



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>

1. *Wolverine Patrol* is preparing this mtg and should arrive early and stay late.
2. **Activities:** CERT  
Simulated Disaster  
See → → →
3. Full Class A uniform, gentlemen + old clothes if participating in the "blood".



## **REMINDER TO** **CAMPERS:**

Remember to bring back your equipment – clean & DRY! Note any items needing repair.

Please check equipment in with your Patrol QM – do NOT leave it in a heap outside/inside church!

Soon we're unvailing the NEW tents. It will be even more important to take proper care of them!



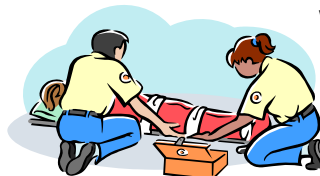
## VICTIMS!

THIS Thurs Dec 13<sup>th</sup> we present Part II of our emergency preparedness, with Naperville's CERT personnel.

We will have a simulated disaster. Scouts will have to find victims and appropriately assess their situation, using the skills you learned 2 weeks ago: first aid, victim transport, etc. A command post will be set up.



This is your chance to see how Scouts can help CERT respond to local emergencies.



We will also need parents to be victims, as well as a few Scouts. (Dress accordingly for all that "blood"!)

Come celebrate the season  
at our Annual Troop 81  
**HOLIDAY PARTY!**



Come join us Thursday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>** for messages of encouragement, gifts, fun & merriment.

Mrs. Sherri Nagy and her happy band of Elves will be serving cookies and baked goods. If you can help (purchase, bake, bring, or serve), please contact her at [ceg@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ceg@wideopenwest.com)



## CALENDAR

*Dec 13: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine) Emergency  
Response Simulation!*

*Dec 20: Troop Mtg. +  
Holiday Party! → → →*

*Dec 27: NO mtg.*

*Jan 3: Troop Mtg. + Cold  
Weather Demo*

**TENTATIVE** Jan 6: PLC  
Mtg, 4 pm; Troop  
Committee Mtg, 7pm.

*Jan 10: Troop Mtg. +  
SPL Election + Talk about  
Troop Values with Scouts  
& Parents*

*Jan 17: Troop Mtg. +  
Patrol Elections +  
Klondike Sled Prep*

*Jan 24: Troop Mtg. +  
further Klondike Prep*

**FIRM DATE SET** Jan 27:  
*Winter Court of Honor*

**TROOP 81  
BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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# TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## **THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements**

- We had a visitor from Cub Scout Pack 643. Thank you for welcoming him.
- Scouts broke into Patrols to develop and rehearse their skits. A special thanks to our Masters of Ceremony, the 4 Wit Brothers: "Slow" (Eric K.), "Dim" (Chris D.), "Half" (Dan B.), and "Nit" (Joey M.). They were hilarious!
- And, the skits were great, too! Viking put on "All the King's Raisins"... Moose put on "Jumpin' On the Railroad"... Blackhawk put on "The Adventures of the Lost Hat"... Scorpion went for quantity: "The Great Heist in Slow-Mo" and "Selling Pencils"... Eagle put on "Cliff Hangers"... and Wolverine brought us "Mr. Adam's Office". SPL's decision was that he himself won for his bank teller sketch, with Scorpion and Blackhawk taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places, respectively. Hmmmmm. Unknown prizes will be awarded next meeting. [Maybe Hollywood could use those budding Blackhawk bards during the current writers' strike?]

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

## NEXT COURT OF HONOR



Our next Troop Court of Honor will be held  
January 27, 2008  
at Longwood Elementary School Cafeteria.

More details coming soon.

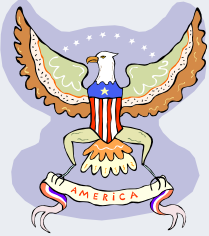
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## **FUTURE Troop Campouts**

- **January 25-26:** Klondike overnighiter – only 1 night of camping.
- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports; cabin camping.
- **March:** Caving-aving-aving, in Iowa-owa-owa....
- **April:** Horseback riding & backpacking combo.
- **May:** Indianapolis Time Trials.
- **June:** Owasippe Service Project.
- **June 28-July 5 = Summer Camp ☺**



## **EAGLE'S CORNER**



Final Reminder: THIS Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, Troop 81 will honor Russ M. at his Eagle Court of Honor, River Glen Church. Reception to follow.

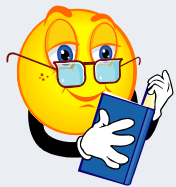
(RSVP details were emailed/mailed to you separately by Mr. M.)

## **BOARDS OF REVIEW DEADLINE**

**ALL Rank Advancements must be entered into those Big Blue Books by Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

(in order for Scouts to receive ranks at the January Court of Honor).

**Sooooo....**



**Assistant Scoutmasters:** Ensure all entries are current in your **Patrol Blue Books** – these will be picked up by Chris Dubbins on Thursday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

## *Thank You*

*“Troop 81 has been wonderful for Brian and me. Thank You for the huge fruit basket! It was very thoughtful and appreciated.*

*“For those of you that didn't know, Brian's father, Vic, was diagnosed the end of June with lung cancer, Stage 4. With all the treatments he had, nothing worked. Hospice got involved the beginning of November and they were wonderful. Unfortunately Vic's life was shortened too soon, but now he is in a more peaceful place. We will miss him.*

*“Troop 81 has been like family to us. The care & time spent by the mentors for Brian is what I appreciate the most! I'm glad we are a part of this troop! Thank you for everything!”*

*~ Sue Simpson & Family*



**SEE LAST PAGE, BELOW, FOR PART III  
OF OUR WINTER CAMPING PREPARATION**

[Here is the final excerpt from material Mr. Pronger has written for our Scouts in previous years, to prepare for upcoming winter campouts. Parts 1 & 2 were in the previous two newsletters – you can view these online on our website – look under “Troop Information”].

### **COLD WEATHER SCOUTING, by MR. PRONGER: PART III**



In previous weeks we outlined the 3 primary points to remember about cold weather activities: 1) wear a hat; 2) keep dry; and 3) wear layers. Now we put it all together and talk about CAMPING in cold weather, too. Camping when it's cold outside takes some more preparation, but can be a fun experience.

1) **EAT!!!** When we are out in the cold our bodies use calories to keep ourselves warm. Winter camping is not the time to be thinking about dieting. A hearty dinner will prepare you (and your scout) for the evening. If your scout is a picky eater, you need to ensure that he has a solid meal in him before he heads to bed. Without it he (or yourself) will have trouble keeping warm simply due to the amount of heat his own body can (or can't) generate. I personally suspect that this is one of the more common problems with getting cold when winter camping.

2) **Sleeping Bags.** The best solution is to have a sleeping bag rated for the temperature we are likely to experience. If it is a pretty good bag, but you're not quite certain about if it is warm enough, sleeping bag liners are available at most sporting good stores. A cozy blanket may be substituted, but it can be difficult to get it back around us after moving around a bit. The sleeping bag liner will do a better job in that regard. If your sleeping bag is a lighter weight one, use two (one inside the other), and if you wish, the liner too. Also, heat will quickly move through your bag (whatever type it is) and into the ground if you don't use some type of pad. Foam pads are fairly cheap and work (they're main drawback is that they don't roll up very well). They are also available at most sporting good stores. An adult may not be comfortable on one (old bones and all) but most scouts will be fine with one. For an adult you could use two foam pads or an air mattress. Air mattresses are slightly less warm than a foam pad. Cots tend to be the coldest (though not as cold as having your sleeping bag directly on the tent floor), since you will have air circulating around you.



3) **Sleeping Gear. KEEP DRY!!!** (I think I said that before). Often people will have all the right stuff for winter camping and they still find themselves cold at night. A very common mistake is to keep on the same clothing (and undergarments) worn during the day, into their sleeping bag. This is probably the other main reason for getting cold when camping overnight in the winter. To have a chance to be warm, you must have a complete change of clothing for sleeping. Wear something warm and comfortable that will tend to move any perspiration away from you. Wear some nice warm socks too (but new ones, not what you wore all day long). Also, unless you have a fancy “mummy” style sleeping bag, “Wear a Hat” (I think I said that before too). Again we lose a lot of heat from our head and unless we do something about it we will almost certainly be cold. If it is really cold, I have used a ski mask style hat. For most circumstances, a simple stocking cap will do. Be certain that your scout also completely changes their clothes. Be certain they have the hat on their head. Finally, dry new clothes for tomorrow can be put in your bag or under it to be warmer for tomorrow (this tends to be my pillow).

4) **Tent.** I do not spend much time in my tent so I tend to like a smaller one. If it is my son and I we are fine in a three-man tent (this gives us room for our gear). The main thing you want from your tent in winter camping is to break the wind and keep some of your body heat around. A smaller tent will keep more of your heat close by than a larger tent. Remember to use a tarp under your tent. Be certain it is tucked in, and not hanging out anywhere. Otherwise, any rain will hit the tarp and end up under your tent and quickly soak through.

