trip), please contact Mr. Maurer ASAP.
- Jackson M. was Week 1 Top Seller with \$399.11 in ticket sales & donations. Everyone who participated in a selling session also had his name placed in Lucas' hat for the weekly drawing – the more sessions you attend, the more chances to win – so Brent N. received TWO \$10 Scout Account deposits (his name was drawn out 2x) and Vaughn T. and Jackson M. both received \$10.
- What's hockey without the Stanley Cup? What's football without the Lombardi Trophy? What's Wimbledon without the Silver Platter? What would Pancake Breakfast FUNdraising be without Krusteaz' Cup?! Thanks Mr. Bainbridge for arranging a suitable icon for our greatness....

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.
- **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.
- **October 6-7:** Biking campout, Blackwell Preserve. See last week's newsletter for full details of this campout.
- **November 9-11:** "Late-Night" campout w/ 10pm-2am activities.
- December: Wilderness Survival campout.
- **January 25-26:** Klondike overnighter – only 1 night of camping.
- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports; cabin camping.
- March: Caving in Iowa.
- April: Horseback riding & backpacking combo.
- May: Indi Time Trials.
- 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!

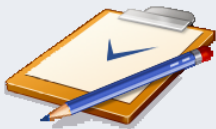


Thanks to those who came out this past Saturday to finish landscaping Longwood's memorial park for Sergeant Caruso.

Thanks to Scout Chris D. for arranging the Fire Safety demo with the N'ville Fire Dept. for last week's Troop Mtg.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2nd week of Pancake Selling.

Thanks, Mary Jane Gloudeman for being our Parking Lot Attendant this past weekend. ☺



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.

FUTURE SERVICE PROJECT

Coming **Saturday, October 6th** – if you're not attending the biking campout weekend, please plan on helping at the annual River Glen Church Fall Clean-up. Class B's + rakes, shovels, gloves, etc... ALL with your name/initials on them, of course. Details coming, but reserve date now.



EAGLES CORNER

Adam B's Eagle Project involved erecting a flagpole for the Child's Voice School in Wooddale. The School was able to congregate outside on September 11th for a small memorial service around the American Flag, for the first time. (Just imagine how special this was.) **'Thank you'** to all who helped make this possible!

HIGH SCHOOL & EAGLE SCOUTS

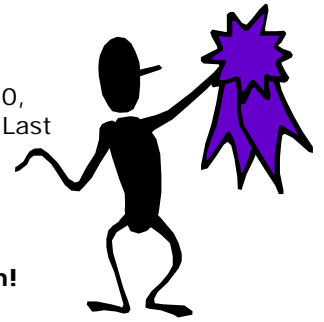
If you want to sell **placemat advertising** as an alternative to selling tickets door-to-door, please contact Mrs. Clair. Here are a few details in the meantime:



1. Credit for an alternate selling session is only given to High School boys. No credit is given to non-high school boys.
2. Scouts need to spend 3 hours attempting to solicit a sale or obtain 2 sales in less time to qualify. The time will need to be monitored and confirmed by their parent. Selling hours do not have to be contiguous.
3. Scouts still receive 10% of the advertising sales \$ into their scout account since this is a session.
4. Scouts are still expected to wear their scout uniform when meeting with businesses to solicit their sales.
5. One ad is the size of a business card and can include appropriate text or coupons to fit this size. Additional space can be purchased by the same seller if they wish to place a larger sized ad. This would be counted as a second sale to meet their requirement.
6. We would like to "Thank" the business with a complimentary single ticket for their ad purchase. They can have either 1 family ticket or 2 single tickets. These tickets will be labeled "Advertising Comp" so we can track how many are coming back in.
7. Each ad costs \$50.00.
8. There will be a cut off date (TBD by Mrs. Clair) and all sales must be completed by then in order to allow us time to layout and print. Any sales after that date will not count for a session.
9. Businesses solicited are of the Scout's choosing and recommendations can be from businesses which had ads last year.

TOP SELLERS TO EARN SCOUT ACCOUNT BONUSES

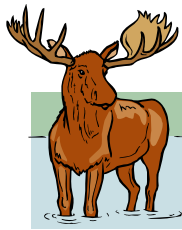
The Top FIVE Pancake Sellers this year will receive \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75, and \$50, respectively, into their Scout Accounts. Last year the Top 5 were, in order: Patrick O. (\$1118); Jackson M. (\$645); Chaz L. (\$420); Bobby W. (\$405); and Derek K. (\$388).



Can YOU beat these numbers this year? **Of course you can!**

MOOSE NEWS TO USE

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



Looking forward, over the next 2 or 3 campouts, the Moose Scouts will be starting to decide which of the 'older' Patrols they want to be placed in, come January. (Our next Troop Elections will be held in January.) Mr. Maurer tells me that we're going to start having Webelos visit us soon. Hard to believe that nearly 9 months have passed.

Here's a question for you: How is the Pancake FUNdraiser going for your Scout? Give us some feedback if you have any questions so we can provide help for all parents.

Be sure to contact Carol Laskey (claskey@wideopenwest.com) to sign up for your November 3rd parent job. Only 1 parent is obligated, but 2 are always welcome!



[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.] ☺

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.

Send news to Lisa Schweitzer – her contact info is in the Troop Roster.

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YOUR news!



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Boy Scout Troop 81

2007 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Questions and Answers



When	Saturday, November 3; 7am-noon
Where	Naperville North High School Cafeteria
What	Troop 81's only major fundraiser
Ticket Price	\$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 8th to October 28th. 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 1st 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.

	If you participate in...	\	(U
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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 %
<u>or</u>	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 Jan/Feb. Last year the boys who earned the fixed dollar amount received \$85.

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.

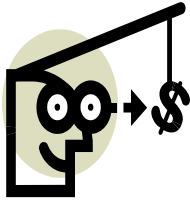
Pancake Breakfast Day:

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 (or alternatives), your Scout's annual \$150 registration fee is entirely paid for – yes, entirely! Each Scout can 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!

Plus, if your Scout is one of the Top 5 revenue generators...he will receive an extra bonus in his Scout Account: \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75, and \$50, respectively !!!