



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting November 8th

1. *Eagle Patrol* is preparing this mtg and should arrive early and stay late.
2. *Activities:* See →
3. *Full Class A uniform.*

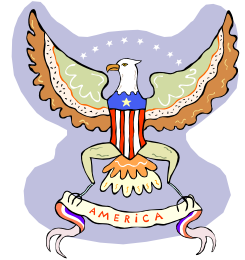


REMINDER TO QMs:

There IS a QuarterMasters' Mtg this Thurs, Nov 8th.

If you cannot attend, you need to arrange a substitute.

MERIT BADGE & RANK ADVANCEMENT NIGHT PART I



THIS Thurs Nov 8th, we will start a series of meetings dedicated to Rank Advancements and Eagle-required Merit Badges.

Each Scout will select one activity to work on: either one of the following merit badges OR any rank advancement he needs: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Communications and First Aid. All of these are Eagle-Required!

- Scouts won't complete the merit badges on Nov 8th. Some additional work needs to be done outside of Troop Mtgs.
- Scouts should come prepared to start something on Nov 8. They should decide NOW which merit badge/rank advancements they wish to work on. Make sure you know the current rank requirements: visit MeritBadge.com for the latest updates.



REMINERS FOR CAMPOUT THIS FRIDAY NOV 9th:

- It is daylight savings time, so it will be dark when we depart. Arriving earlier than 6pm is always encouraged.
- Campers **MUST** be wearing hiking boots...ON their feet.
- Forecast may include rain: wear/bring a set of raingear and an additional pair of dry clothes, esp socks!
- Activities at Camp Lowden will be held late into the night: bring a flashlight/headlamp AND extra batteries. It is even a *NEW* moon on Nov 9th – oooooohhhhhh!
- Bring a hat that fits over your ears (+ your Class A hat) and gloves. H²O-bottle, too. Wearing the hat to bed at night and staying hydrated will help you stay safe & warm.



CALENDAR

Nov 8: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) QM Mtg (6 pm) &
Merit Badge / Rank Adv
night Part I (7 pm).

Nov 9-11: Night
Activities Campout →

Nov 15: Troop Mtg.
(Moose) MB/RA night
Part II.

NO Troop Mtg. Nov 22 –
Happy Thanksgiving! ☺

Nov29: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Citizen
Emergency Response
Team Mtg (CERT)

Dec 6: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

Dec 7-9: Winter Survival
Campout →

Dec13: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Dec 20: Troop Mtg.
Holiday Party!

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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

- The Nov 9-11 campout permission slip has details for your departure times, etc. http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_Nov_Night-Time.pdf .
- Service Hours Opportunity: The Girl Scouts need help unloading products from a trailer at the Calvary Church (S. Rt 59) on Saturday Nov 17th . Sign-up sheet is at Troop Meeting, or contact Mr. Paul Bainbridge to help.
- Top Seller for Week 8 was Garrett G. Winners of the Week 7 drawing were: Connor H., Derek K., Kyle S., Tom D., Jeremy S. Winners of the Week 8 drawing were: Evan D., Zac B., Bradley F., Sam D., and Nick D.
- Top 5 sales winners will not be announced for a few more weeks...we have to calculate all of the walk-in ticket sales and the final F & F \$\$\$...we appreciate your patience...your hard work *will* be recognized!

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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



FUTURE Troop Events

- **November 9-11:** Located seven miles south of Oregon, IL, Camp Lowden is on 250 acres of wooded property surrounded by the Lowden-Miller State Forest. Scouts will participate in "Late-Night" activities from 10pm-2am...then "sleep in" on Saturday. Scouts arrive back on Sunday ~11am. (You will receive a call on Sunday with a more exact pick-up time.)
- **December 7-9:** Winter Wilderness Survival campout, Rainbow Council. Rainbow Council Scout Reservation is a 755 acre preserve, located in Grundy County, approximately seven miles southeast of Morris, IL. Scouts may use activities from this campout toward Merit Badge requirements.
- **January 25-26:** Klondike overnigher – 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 still need a shadow (or two) for Stan & Kathy Smith – this will be their final year organizing S.C. – so learn from the best!





The following businesses (in alpha order) generously donated to our Pancake FUNdraiser, with ads for our placemats. Please patronize them when you have need of their services:

- B&R Sports Hockey Specialists
- Casey's Fine Foods
- Fast Frame (Charlie Lupsha)
- Jack Kelly Realtor
- Merlin Muffler & Brake
- Naperville Sport Shop
- Omni Cleaners
- Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
- The Barber Place
- The Pampered Chef (Sandy Carothers)
- Trader Joe's

In addition, Krusteaz will reimburse our Troop \$100 for all of that pancake mix we bought!

If anyone knows of other businesses which contributed to our FUNdraiser, please send details to Lisa Schweitzer, so we can include them here and recognize their financial support.

WOW!

You did it!

Pancake Sales are now officially over the \$25K mark. As of 11/5/07, we have sales and donations totaling \$25,163.91. This is tremendous!

[Note that this total does NOT yet include the walk-in sales, leave-behind ticket sales, and some final Friends & Family \$\$\$ (If YOU have any last-minute F&F \$, please contact Carol Laskey ASAP!) We might be well over \$26,000 by the time everything is counted.]

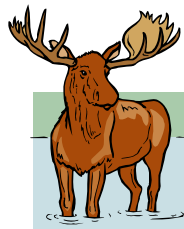


Please see the last page of this newsletter for some important THANK YOU's. Take a moment to reflect on the efforts of EVERYONE. Working together, this Troop achieves so much!



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!



Thank you Moose Families: You survived your first Pancake Breakfast! All of the boys did just great on their day to shine for the community.

You might be interested in what the next step is with our FUNdraising efforts. After all of the \$\$\$ is collected and the bills paid, a Budget Committee sits together to determine our projected costs for the next year. This Committee will allocate a fixed portion of the FUNdraising proceeds to all Scouts who qualify (i.e., met the selling requirements). These proceeds go directly into the Scout's own account, in addition to any additional prize money or 10% allocations (if Scout qualified).

Mr. Jim Simnick –our key Scout Account ledger man and Troop Treasurer – will send out individual letters to each family, with a balance of each Scout's account. These will be available sometime in the early New Year. The account funds can be used for any scouting activity or expense: summer camp fees, monthly campout fees, and qualifying equipment purchases.

But please see Jim for details on what items qualify BEFORE you make purchases. ☺



Celebrating 100 Years

The Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary represents much more than a date on the calendar. It represents an important milestone around which to reinforce the important role Scouting will play in shaping our country's future.

For 100 years, Scouting has been helping the youth of America find - in themselves and in the world around them - more than they thought possible. A century of building confidence and character is worth celebrating.

For more info, here is the website:
www.Scouting.org/100years

And, here is this site's VIDEO detailing this important milestone:
<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/100thYearAnniversaryVideo.aspx>

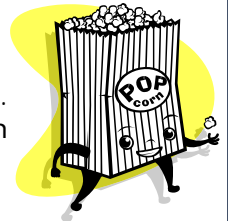
HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATES



- **TRIP POSTPONED:** The dog sledding trip in 2007 has been postponed until December 2008 – these trips booked up too fast, and we missed out for this year already.

This gives you more time to anticipate what a great experience this will be. ☺

- **POPCORN SELLERS!** Don't forget that your popcorn can be picked up from Mrs. Piske's house (2450 Sunlight Ct., Aurora, 60502) on Sunday, November 18th. Call her if questions: 630-236-1574. Your \$\$\$ will then be due at the Dec 6th Troop Meeting.



- **PARENTS & LEADERS:** If you have an interest in helping on a High Adventure trip, please see Mr. Maurer. We have an ambitious number of trips planned...and a high level of interest from the Scouts. In order to provide these adventures, we need many adults to accompany our Scouts on these trips.

Please see our last few pages, below, for some important "THANK YOU'S"!



Pancake 2007 THANKS!

To Our Scouts - Thanks for your hard work in selling and serving pancakes to ~1500 guests. You guys worked very hard and should be proud of what you've accomplished.

To the Pancake Breakfast Band - Thanks for your hard work and pulling together to give us some great classic rock music. Thanks to **Chris Pappas** for organizing the group, arranging the practices, and getting all the gear together. We're looking forward to next year's performance.

To Our Parents - Thanks for your driving, and working at the breakfast, and all of your kind support: you are all incredible and wonderful to work with.

To Our Parking Lot Parents - Thanks for giving up a whole weekend to coordinate our sales.

To Our Assistant Scout Masters - Thanks for coming out of the kitchen and onto the floor. It was great to have you help with the boys.

To Our Troop Committee - Thanks for your support!

To Paul Bainbridge - Thanks for pulling all the items from the storage trailer and hauling them back, and for making sure our propane connections were working. (Gotta keep those firemen happy!)

To Laura Bednar - Thanks for your inventory expertise.

To Gary and Martha Blount - Thanks for managing all of the paper inventory, for toting, packing and counting it all.

To Brian Caputo - Thanks for getting our Aurora Peddlers permit for us.

To Audrey Clair - Thanks for taking the placemat project on. You and the boys did a great job.

To Dan Cronin - Thanks for your guidance in keeping tabs on the Pancake Committee and your ever-present "Don't Worry" outlook. ☺

To Julie Ensinger - Thanks for managing the coffee and perfecting the brewing to make our coffee the best possible.

To Cyndi Gorecki - Thanks for providing us such great tools and leadership to follow. We would not have known where to start had it not been for your great work on the previous year's the tracking logs, selling logs, tips, and direction.

To Andy Hayward - Thanks for getting our Naperville Solicitor's permit, and getting a projector we could borrow.

To Terry Hutsell - Thanks for all your work in pricing, shopping, buying, and counting food. (Does your van need new shocks now?!)

To Craig Laskey - Thanks for lending us your laptop to keeping track of our guests as well as hauling five 150 pound griddles to and from McCook.

To Charlie Lupsha - Thanks for your hours of tireless work maintaining the weekly updates for the boys, meeting the parking lot parent at almost every shift, buying the candy, working with the food purchaser, checking lists countless times, organizing the maps, and being available for all the last minute needs.

To Jim Nagy - Thanks for the signs and the excellent early morning placement to draw in guests off the street. (We had over \$600 in walk-in sales!)

To Bill Novack – Thanks for being our money courier.

To Karri Novack - Thanks for your prompt and excellent bookkeeping. The boys looked forward to seeing their totals each week, and you never let them down.

To Laurie Olesky - Thanks for getting the printing donated for the tickets and leave behinds (twice)!

To Dan Overton - Thanks for working with the banks to do sales as well as all other retail locations. They were a HUGE success!

To Glen Piske and Tim Maurer - Thanks for getting our weekly money collection envelopes donated, having them printed for free, and your personal labor.

To Jennifer Piske - Thanks for always being there to lend your support and step in whenever and where ever we needed. You really helped!

To Greg Pronger - Thanks for getting the high chairs donated from Bakers Square at the last minute. Let's all try to order a Holiday pie in appreciation!

To Beth and Dan Schwartz - Thanks for hosting the parent pizza party.

To Lisa Schweitzer - Thanks for your diligent efforts to keep us informed through the newsletter publications each week.

To Ann Shipley and Marie Schaefer - Thanks for shopping, preparing and feeding our hungry and thirsty Troop their lunch.

To Jim and Susie Simnick - Thanks for accounting for and depositing our money every week, and thanks for writing all those checks!

To Sue Simpson - Thanks for finding, picking up and returning the helium tank. The kids really loved all the balloons we passed out.

To Stan and Kathy Smith - Thanks for picking up the two 150 pound griddles from Bloomingdale.

To Natalie Storey - Thanks for taking care of our Health Department permit. Without it we could not have had the breakfast in the first place!

I am sure there are some I am missing from this list. I apologize if I missed acknowledging you. Everyone's efforts are tremendously appreciated. Many parents jumped in and took responsibilities on the day of the breakfast – this allowed Charlie and me to tend to the adjustments which came up. To all of you, a very heart-felt thank you. We did notice and truly are grateful for your dedication to the success of this Troop. The success of the breakfast is a reflection of the boys and parents of this Troop and something we should all be very proud of. Thanks to all!

Sincerely,
Your 2007 Pancake Co-Chair,
Carol Laskey

