



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>

1. *Eagle Patrol* is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.
2. *Activities: Cooking-without- oven comp!*
3. *Full Class A dress, gentlemen.*



## REMINDER TO SCOUTS!

Bring back all equipment **clean & dry** from the campout. If anything comes back dirty, you'll be getting that same dirty stuff back for your next campout.



## ANOTHER GREAT Weekend of Sales!



As promised, here is the total for Week 2: \$5,113.02. While this isn't a record, you have to go back a few years to find a similarly large weekend total. ☺

Scouts did great again this 3rd week...especially given that it was a campout weekend. Come find out totals at next Troop Mtg!

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

- **Parking Lot Parent** for Sept 29 and 30 is **John Freck**. Remember to call him directly (692-0259) 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are happy with your job last Nov, do nothing. If you want to try something different, email Carol at [claskey@wideopenwest.com](mailto:claskey@wideopenwest.com). New parents will be assigned based on needs.
- We still **need parking lot attendants for Oct**. 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 your "how to questions".)
- **Friends & Family tix will be available 9/27**. There are 7 or 8 neighborhood maps which have been sold out – check the wall during Troop Meetings to be sure you know where you can sell F&F tix. **NOTE:** If your neighborhood is NOT yet completely sold out, please do not have your Scout go out selling on his own.

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

~ 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) 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Quiz Nite.

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.

**CHANGED** Oct 20: Troop  
Work Day at River Glen  
Church (instead of 10/6)

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

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

\* Nov 3: Pancake  
Breakfast Event @ NNHS

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

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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

- Your permission slip for October 6 & 7 biking campout is available online: [http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007\\_Oct\\_Biking.pdf](http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_Oct_Biking.pdf) . These are due 9/27. Scouts to turn them in to Patrol Leaders for headcount at Patrol Time.
- Bradley F. and Garrett G. were TIED this week for top seller. They EACH pulled in a whopping \$590.00 from ticket sales & donations. Amazing.
- Everyone who participated in a selling session also had his name placed in Krusteaz' Cup for the weekly drawing – the more sessions you attend, the more chances to win – there are now 5 chances to win each week. Yes, FIVE! So winners this week were: Kris P., Lucas F., Kevin A., Adam B., and Nick N. Each of these 5 Scouts received a \$10 deposit to his Scout Account.
- Progress reports on each Scout's selling totals are up front during each Troop Meeting. Scouts are reminded to sign up for their 4 selling sessions (and to sign up their parents for 2 driving sessions). Don't leave it until mid-/end- Oct!
- Posted on the wall above the selling sign-up sheets is a large map of our selling areas. Those which are crossed out with an "X" are OPEN for Friends & Family ticket selling. Scouts to see Mr. Lupsha for your F&F ticket packets. Brookdale and parts of May Watts, Cowlshaw, Nancy Young areas are now open.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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



### FUTURE Troop Events

- **October 6-7:** Biking campout, Blackwell Preserve. See last week's newsletter for full details of this campout.
- **October 20:** Troop work day at River Glen Church; mulch & fall cleanup.
- **VENUE & DATE NOW SET November 9-11:** Camp Lowden, Oregon, IL. "Late-Night" campout w/ 10pm-2am activities.
- **VENUE & DATE NOW SET December 7-9:** Winter Wilderness Survival campout, Rainbow Council, Morris, IL .
- **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 all who came out for a very successful campout at Governor Dodge State Park.

**Thanks** to Marge Dunning and Beth Schwartz for organizing our monthly campouts, and to their phone volunteers who call and let us know when Scouts will arrive back.

**Thanks** to Messrs. Bergquist, Ginell, Schwartz, Pronger, and (after returning from the campout) Marineau and Maurer – all of these gentlemen helped at the Webelos Open House at Von Oven Sunday, 9/23.

Mrs. See sends **Thanks** once again to all who came out and helped finish the Caruso Memorial Park in Longwood. It looks sharp and you can all be very proud.

**Thanks** to everyone who participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Pancake Selling.

**Thanks**, DeeDee Marineau for being our Parking Lot Attendant this past weekend. ☺



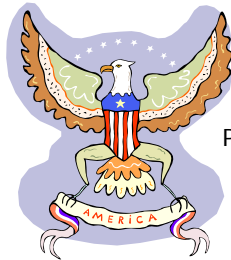
## A Few Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

*"To whom much is given, much is expected" ~ Luke 12:48*

Our Scouts have been given a great deal of opportunity in being a part of Troop 81. Opportunity to meet new friends and spend time with current friends, opportunity to camp and participate in exciting adventures, opportunity to learn new skills, opportunity to teach others and advance through the Scout program. Many times there is more than one opportunity for scouting with Troop 81 on the same day. With such a large troop, our schedule can be overwhelming with so many things to do.

Much of our ability to provide the scouting program we all enjoy is due to our host and sponsor River Glen Church. To accommodate our October 6<sup>th</sup> biking campout, the **Church's Fall "work day" has been moved to October 20<sup>th</sup>**. This change reflects how much the Church needs us and depends on our help. Please take some time out of your schedule - an hour or the whole morning - to give a little back to those who give so much to us.

~ Tim Maurer



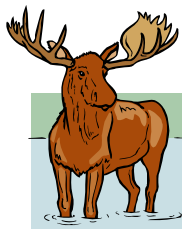
## EAGLES' CORNER

Please congratulate Matthew K. on attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout recently! Reserve the date: Matthew's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm. Details to follow.

## 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!

This group of Moose is really something! Each week I try to think of things that you all need reminding of, and I'm hard-pressed.



- Moose Scouts always remember to **wear their hiking boots** to campouts. (Any Scout not wearing hiking boots in the parking lot at departure will be asked to get them on. If his backpack is at the bottom of an already-packed trailer, this can be a challenge...or worse, if those boots are still at home...hmmmm.)
- Moose Scouts always remember to **pick up their dry box and/or coolers** BEFORE the campout! (Any Scout who is buying food for his Patrol should pick up the appropriate dry box/cooler the Thursday BEFORE the campout.)
- Moose Scouts always remember to **bring back their equipment, cleaned and dried**, after the campout. (Any Scout who brings back dirty or wet tents will get those same tents back at the next campout, because equipment is now managed by each Patrol.)

So, I guess, no reminders this week – only kudos. ☺

# 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>	Y G	O E	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%
<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.

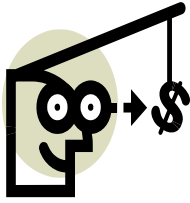
**Pancake Breakfast Day:**

**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 !!!**

## **HIGH SCHOOL & EAGLE SCOUTS**

If you want to sell **placemat advertising** as an alternative to selling tickets door-to-door, please contact Mrs. Clair. Full details were written in the September 19<sup>th</sup> newsletter. You can view that by the following link:

[https://troop81.org/newsletter/2007/09-19-2007\\_newsletter.pdf](https://troop81.org/newsletter/2007/09-19-2007_newsletter.pdf) .

