



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting February 14th, 2008

Eagle 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.

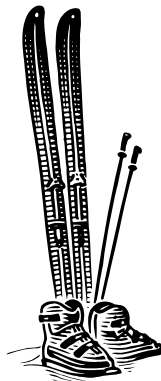


IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Uniform inspection night on Thursday.

WINTER SPORTS & GEAR DEMO THIS THURSDAY

We're "gearing up" for our annual cabin campout and skiing/snowboarding trip!



- Feb 14 – Patrol meal planning, gear demo, and basic instruction
- Feb 21 – Patrol duty roster, and permission slips + payments are DUE

HEARD FROM THE Feb 10 PLC MTG

- Starting Thursday, all Scouts will be expected to wear their complete uniforms to our meetings. We'll hold uniform inspections 2/14...final warnings will be issued 2/21...and from 2/28, Scouts who do not wear complete uniforms will be sent home. This has been talked about in the past...but the new PLC *will* be enforcing this policy. Contact Mrs. Wycklendt or Mrs. See if you need to purchase uniform items.
- Starting with the February 28th Troop Meeting, one Patrol each week will meet at Vertical Endeavors (inside Lifetime Fitness, Diehl Rd, Warrenville). Details will be discussed in Patrols. Blackhawk (2/28); Eagle (3/6); Scorpion (3/13); Viking (3/20); Wolverine (3/27). Permission slips and waivers must be signed PRIOR to these events. These will be handed out to Scouts or may be downloaded.





MTG. CALENDAR

Feb 14: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) Skiing Demo

Feb 21: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) "Get-to-Know-Ya-Night." Cabin/Ski
Permission Slips DUE!

Feb 28: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Advancement
Night; Blackhawk to VE.

Mar 2: Troop Committee
Mtg., 7 pm River Glen.

Mar 6: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) Pack
Inspections; Caving Demo

Mar 13: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk) Low COPE;
Pack Inspections continue

Mar 20: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) Patrol Cookbook
& Recipe Exchange Night

Mar 27: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Gear Demo

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- We had a couple of visitors from Pack 988 and siblings of Scouts join us. New faces will be more and more common in the coming weeks as more and more Webelos cross over to our Troop. Thank you for making everyone feel welcome.
- Last Chance: Scouts who did not attend Court of Honor should pick up all outstanding rank and leadership patches...Klondike patches...Polar Bear patches...Junior Leadership patches...etc.
- Patrols held a station activity, using only items in their backpacks as first aid items.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

FUTURE Troop Campout Info



- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports + cabin camping, Chestnut Mountain, near Galena. Pick up permission slips at Troop Mtg or check on-line this week! **NEW INFO:** Cost for weekend is \$20 per Scout/\$10 per adult. **Add \$61 for lift ticket/rental/lesson or add \$36 for lift ticket only.** Note that TWO SEPARATE checks are required: 1 for the camping...and 1 for the skiing. (Make both checks out to Troop 81.) Permission slips and payments DUE Feb 21st.
- **March 14-16:** Caving-aving-aving, at Maquoketa State Park-ark-ark. Camping will be at Mississippi Palisades State Park. See here for map: <http://www.stateparks.com/gmaps/curlocation.asp?lat=42.13833&lon=-90.15889&z=12>. We need extra adult drivers and campers this weekend.
- **FIRM DATE April 18-20:** Backpacking and hiking at Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co. (No horseback-riding, sorry.) This is also a training trip for Pecos crew(s).
- **NEW April 25-27:** Moose Basic Training (older Scouts & instructors to arrive/camp April 25; new Moose arrive/camp April 26). ALL Parents to drop/pick up Scouts at Blackwell (not Hill). Use Mack Rd entrance; sites 9&10.
- **NEW April 26:** Work Day at River Glen Church. Details to follow.
- **FIRM DATE May 16-18:** Indianapolis Time Trials. (Yes, we know this is the Fine Arts Festival weekend – but it was the only w/e available for our campout.) Camping at Wolf's Leisuretime Campground (www.wltc.org); Lafayette, IN.
- **FIRM DATE June 6-8:** Owasippe Service Project.
- **June 28-July 5 = Summer Camp!**



THANKS to all who came out and helped unload Girl Scout cookies at Calvary Church last Saturday. Many hands made for light(er) work.

THANKS to Mr. Bainbridge for mentoring our new QuarterMasters and for organizing new tenting equipment for our Troop.

COMING SOON

- Your annual re-charter packet and all necessary forms.
- Your Scout Account letter and balance information.
- Your Summer Camp packets.
- Your annual medical forms to complete.

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



We held an important Troop Committee Meeting last Sunday night. Many decisions were made that you should be aware of. These will be announced during our future meetings to our Scouts, but here is a preview of information for parents.

- Starting with the March caving campout, our camping fees will increase to \$25 per Scout (adults remain \$10). We spent more than we collected each of the last two years. Analysis of the cost increase is attributed to increased camping fees and price of gas.
- The Budget Committee met and discussed the 2008 budget. The fundraising was fantastic, and the Troop is able to deposit into the Accounts of those Scouts who met certain requirements (sold at 4 qualifying sessions, etc.) 10% of their individual sales + an additional \$90. (Last year's figure was \$85.)
- The 2008 budget was presented to the entire committee and approved.
- I'd like to recognize the work that Mr. Jim Simnick has put into preparing our annual budget and his ongoing efforts with Mr. Tom Ballent to keep "eagle" eyes on the Troop's finances each month. The 2007 budget was within a few \$100 of forecast, and for a Troop of this size that is nothing short of amazing.
- Mr. Simnick will prepare and send your son's 2008 Scout Account statement in a few weeks.
- Parents please note the new policy on wearing full Class A uniforms to Troop meetings. Thank you in advance for helping our PLC enforce our uniform policy – it was a decision that was important to them and they need our support as parents to help all Scouts understand this.

If you have any questions feel free to ask me at an upcoming troop meeting or at our next Troop Committee Meeting on **Sunday March 2nd**, 7 pm at River Glen Church. Come support our Troop leadership! The fun (and food) is always FREE.

DEADLINE APPROACHING...

Do you have anything to contribute to our Troop Auction Basket? **We need your items by mid- to late-February.** Mrs. **Kelly O'Brien** has graciously accepted to again coordinate your many donations.



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 Fri night this year—hopefully many more of you can attend.

T81 wins a prize if we have the basket that sells for the most \$\$\$.

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