



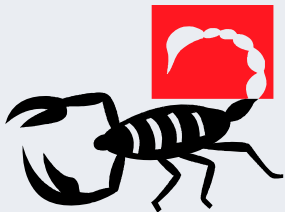
Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting November 29th

1. *Scorpion Patrol* is preparing this meeting and should arrive early and stay late. We go until 9pm
2. **Activities:** CERT Training. See →
3. Full Class A uniform, gentlemen.

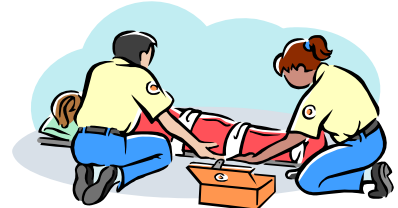


REMINDER TO PARENTS:

The next Troop Committee Meeting is on Sunday, Dec 2nd, at River Glen Church, 7 pm.

ALL are welcome!

CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

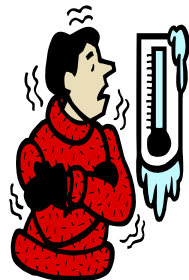


- THIS Thurs Nov 29th, we have a special meeting with members of Naperville's Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). Various professionals from civic departments and medical staff will train Scouts to "Be Prepared" for many emergency situations. (Then, next Thurs Dec 6th, Scouts will put their training into practice with a simulated disaster in the Church.)
- Parents Too! This meeting is for Parents as well as Scouts. Parents will be given a separate presentation to the Scouts', and will learn about "at home" emergency preparedness.
- Note that this meeting will go until 9 pm – we have much to cover!

DECEMBER Winter Wilderness Survival Campout YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS ARE NOW DUE

The Dec 7th -9th campout permission slip is online at our website, or print it directly from here:

http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2007_December_wilderness.pdf



- Your signed permission slip is due back THIS Thursday, at the Nov 29th meeting.
- Prediction: Polar Bear Patches quite possibly may be awarded to Scouts after this **COLD** campout!

See last page of this newsletter for important info about scouting in cold weather.



CALENDAR

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

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

Dec 6: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Emergency
Response Simulation!
Come be a victim!

Dec 7-9: Winter Survival
Campout →

Dec 13: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

NEW Dec 20: Troop
Mtg. + Holiday Party!

NEW Dec 27: NO mtg.

NEW Jan 3: Troop Mtg.

NEW Jan 10: Troop Mtg.
+ SPL Election!

NEW Jan 17: Troop Mtg.
+ Patrol Elections!

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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

- **REMINDER:** Next PLC Meeting is December 2nd at 4 pm at Mr. Maurer's house. Any Scout with a leadership patch on his uniform should attend.
- We had a visitor from Cub Scout Pack 988. Thank you all for welcoming him.
- Horseback riding High Adventure trip is cancelled, per Mr. Pronger.
- Ian W. is our latest Eagle Scout! Congratulations! He hails from Wolverine.
- Top 5 Pancake sales winners will be announced at our annual Holiday Party (Dec 20th).
- Committee Chair Mr. Cronin presented dinner-for-2 certificates to the Smith's, to the Laskey's, and to Terry Hutsel & Charlie Lupsha, in honor of their work for our Troop. [And, no, they're not going to IHOP ☺] Thank you volunteers!

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

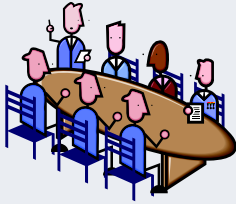
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm> .

FUTURE Troop Campouts

- **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** **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. **SOOOO**, if you can help with *this*, see Mr. Maurer! Thanks in advance for volunteering.



BOARDS OF REVIEW REMINDERS



Scouts: Our January Court of Honor is looming. And who wants to have a Board on the night of our Troop Holiday party?! Plan ahead. Have those Scoutmaster Conferences and review EVERY requirement for your rank. Know your knots! Then, contact Mrs. Ensinger to schedule your Board. Your parent(s) should not be arranging your Board for you – this is the Scout's own responsibility!

Parents: If you are able to stay for an additional 15-20 minutes at our Troop Meetings, please come forward to help sit on these reviews for our Scouts. No experience is required. If you have not sat in on a BOR before, this will give you a unique glimpse of what your own Scout must face before receiving final approval for his rank advancements. The BORs can be a great way to learn how you can encourage your Scout to advance. Please contact Julie if you can help: 630-637-1271.

News From Your Committee Chair, Mr. Cronin



Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, **December 2nd, at 7 pm**, at River Glen Church. ALL Troop parents (not just registered adults) are encouraged to attend these important meetings. We receive and discuss information that affects all Scouts, and help shape the direction of the Troop.

Parents are also encouraged to stick around during our upcoming Troop Meetings in December, to help Mrs. Julie Ensinger with many Boards of Review. No previous experience is necessary and on-the-job-training will be given! (see sidebar to your right)



Encouraging Words From ScoutMaster Maurer



First, I'd like to **encourage** all parents to attend our CERT Training meeting this Thursday (Nov 29). The Naperville CERT team has a separate presentation just for adults, and this is geared toward emergencies in the home. It will be worth your while. (Note that Thursday's meeting will go until 9 pm.)

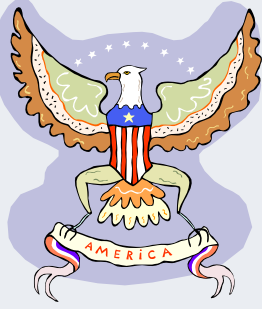
Second, I'd like to **encourage** all Scouts in leadership positions to attend the next PLC meeting (Dec 2nd, 4 pm, my house). This is your Troop – come help plan its activities. (And speaking of PLC meetings, at the last one in early November, the boys voted to skip the Dec 27th meeting and resume meetings on January 3rd. See our Troop Calendar on the previous page.)

Our annual Troop Holiday party will be held on Dec 20th. I **encourage** you to contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help with this event, either with planning or shopping or baking or serving. (She will also need help with our Winter Court of Honor, later in January.)

Our Troop elections will be held January 10th for the new Senior Patrol Leader, and elections for other patrol positions will be held on January 17th. I **encourage** any Scout with a desire to run for Senior Patrol Leader to see me to get his name on our ballot.

Finally, best wishes to Aaron C. from the Viking Patrol who broke his leg just hours before our last campout. I hope to see him back in action very soon, and we can all **encourage** his speedy recovery.





EAGLE'S CORNER

Troop 81 has more Eagle Scouts to honor!

You are invited to attend two separate Eagle Courts of Honor for Matt K. (Dec 1st) and for Russ M. (Dec 15th). Matt's reception will be at 4 pm and Russ's reception will be at 2 pm. Both are at the River Glen Church.

(RSVP details were emailed/mailed to you separately.)

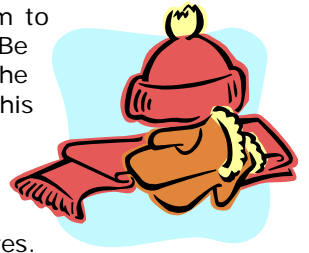


COLD WEATHER SCOUTING, by MR. PRONGER: PART I of III

[Here is an excerpt from material Mr. Pronger has written for our Scout in previous years, to prepare for upcoming winter campouts].

When participating in cold weather outdoor activities, there are three primary points to remember:

- 1) **WEAR a HAT!!!** As we have all been told (but often seem to forget) we lose most of our body heat out of the head. Be certain you and your son has a hat appropriate for the weather and that it's actually on his head (and not in his pocket or the back seat of the car).

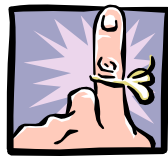


- 2) **KEEP DRY!!!** Even though it is cold out we will be active and everyone perspires. Dress so that the clothing next to you will draw the moisture away. If you've ever found yourself starting out feeling nice and warm outdoors but then after an hour or two feeling progressively colder (without a change in the weather) it could very well be due to perspiration chilling you down. This is just as important (and maybe more so) when heading out. You need a complete change of clothes to sleep in.



- 3) **LAYER IT!!!** This idea works for all areas of your body but is most important for what you are wearing on your upper body (your coat, etc). You will be warmer and be able to adjust your warmth better by layering your clothing. If you have just a parka on and a heavy shirt, you will probably start out OK, but as you are more active you will begin to over-heat. The problem you now have is that it is likely to be too cold to unzip your parka; so either you're going to be cold (unzip it anyway) or too hot (and start to sweat). Once you start sweating, in spite of your parka, you'll probably end up feeling cold because of the moisture next to you. If you had layered, let's say, a synthetic undershirt (they tend to move moisture away from you), a long sleeve undershirt, a flannel shirt, a zippered sweatshirt, and then a sturdy fall coat, you are going to start out just as warm (or warmer with what I just described) as with the parka. However, once you start to get too warm you can easily control your body temperature, either taking stuff off or simply unzipping a layer.

Part II coming next issue....



REMINDER!

PLEASE call Marge Dunning OR Beth Schwartz if you are NOT camping / driving but you have already turned in a permission slip! Phoning ahead when you have to cancel will ensure we have enough drivers for campouts!