



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>

1. *Viking Patrol* is on setup/take down. Please arrive early and be prepared to stay late.
2. *Activities*: Scavenger Hunt in the dark.
3. Full Class A dress, gentlemen.



### REMINDER TO ALL SCOUTS:

Please bring your flashlights & outdoor clothing for our Scavenger Hunt – we will do this rain or moonshine.

**BE PREPARED!**



## FALL WORK DAY SERVICE PROJECT OCT 20<sup>th</sup>

Please meet at the River Glen Church on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for a Troop-wide service project for the Church.

Sign-up sheet is at front of Troop Meeting...  
...or contact Mr. Maurer if you can attend.  
(We need to know headcount for FREE FOOD!)

**Who**: Scouts and parents.

**Time**: From 8 am onwards – come for as much time as you can, through noon.

**Wear**: Wear your Class B shirt + hat. Also, wearing gloves...and hiking boots...is STRONGLY recommended.

**Bring**: Rakes, shovels, small hand tools for spreading mulch. A water bottle (filled!) is also recommended.

**Label**: We will be sharing tools. Label EVERYthing you bring with your name/initials, if you want it back at the end.





## CALENDAR

Oct 20: Troop Work Day  
at River Glen Church

Oct 25: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine) Skating Party  
@ Aurora Skate Center →

Nov 1: Troop Mtg. **NOTE**  
**LOCATION** at NNHS –  
Pancake Training  
(Blackhawk)

"BATTERDAY" Nov 3:  
Pancake Breakfast Event  
@ NNHS 7am-noon

Nov 8: Troop Mtg.  
(Eagle) **NEW:** Citizenship  
in Community Merit  
Badge begins.

Nov 9-11: Campout →

Nov 15: Troop Mtg.  
(Moose)

**NOTE:** NO Troop Mtg.  
Nov 22 – Happy  
Thanksgiving! ☺

## TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Troop announcements will now be made ONLY at the **BEGINNING** of Troop Meetings.

### THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- We had visiting Webelos from Pack 643. Thank you all for making these prospective Scouts feel welcome.
- **IMPORTANT:** Permission slips are now available for the **Skating Outing** (Oct 25<sup>th</sup>). Slips are due at Oct 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. This outing will replace our regular Troop Meeting, and is being organized by the Wolverine Patrol. No helmet required...can bring own skates or use rentals...wear Class B uniform shirt...arrive EARLY to arrange skate rental...announcements at 7pm sharp...skating from 7.15 till 9 pm. The \$7 fee is being picked up by the Troop funds – thank you Troop Committee! – but you should bring extra \$\$\$ for concessions. The Blackhawk's organist (think hockey, not Patrol) is supposed to be featured this night! **GO!!!**
- Alex P. is trying to plan a Texan horseback riding High Adventure. Sign up at Troop mtgs if interested so this trip can get off the ground...and onto the trail.
- We DO have a band for Batterday November 3<sup>rd</sup>! See Mr. Chris Pappas if you want to join in. Singers and musicians welcome.
- Viking Patrol is organizing this week's Troop Meeting Scavenger Hunt. This will be held regardless of weather...so dress appropriately and bring flashlights.
- Blackhawk Patrol won the Geo-Caching activity. Thanks to Scorpion for organizing this fun event.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

### FUTURE Troop Events

- **October 20:** Fall Work Day, River Glen Church, 8 am – noon.
- **October 25:** Troop Outing at Aurora Skate Center, 34W113 Montgomery Road, Aurora. See website for directions: <http://www.skateaurora.com> .
- **November 3:** Pancake Event, NNHS. We will have 2 shifts of workers.
- **November 9-11:** Camp Lowden, Oregon, IL. "Late-Night" campout w/ 10pm-2am activities.
- **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:** Indianapolis 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!





**THANK YOU**

**Thanks** to all parent drivers who are stepping up to fill in as required – our boys couldn't sell without you!

**Thanks** to Jennifer Piske who stepped in to be the Parking Lot Parent this past weekend.

**Thanks** to everyone who participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Pancake Selling. The end is in sight now, with only 2 more selling weekends to go! Yahooooooooooo.

**URGENT:** We need a Parking Lot Parent for Oct 27-28. Can YOU help? Contact Carol Laskey, with THANKS!



**THANK YOU**



## **ON THE HOME STRETCH NOW!**

Week 5's total was very low...but this was due to many factors: campout weekend...homecoming weekend...Bears football weekend...Columbus-Day weekend...etc. We're less than \$15,000, so we need a really strong finish, guys!

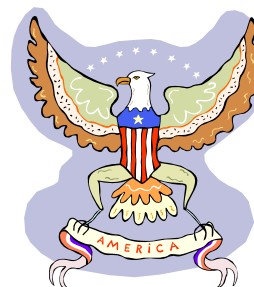
Scouts did much better this past (6<sup>th</sup>) weekend. Come find out your new totals at Troop Mtg Thurs. Each Scout is encouraged to sell over their required 4 selling sessions, to help the Troop.

We're counting on strong Friends & Family sales. Pick up your F&F envelope from Mrs. Laskey. You will receive a percentage of your F&F sales directly into your Scout Account, just like you do for door-to-door sales.

**Christina LaGambina** is our Parking Lot Parent THIS weekend (Oct 20-21). Call her (630-922-2455) if you signed up to sell but then can't attend, so we don't wait for you and keep other Scouts waiting– this waiting is stressful, so please be considerate!

## **EAGLES' CORNER**

Mr. Cronin and Mr. Caputo will be starting a merit badge mini-clinic for Citizenship In the Community. This is an Eagle-required merit badge and it will take several weeks.



**WHO:** Any Scout, any rank, who needs this badge.

**WHEN:** Starting Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**WHERE:** River Glen Church, downstairs room.

**WHY:** This is an Eagle-required merit badge.

**HOW:** Scouts will meet each Thursday until work completed.

Much of the work needs to be done outside of "class" on the Scout's own time.

**FUTURE:** Citizenship in the World will be offered at a later date.

Come Nov 8<sup>th</sup> to get your Blue Card signed, and Mr. C & Mr. C can get you started on this important badge.





Remember on November 1<sup>st</sup> we will NOT meet at River Glen...we'll meet instead at the Naperville North High School cafeteria...for your "Pancake 4-1-1".

This night is critical for ALL Scouts and ALL Parents (at least 1 from each family, please) to understand how the breakfast actually operates.

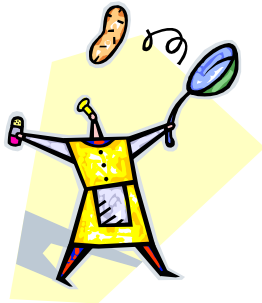
Boys should still be in Class A uniform; we will have Patrol time.

ALL Scouts and at least ONE of his parents are expected to attend Nov 1st.

We're reminding you of this schedule change well in advance so you can put this on your calendars to join us.

Use the rear parking lot, and come to the upper level.

THANK YOU!

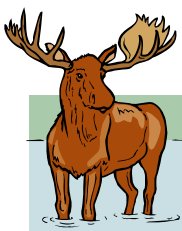


## PANCAKE REMINDERS:

(See previous E-Newsletters for all announcements about Pancake selling.)

- High School Boys who wish to select the alternative "Work All Day at Pancake Breakfast" please see sign-up sheet at Thurs' mtg. or email [claskey@wideopenwest.com](mailto:claskey@wideopenwest.com) Plan to start early and stay late!
- Adults Only: Plan to join us for a Pizza Party the eve of Nov 3 – Beth & Dan Schwartz have offered to host this fun event. More info avail at Troop mtg. – come to mtg as this is the best place to get info to you.
- Drivers: please be 5 to 10 minutes early. Being late causes much stress for the parking lot parent and the Scouts who are waiting to go sell. Call Lot Attendant Christina LaGambina (630-922-2455) this weekend if your Scout is signed up, but unable to attend to sell, so she doesn't hold back drivers, waiting for your Scout.
- If you have not signed up to drive or sell, time is running out. Scouts will not get credit for selling if their session is cancelled due to weather. Only THIS and NEXT weekend are left!
- Retail sales parents: Pick up your packet on THIS Thurs from Christina LaGambina. Then return \$ to parking lot <4.20 pm Sat. Christina will be at old Menard's waiting for you!
- Anyone interested in providing musical entertainment for the Pancake Breakfast event, please see Mr. Chris Pappas.

## 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!

More information will be coming out next week about our November 3<sup>rd</sup> Pancake Event. A Draft list of jobs will be available at the next Troop Mtg. Please review it!

It is helpful if parents working Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> **wear the Troop 81 t-shirt or similar RED top**. This will signal that you're part of the Troop. If you're working in the kitchen or serving food/drinks, remember to tie back your hair and/or wear a cap (for health reasons).

## HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATES

- Those on the Boundary Waters Canoe trip need to have their letter of intent signed...and their non-refundable \$100 deposit...to Mr. Bill Marineau by November 1st.
- A Texan horseback riding H.A. trip may be forming. Sign up at Troop Meeting and see Alex P. for more details.

