



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting January 31st, 2008

Blackhawk 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:

QuarterMasters' Meeting at 6 pm, THIS Thursday, Jan 31st.



HEARD AT THE COURT OF HONOR...



- Eagle Patrol took 4th place overall in the Indian Prairie District for Klondike...
- ...and, Wolverine Patrol took 1st place overall – yes, out of ALL Patrols and ALL Troops in the entire District. Yahoo!
- Klondike patches were handed out to those who attended.
- Garrett G. won the coveted Krusteaz Cup for highest Pancake Breakfast sales in 2007. Well done! Previous years' winners were also congratulated: Patrick O., Mike H., and Kevin D.
- Polar Bear Awards were handed out to those brave campers who attended either/both the December 2007 and/or January 2008 campouts.
- Junior Leadership Training patches were handed out for those who completed the 4-hr training during the November 2007 campout.
- New SPL Mike H. announced his Council members, and Patrol Leaders announced their leadership positions, to the Troop.
- New Troop Rosters were handed out. Please see Mr. Dave Rypka if you have not yet received yours.
- There is evidently a new legend in the Troop: "The Legend of the Pink Snow Pants." If you too wish to know of this legend, please attend a campout or a Troop Committee Meeting, per Committee Chairman Cronin. (The next TC Mtg is Sun, Feb 10th vs the next campout is not until Feb 29th. I know which one I'd attend!)

DID YOU FORGET? Part 1

Did you forget to bring your non-perishable food item(s) to the Winter Court of Honor? Yeah, me too. I understand that we can bring these to our next Troop Meeting THIS Thursday. This is part of our annual **Scouting For Food Drive**. Thanks!



DID YOU FORGET? Part 2

Did you forget to sign your **Friends of Scouting Pledge card** at the Winter Court of Honor? Our Troop is looking for 100% participation again this year (even if you cannot donate at this time, please sign your card).



CALENDAR

Jan 31: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk) Backpack
planning for 1st Aid.
PLUS: Quartermasters'
Mtg at 6 pm this night.

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

*** * * Feb 10:** SPL Mtg
& Troop Committee Mtg.

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

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

Feb 28: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Mar 6: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Mar 13: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

Mar 14-16: Caving!

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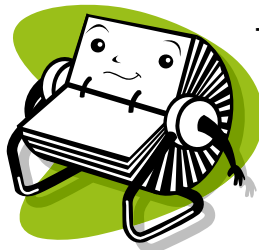


THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Mtg Announcements

- Klondike was a huge success! It *was* cold, no doubt about it. But adequate snow on the ground made up for it? Ok, it was still cold. But you must agree that snow is so much better than mud. Thanks to all who came and helped make this such a great event for our District.
- If you did not attend the Winter Court of Honor, please pick up any badges and patches you might have earned at the next Troop Meeting on Thursday.
- "So..." that means some sewing on of new patches may be involved in your Scout's future?...
- High Adventure Scuba Diving participants held a short meeting after Court of Honor – see/contact Mr. Nagy for details. A \$50 deposit is necessary to hold your spot...and the certification will cost ~\$400 (+airfare to NC). This is a tremendous deal to gain a skill you will have for the rest of your life.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

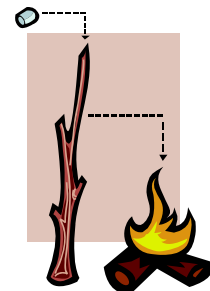
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>



THANKS to Mr. Dave Rypka, we have **NEW Troop Rosters!** These were passed out at the Winter Court of Honor on Sunday. If you missed this event...or didn't know to pick up this important document...please see Dave at our next Troop Meeting. This will save us \$\$\$ on postage...and will keep you in touch.

FUTURE Troop Campouts

- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports + cabin camping, Chestnut Mountain, near Galena. Look for permission slips on-line soon, because they will be due before you know it!
- **March 14-16:** 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 for a fine taco bar and feast at our Winter Court of Honor! Sherri was assisted by many. **Sue Simpson and Beth Schwartz helped Sherri** cook, and **Sherry See, Marge Dunning and Jennifer Piske** helped serve. **Thanks to everyone** else who pitched in!

THANKS to SPL Lucas F. for a fine job of pulling together our boy-led troop over the previous 6 months. It was wonderful to get to know this fine young man and see his leadership skills in action.

THANKS to Messrs Harris & Dubbins, who for the past many years have led our Troop's ever-changing Moose & Musky Patrols. These gentlemen have positively influenced most (if not all) of the Scouts who are active in T81 today, which is nothing short of amazing.

THANKS to our Friends of Scouting Committee: MaryJane Gloudeman, Laura Bednar, Cindy Frech, and Dean Bergquist. Together, they will ensure our Troop meets its '08 Goal of 100% participation.

A-TISKET, A-TASKET

Mrs. **Kelly O'Brien** has graciously accepted to again coordinate your many donations for our **Troop Auction Basket!**

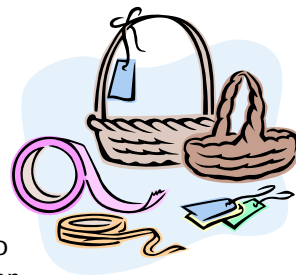
On **March 14th** the Indian Prairie District will host its annual Friends of Scouting silent auction fundraiser. (If you pledge \$140 to Friends of Scouting, you receive tickets to this auction. Or you can buy ticket to attend.) This is being hosted on a Friday night this year hopefully many more of you can attend.

Our Troop has been invited to contribute an auction basket, filled with donated items. T81 wins a prize if we have the basket that sells for the most \$\$\$.

- If you own a business you can contribute...
- If you have unused gift certificates/cards from the holidays...you can contribute.
- If your company has items to donate...you can contribute.
- Each family can contribute items as well – *the sky's the limit!*

We need your items by mid- to late-February, but it's never too early to start thinking of this fun project, so that's why we're mentioning this now.

Please contact Kelly at billandkel@comcast.net if you have questions, or if you have any donations.



EAGLE'S CORNER



Ian W. has sent out invitations to his Eagle Court of Honor, to be held 4 pm **February 9th 2008**, at our River Glen Presbyterian Church.

Invitations were mailed to you. **RSVP by Feb 2nd.** Contact information is in your new Troop Roster.

Eagle Scouts are like elephants: they *never* forget who has helped them along their path.

So, remember, a Scout is: HELPFUL! ☺ Listen for announcements about on-going and future Eagle Scout projects. Please sign up to help where you can. Helping others now makes it easier for you to ask for help when *you* need it most.

COMING NEXT MONTH: Get ready for a brand-spankin'-new Year of Scouting...we'll list some areas where you can help us in T81...and break-down the timeline for re-chartering, completing medical forms, balancing your Scout Account, preparing for Summer Camp & High Adventures, & welcoming a new group of Moose.