



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>

1. *Blackhawk Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.*
2. *Activities: Holiday Party & Gift Exchange – see next pg*
3. *Full Class A uniform, gentlemen.*



### REMINDER:

Contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help with cookies (either purchase, bake, bring, serve), for Thursday's Holiday Party!



## What Makes Troop 81 Special

Like every troop, each year about this time we have a steady flow of Webelos and their parents visit our troop with the goal of determining if Troop 81 is the right one for their scouting career. I usually have an opportunity to speak with the parents for a short time during their visit. Inevitably someone will ask, in some form or fashion “What makes Troop 81 so special?” My answer is always the same, but I wonder, with all that we have on our minds during the meetings and in our daily life, do we sometimes forget.



**First and foremost, our scouts!** We have been fortunate to draw together a group of boys who embrace the scout laws. A group of boys, who early on in their scouting career are eager to learn. A group of boys, who as they develop in scouting are eager to lead. A group of boys, who as they grow older and reach their goals, are willing to stay with the troop to teach those in need, to pay back to those who have taught them in the past. A group of boys, who believe they own this troop through their involvement, their opinions and their leadership. A group of boys who are warm and welcoming to those who are new. A group of boys who give of their time to help others in the troop.



**Our parents!** We have an unbelievably dedicated group of adults. In the forefront are the scoutmasters. A group of adults who have dedicated themselves to running a “traditional” scouting program, focused on helping the scouts build good character and becoming fine young men. Helping the boys become leaders at their own speed, within their own comfort level and in a safe environment. A group of adults who take time away from their own family to sleep in the snow and swim in the ocean and sweat in the summer heat and struggle to the top of the mountain. All this, so that the scouts might have an opportunity to learn to work in a team, grow in their confidence and test their ability and courage in new and exciting ways. A group of adults who work tirelessly to help the scouts achieve their goals, many to reach the rank of Eagle.



**Come  
celebrate the  
season at  
Troop 81's  
Annual**

**HOLIDAY  
PARTY!**



**All Scouts should  
plan to attend  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – there  
is a surprise for  
you!**

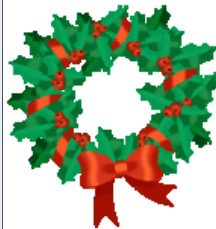
**In Patrols,  
Scouts can also  
participate in a  
“White  
Elephant”  
gift exchange.  
Bring a wrapped  
gift & share in  
the fun!**

~ Continuation of Mr. Maurer's Holiday message:

Generally less visible, yet no less vital are those adults who sit on the committee and work to raise the money, make the reservations, record the advancements, purchase the goodies, communicate the information and complete every other detail which makes this troop run like a fine tuned machine.



**I wonder if we get so used to what we have,  
that it becomes easy to take it for granted.**



Parents, please share this message with your scout(s). Discuss with them what they do or could do to be a part of “What makes Troop 81 so special?” Have them attend this week's holiday meeting. In addition to our traditional gifts and treats and fellowship, I will be sharing a story with you all that helps bring home why we all believe so much in the scouting movement and what it could mean to you sometime in your life.

~ Scoutmaster Tim Maurer



**More Troop information on the following pages...**



## CALENDAR

*Dec 20: Troop Mtg. +  
Holiday Party!  
(Blackhawk)*

*Dec 27: **NO mtg.***

*Jan 3: Troop Mtg. + Cold  
Weather Demo (Eagle)*

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

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

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

*Jan 24: Troop Mtg.  
(Viking) + further  
Klondike Prep*

*Jan 27: Winter Court of  
Honor, Longwood School.*

*Jan 31: Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine)*

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

[WWW.TROOP81.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP81.ORG)



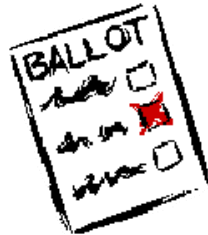
## TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- We had visitors from Cub Scout Pack 521. Thank you for welcoming them.
- Scouts participated in a simulated emergency drill, in conjunction with Naperville's CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team). Scouts put into action the things they learned: triage, 1<sup>st</sup> aid, and victim transport.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters

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

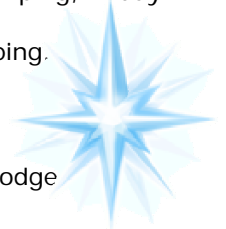


**REMINDER:** Senior Patrol Elections will be held during our Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. See Mr. Maurer if you need your name on the ballot.

**NOW** is the time to think of which position of responsibility YOU would like in the Troop! **Patrol Elections** will be held during our Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting.

### FUTURE Troop Campouts

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





Thanks to **Mr. Lupsha** for coordinating last week's Boards of Review. We had a successful night of it.

If you did NOT check in with Mr. Lupsha after your BofR, please contact Mrs. Ensinger IMMEDIATELY to ensure that your Board result was recorded.

It is also the SCOUT'S responsibility to contact their Adult Mentor, to ensure the rank advancements have been recorded in the **Big Blue Book** (see below).

### **FINAL 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). **Soooooo....**



**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>.

## **NEXT COURT OF HONOR**

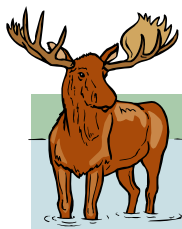


Our next Troop Court of Honor will be held  
January 27, 2008  
at Longwood Elementary School Cafeteria.

More details coming soon.

Contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help:  
[ceg@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ceg@wideopenwest.com)

## **USEFUL NEWS MOOSE CAN USE**



Well, the current Moose Patrol is soon disbanding. Another Moose Patrol (& maybe a Muskey Patrol too) will start up in Spring 2008.

I sat in on the "prospective parents" meeting last Thursday. I was interested in learning what Mr. Ginell and Mr. Maurer tell families who might join Troop 81. It brought back a flood of memories of when I was in their position and new to the Troop.

One thing stood out to me, which I'd like to share. Paraphrasing, Mr. Maurer's message: **"If you want your son to stay involved with Scouting, then you yourself should stay involved with it too."** This doesn't mean necessarily donning a brown leader shirt and attending our monthly campouts...although you are always welcome to do so! No, this message means simply that you find some way, that YOU enjoy, to involve yourself with our Troop. Your Scout, and others, will naturally benefit from your contributions, large or small.

Please take time from your busy schedules to welcome the new parents when you see them coming to our meetings over the next few months – I think they will be easy to spot.

Just as our older Scouts are encouraged to help any younger Scout, so should it be for parents. Encourage new parents as you have been encouraged. Enlighten them as you have been enlightened. Help them as you have been helped.

And, if you have a specific suggestion that you would like printed here for the benefit of NEW Moose parents, please pass it along. Thank you! It has been a great year, hasn't it? ☺



~ Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News Editor

