



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting January 10th

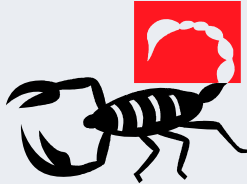
Scorpion Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen.

Your shirts should be tucked in...

...pants should have belts...

...and remember your scarves/bolos and hats.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Parents are expected to attend Jan 10th Troop Meeting with their Scout(s).



Our January 10th Troop Meeting: ~ **TWO** Reasons to Attend! ~

1st, IT'S TROOP ELECTION TIME



It only comes around twice a year!
Come elect your Senior Patrol Leader Jan 10th.
(We'll elect Patrol Leaders, and other key positions of responsibility, on Jan 17th.)

This is **YOUR** chance to have
YOUR "say" in running the Troop.
Come out and **VOTE!**

2nd, AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION ABOUT TROOP VALUES



All Parents AND Scouts are expected to attend our meeting January 10th.

There will be presentations by Messrs Bergquist, Marineau, and Maurer, regarding the ideals of scouting, new participation guidelines, and Troop behavior, respectively.



CALENDAR

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

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

Jan 25-26: Klondike

Jan 27: Winter Court of
Honor, Longwood School.

Jan 31: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk) Backpack
planning for 1st Aid.

NEW Feb 7: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) 1st Aid
Competition using
Backpack Items only.

NEW Feb 10: SPL Mtg &
Troop Committee Mtg.

NEW Feb 14: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) = Special!

NEW Feb 21: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Skiing demo.

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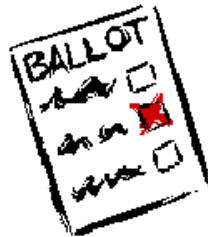
TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Meeting Announcements

- Scouts had a demo of the new Troop tents at January 3rd meeting. Klondike will be the first time we'll use them. New serial numbers and check-out/check-in procedures will ensure our Scouts keep the equipment in proper order.
- QuarterMasters now meet on the Thursdays following a campout. Next QM meeting will be Jan 31st at 6 pm. Continue to send an alternate if you cannot attend yourself.
- Top 5 Pancake Sellers will be announced at the Winter Court of Honor. Sorry for the delay! A new Troop Roster will also be available at Court of Honor. Letters announcing Scout Account balances will be sent out in February, along with re-charter information.
- LOST! Ethan S. has lost his Scout Handbook somewhere around the Church – if you spot it, please return it to him. Calvin K.'s book is also missing – it has his name on it – please let him know if you see it somewhere.

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 10th Troop Meeting. Mr. Maurer advises we have THREE candidates this election.

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 17th Troop Meeting.

FUTURE Troop Campouts

- **January 25-26:** Klondike overnighter – only 1 night of camping (Fri), Green Valley, Naperville. Our Troop will be running an activity on Saturday. 6 pm departure, Fri at Hill; ~6 pm pick-up time Sat, at Hill.
- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports; cabin camping, Chestnut Mountain, near Galena.
- **FIRM DATE March 15:** Caving-aving-aving, in Iowa-owa-owa...
- **April:** Horseback riding & backpacking combo, possibly near Danville.
- **May:** Indianapolis Time Trials.
- **June:** Owasippe Service Project.
- **June 28-July 5 = Summer Camp** 😊



Thanks to **Mrs. Sherri Nagy & her band of Elves** for coordinating last month's Holiday Party! Thanks also to all who brought so many yummy things to share.

Thanks to **Mr. Paul Bainbridge** for arranging a complete set of brand new tents for the entire Troop... and for his on-going coordination of our Troop's Quartermasters! Scouts will use these new tents for the 1st time at Klondike.

Thanks to **Mr. Jim Simnick** for arranging a generous \$500 donation to our Troop, from his employer, BP, and for his on-going handling of our Troop finances each month in conjunction with **Mr. Tom Ballent**. Both gentlemen ensure that our Troop budget is on track.



NEXT COURT OF HONOR



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

More details about this Potluck Dinner will come soon.

NEW: Each Family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item (or more), as part of an annual **Scouting For Food Drive**. Our goal is to collect a little food from a lot of people, so everything helps.

Contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help:
ceg@wideopenwest.com

NEW BOY SCOUT RANK REQUIREMENTS, 1/1/08

Since the Moose News column won't start up for another month or more, I'd like to keep the space here to let you know of other useful things affecting Scouts. (Thank you, Mr. Marineau for this info.)



The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and became effective 1/1/2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.



TENDERFOOT RANK: Revised req 9: "Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one."

SECOND CLASS RANK: New req 8b: "Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection."

FIRST CLASS RANK: New req 12: "Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one."

These changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised 9th printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout handbook.



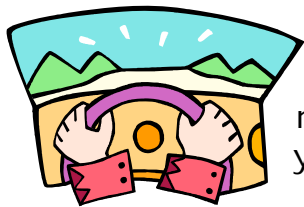
There are also changes, effective 1/1/2008, to 5 Merit Badges: Backpacking, Metalwork, Sculpture, Water Sports (previously Waterskiing), and Wilderness Survival.

See <http://usscouts.org/advance/changes/advchanges08.asp> for more complete info.

~ Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News Editor

DRIVERS MAY BE NEEDED!

After Klondike, our campouts will be a bit farther away from home.



We will be in need of many drivers, especially back-up drivers. A back-up driver is someone who can drive (often at short notice), and who does not necessarily need to camp (although you're always welcome!).

To add yourself to our back-up driver list, contact our Activity Chairs: Marge Dunning or Beth Schwartz. THANK YOU, DRIVERS!

SUMMER CAMP & HIGH ADVENTURE PREP!

Yes, already...here is your first reminder to start arranging necessary physicals for you and/or your Scout. Read the complete instructions on the Class 1, 2, and 3 forms. These can be viewed and downloaded from our website ("Troop Documents"):

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



But to summarize: ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants need a Class 1 form updated EACH AND EVERY YEAR. ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants <40 yrs need a current (updated every 36 mo) Class 2 medical form completed to attend Summer Camp. ALL High Adventure Scouts and ALL Adult Participants >40 yrs need a current (within 12 mo) Class 3 form completed. Class 2 and Class 3 forms require a physical.

IMPORTANT TRAINING OFFERED LOCALLY

1/16 & 1/23: First Aid and CPR Certification. Only \$30 (must attend both sessions). Hurry: pre-registration is required.

1/22: Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat.

2/26: New Leader Essentials. "Scouting 101".

Advance registration is requested for all training. A minimum of three registrations are required for a training session to be held as scheduled. Registration may be requested by signing up at the monthly Roundtables, or contacting the IPD Training Registrar, Sue Chemler (see website below for contact info). Additional info and schedules are available on the IPD webpage at <http://homepage.mac.com/darylmonge/indianprairie/> and the TFC webpage at http://www.threefirescouncil.org/Training/tr_info_index.htm .

