



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting February 28th, 2008

Viking 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.



REMINDER:

Scouts should sit in their Patrols at Flags. Adult Mentors should also sit with their Patrols.



ADVANCEMENT NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

- Bring your scouting handbook
- Scouts with Star rank and above may sign off on your requirements
- Notify Mrs. Ensinger if you need a Board of Review ("Spring" Court of Honor *is* coming!)

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



This is a short month, so here is a final reminder that our regular **Troop Committee Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, March 2nd, 7 pm at River Glen Church**. All parents – especially those in leadership positions – are encouraged to come support our Troop! The fun (and food) is always FREE.

UNIFORM TO INCLUDE PEN/HANDBOOK

Question was asked: is a pen/pencil and Scout Handbook part of the Scouting uniform? The answer is: YES! And since it is Advancement Night this Thursday, these items will definitely be needed! Once again, Scouts who do not wear complete uniforms will be sent home. The new PLC *will* enforce this policy.





MTG. CALENDAR

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

Mar 2: Troop Committee
Mtg., 7 pm River Glen.
(PLC Mtg will be held
during campout)

Mar 6: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) Packs
Inspected; 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

Apr 3: Troop Mtg.

Apr 10: Troop Mtg.

Apr 17: Troop Mtg.

Apr 26: Troop Work
Day, River Glen Church

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

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Patrols completed meal planning and duty rosters for Cabin/Snow Sports campout. Moose Scouts split up and rotated around the Patrols to get-to-know-'em.
- Mrs. Bednar is available for any last-minute F.O.S. donations.
- High Adventure Scuba trip – see Mr. Nagy with your \$\$\$ deposit.
- Order of the Arrow representatives sent Mr. Maurer a letter expressing how impressed they were with the behavior, the cooperation, and the attentiveness of our Troop's Scouts, during OA elections. Correction: OA election results will be made available at the Webelos Overnighter (not during a troop meeting).

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

*** * * BLACKHAWK PATROL TO MEET @ V.E. * * ***

Blackhawk Patrol meets at Vertical Endeavors (inside Lifetime Fitness, Diehl Rd) THIS THURSDAY, Feb 28th.



Wear Class B shirts (no hats)...and you **MUST** have a signed Waiver (signed beforehand by a parent) to climb.

NO waiver = NO climbing. See the following link:

http://www.verticalendeavors.com/Shared/pdf/individual_waiver.pdf .

Reminder: Eagle Patrol = 3/6; Scorpion Patrol = 3/13; Viking Patrol = 3/20; and Wolverine Patrol= 3/27. Fees are being paid for out of Patrol funds. Your Patrol leader will advise if any additional \$\$\$ is required.

FUTURE Troop Campout Info



- **February 29-March 2:** Skiing & Snow Sports + cabin camping, Chestnut Mountain, near Galena. (Permission slips and \$ were turned in 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.
- **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).
- **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: May 9-11** = Mystery Trip ... **May 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials... **June 6-8** = Owasippe Service Project... **June 28-July 5** = **Summer Camp!**



THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TRIP

Back by popular demand, for high-school aged Scouts (and, additionally, those who think they will be passing 8th grade – *this* year)... you may sign up to join the Troop's Mystery Trip. Cost is \$150. Date is May 9, 10, and 11. Sign up is NOW.

Contact Mr. Maurer with questions, but don't expect many answers: this is a mystery, after all!

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Forget something you have read or heard about?



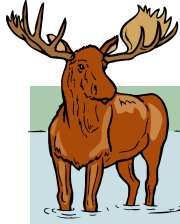
Check out our Troop website:
www.troop81.org
Each weekly E-Mail Newsletter is conveniently archived.



It's the new & improved...

USEFUL MOOSE NEWS

Each issue we highlight something just for Moose Families. **BUT** – other parents might find an antler tip or two in here, too!



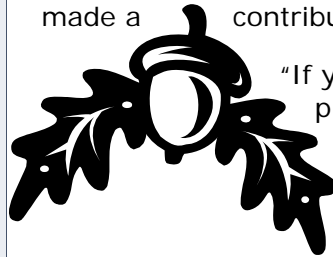
First things first!

- Have you completed all paperwork to join Troop 81? Please include your Class 1 medical form(s), too. Turn in everything to Mr. Dave Rypka, who handles registrations.
- Have you joined our Troop's Yahoo Groups e-mailing list? If you're reading this newsletter from the website, go back to the home page of our website and look for instructions on how to sign up. OR, give your email address directly to Mr. Rypka.
- Have you picked up your special Moose roster, listing all new incoming families? See Mrs. Sue Simpson for your copy.
- Has your Scout put his name on his Scouting Handbook, on all of his uniform pieces, and everything he will use at Troop meetings and campouts?! © Trust us when we say every Scout's stuff looks like every other Scout's stuff.

SILVER ACORN AWARD NOMINATIONS

"Each year the Indian Prairie District gives its member units the opportunity to honor a person who has made outstanding contributions to the unit's success. The award given to honor that person is called the Silver Acorn. This year the Silver Acorn will be presented at the Indian Prairie District recognition dinner on Friday April 11, 2008. Past recipients of the Silver Acorn award in Troop 81 include Tim Maurer, Jim Simnick, Dave Rypka, Paul Bainbridge, and myself.

"I would like to solicit nominations for this year's Silver Acorn award. The past winners of the award who are noted above are not eligible for nomination. The nominee does not need to be a registered leader in the troop. Anyone who has made a contribution to the success of Troop 81 can be nominated.



"If you would like to nominate someone for the Silver Acorn, please contact me with the name of the nominee and a brief summary of why the person deserves to be recognized. A panel of the previous Silver Acorn awardees will determine the winner from the received nominations.

"Troop 81 is one the largest, most active, and most successful Boy Scout troops in the area. Our success is largely due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the adult volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to the troop. Please take some time and consider nominating your choice for the Silver Acorn award. Nominations can be made during the following month, until March 20th. Thanks." ~ Mr. Dan Cronin, Troop Committee Chair