



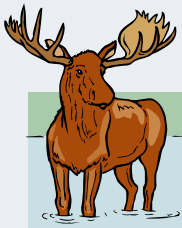
Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting November 15th

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



REMINDER TO SCOUTS:

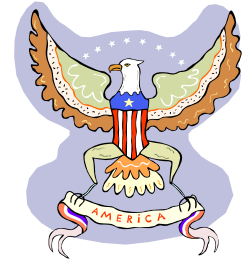
Bring back any equipment, clean & dry!

ALL tents should be washed AND dried out THOROUGHLY.

Make a note of any broken items please.

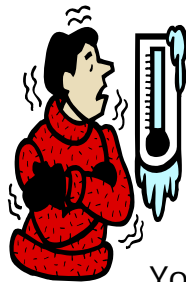
MERIT BADGE & RANK ADVANCEMENT NIGHT PART 2

THIS Thurs Nov 15th, we continue our series of meetings dedicated to Rank Advancements and Merit Badges.



Last week each Scout selected one activity to work on: either a merit badge OR the rank advancements he needs.

- Scouts met with Dr. O'Brien for First Aid...with Mr. Harris for Space Exploration...Mr. Dubbins for Communication...Messrs. Cronin & Overton for Citizenship in the World...and Messrs. Caputo & Mangefrida for Citizenship in the Community.
- Scouts should come prepared to continue their work on Nov 15. Make sure you know the current rank requirements: visit MeritBadge.com for the latest updates.



DECEMBER CAMPOUT: Winter Wilderness Survival – PERMISSION SLIP DUE

Your December campout permission slip is online at our website, or print it directly from here:
http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_December_wilderness.pdf

- This slip is due back at the Nov 29th meeting.
- We're reminding you of this early...because we do not meet Nov 22nd...you can turn in your permission slip THIS Thursday if you want. Plan ahead!
- See Moose News Section for info on the Polar Bear Patch.



CALENDAR

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

NO Troop Mtg. Nov 22 –
Happy Thanksgiving! ☺

Nov 29: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Citizen
Emergency Response
Team Mtg (CERT)

NEW Dec 2: PLC Mtg
4pm; Committee Mtg 7
pm, River Glen Church.

Dec 6: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) **NEW** Emergency
Response Simulation!

Dec 7-9: Winter Survival
Campout →

Dec 13: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Dec 20: Troop Mtg.
Holiday Party!

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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

- 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.
- ScoutMaster Maurer mentioned he received **many** comments on how well Scouts did at the Pancake Breakfast this year: how polite, how well mannered, how well organized, and what good servers you all were!
- Next PLC Meeting is December 2nd. Anyone with a leadership patch on their uniform should attend...location & time TBD. See SPL Lucas for details.
- We had visitors from Cub Scout Packs 506, 543, and 562. Thank you all for making them feel welcome.
- Top 5 sales winners will be announced soon... 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> .

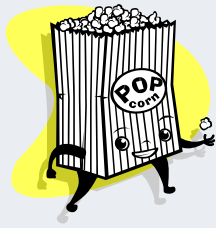


FUTURE Troop Events

- **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 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** **NEW: Great news!** Lisa Fosler has generously stepped up to work on Summer Camp and to shadow Stan & Kathy Smith...but she cannot do it alone! Her time does not allow her to stay at camp beyond the 1st Sunday. Lisa will do all the legwork getting us set up to depart for camp: bus reservations, sign-ups, Scout schedules, payments, etc. We still do need more help to run things at camp itself throughout the week. If you can help with *this*, see Mr. Maurer! Thanks, Lisa, in advance for volunteering. * **WHEW!** *



HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATES



POPCORN SELLERS!

Don't forget that your popcorn can be picked up from Mrs. Piske's house (2450 Sunlight Ct., Aurora, 60502) on **THIS SUNDAY**, November 18th.

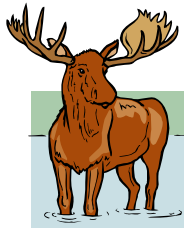
Call her if questions: 630-236-1574. Your \$\$\$ will then be due at the Dec 6th Troop Meeting.

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.

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!



For many of your Scouts, this past weekend may have been the coldest camping they've experienced with our Troop so far. So how did they do?! Some of you found out how resistant a son can be about wearing warm clothes...but thanks all the same for sending these with him and ensuring he was well prepared.

Scouts who camp 24+ hours outdoors when the weather is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit receive a "Polar Bear Patch" from the Troop. While the boys didn't quite earn their Polar Bear Patch this past weekend...there are many cold nights planned ahead! These patches are usually handed out at the Winter Court of Honor, held early in the New Year. This is a fun way to recognise those hearty souls who brave the elements to participate with us.

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin

Again, I'd like to thank everyone for all of their help at the Pancake Breakfast. The final numbers are probably a few weeks away, but we did a great job and everyone should be proud of their hard work.

We especially need to thank Carol Laskey and Charlie Lupsha. They did a fabulous job and showed great teamwork. We'd especially like to thank their spouses and families for the sacrifices they made.

If you have ideas on how to improve next year, please provide comments to Carol, Charlie, or me – or better yet, attend **our next committee meeting on Sunday, December 2 7pm, at the River Glen Church.**



Pancake Trivia!

See below for the answer to this week's Trivia Question:

How many guests did we serve this year at our annual Pancake Breakfast event?





E-News Editor NOTE:



There is no Troop Meeting on Thursday Nov 22nd ... and there will be no E-News sent out that week. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!

The *next* E-News will be sent to you ~Nov 28th.

Last date for submissions to be included is, Saturday, Nov 25th.

~ Lisa Schweitzer

But first, do you have any thoughts or ideas to pass along to our Pancake Committee?

Specifically:

- any improvements that could be made...
- any new ideas for next year...
- anything you would like done differently...
- any suggestions you have to make the process go even smoother...
- or any positive comments to pass along!?



At our next Troop Committee Meeting, time will be devoted to talking about what went well...and what could be improved for next year. Please pass along your thoughts to either Mrs. Carol Laskey or Mr. Charlie Lupsha, with thanks. Or, as Commissioner Dan says, come to the meeting yourself and tell us your comments and ideas for next year.



And, for the record, you boys served 1397 guests this year.

How close was your guess?