



Troop 81 E-Mail News

March 4, 2008

VOLUME 3, NUMBER 9

Troop Meeting March 6th, 2008

Wolverine Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!



REMINDER:



**QuarterMasters
Mtg at 6 pm
THIS Thursday.**

**ALL Patrol QMs
2-B there...or
find an
alternate.**

GEAR INSPECTION THIS THURSDAY

All Moose Scouts (and anyone who has not yet had their overnight gear inspected) should bring their gear (in a



backpack/duffle/or similar) for inspection. (This will include everything you would bring on an outdoor camping event: sleeping bag, clothes, rain gear, hiking boots, etc., and something to contain it all in.) A full list of overnight items has been given to new Scouts, but if you forget, here is a link from our website:

http://www.troop81.org/documents/Troop_Camping_Checklist.pdf ... and, here is an explanation of why you need these items:
http://www.troop81.org/documents/Explanations_of_Items_on_Equipment_List.pdf

* * * Label **EVERY**thing with Scout's name/initials!

CAVING DEMO!



- Wolverine Patrol will present a Caving Demonstration – learn what to wear, what to bring, and what you'll need to know to have a safe enjoyable trip.
- Patrols will complete meal planning for Caving Campout as well. Permission slips are due Mar 13.



MTG. CALENDAR

Mar 6: Troop Mtg.

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

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

Mar 27: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Gear Demo.

NEW Apr 3: **NO** Mtg.

NEW Apr 6: PLC Mtg.
Troop Comm Mtg 7pm.

Apr 10: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Meal planning;
pack inspection for
backpacking Scouts.

Apr 17: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) Tent &
backpack packing; duty
roster.

Apr 24: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Apr 26: Troop Work
Day, River Glen Church

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Scouts held an Advancement Night last week.
- Pecos High Adventure had info meeting...Scouts to see Mr. Maurer for details (if you missed it) and for a list of training dates, starting w/ 3/8!
- PLC Meeting for March was held during the Cabin Campout.
- Permission slips for Caving Campout are due March 13th. Download yours here: http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2008_Mar_Caving.pdf
- Blackhawk Patrol's climbing quest was postponed – a large party there on the same night would have meant too much standing in lines. See below.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>

* * * VERTICAL ENDEAVORS UPDATE * * *



Booking our Patrols in at Vertical Endeavors is proving to be a challenge! Rather than publish dates here (only to have them change), we'll probably use a Troop-wide email/phone message to notify you of the rotation of Patrols for this fun event.

That said, Blackhawk Patrol **MAY** go this Thursday, March 6 – **OR they may not:** again, listen/look for a phone call/email about this. **IF** it's a "go" (Blackhawk-GO!), 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 to download: http://www.verticalendeavors.com/Shared/pdf/individual_waiver.pdf . Fees are being paid for out of Patrol funds. Your Patrol leader will advise if any additional \$\$\$ is required.

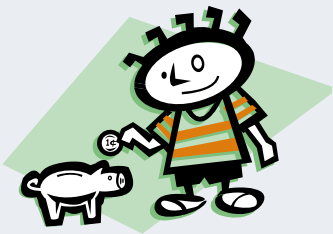
Note: The dates for the remaining Patrols will shift as well, so as not to conflict with their flag/meeting assignments. Stay tuned.

FUTURE Troop Campout Info

- **March 14-16:** Caving at Maquoketa State Park. 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 will need extra adult drivers and campers this weekend.
- **April 18-20:** Backpacking and hiking at Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co.
- **April 25-27:** Moose Basic Training (older Scouts & instructors to arrive/camp April 25; new Moose arrive/camp April 26).
- **NEW DATE:** May 3 = Webelos "Overnighter" (day only)
- **May 9-11** = Mystery Trip ... **May 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials... **June 6-8** = Owasippe Service Project... **June 28-July 5** = **Summer Camp!**

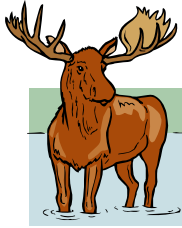


TREASURER'S REPORT



Mr. Jim Simnick, our Troop Treasurer handed out to parents a packet with updated Scout Account balances, as well as a form to update for our Troopmaster database.

Parents, if you don't have this envelope yet, please see Jim. Return the Scout/Adult form(s) to Mr. Dave Rypka (noting corrections) ... any Qs regarding \$\$\$ balances, talk with Jim.



USEFUL MOOSE NEWS

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

First things first!

- If you just joined us, be sure to read thru the previous few newsletters – these come out **every** week – for info you might have already missed. You can find these weekly newsletters archived on our website: www.troop81.org

Second things second!

- I'd like to be one of many who will welcome you into the Troop 81 "family".
- There are 26 new young Moose Scouts who will cross over from Webelos to Boy Scouts this year. That's a lot of new faces. ☺
- We'll hold a New Parent Meeting Night towards the end of March. You will find this meeting *invaluable*. Watch this space for details. If you have questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to contact an adult leader.
- Reminder: 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 that every Scout's stuff looks like every other Scout's stuff.

NEWS From Your COMMITTEE CHAIR, Mr. Dan Cronin



Two things. **First**, we have several Scouts who are close to completing their Cooking Merit Badge. But there is one itty-bitty requirement that we need someone's help with: we need a dietician or food service industry person to come talk with these Scouts (probably during a Troop Meeting, but we're flexible) for just 20 minutes.

If you can help (or know someone who can), please come see me. Grazi!



Second, the deadline has arrived for nominating folks to receive a Silver Acorn Award. Please see last week's newsletter for full information about this important award.



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.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Silver Acorn Award, please contact me with the name of the nominee and a brief summary of why the person deserves to be recognized. This is the last week for nominations.

"LET'S GET PHYSICAL!"



No, I'm not an ONJ fan...but I do know that if you're old enough to remember the lyrics to that song *...then you're pro'ly gonna need a physical for summer camp. ☺

Don't delay! Adults over 40 who will attend summer camp (and ANYone going on High Adventure trips) will need a **current** Class 3 Physical form – this is the form that needs a Dr's signature.

Class 1 medical forms are due each year – see Mrs. Sherri Nagy for info on whether you're current.

Links to Medical forms are on the Troop 81 website on the Troop Documents page. [Class 1&2 Form](#) and [Class 3 Form](#).

* And, to "jog" your memory, "Physical" (Olivia Newton John) was released in 1981 and went on to become a double platinum LP album. She pioneered a music video/workout VHS tape a year later...and was awarded a Grammy for Best Music Video Whoa. Yes, it's all coming back now....

ADVANCED FIRST AID TRAINING

If you were seriously injured in the back country, do you have what it takes to survive? Philmont now requires that our Troop has leaders fully trained in the more specialized "Wilderness First Aid". If we can get 10 interested adults to commit, the Red Cross will come out and train us. This is a 2-full-day course, costing \$125 per person. (Note that it does not cover CPR.) We may open this opportunity to older Scouts to fill the 10 available slots. Contact Mr. Tim Maurer to sign up. [Let's hope you never have to become like Aron Ralston, but you never know.... Read my *all-time* favorite tale of survival here: http://outside.away.com/outside/features/200409/aron_ralston_1.html]

NEW FUTURE-FUTURE DATES

If you're like me and you know what you'll be doing in 2009, then you'll appreciate the following (in all honesty, there were just too many new dates to fit on previous pages):



Saturdays March 22 and April 12: Time to tackle a Merit Badge or two. This Merit Badge Clinic will be held at Grace Community Church, Montgomery Rd. Check-in is at 8 am; 2x 90-min sessions follow. Tentatively offering: Communications; Citizenship in the Nation; Personal Management; Public Speaking; and Salesmanship. Note that this MB Clinic is for Scouts with 2nd Class rank and above.

May 4th: Troop Committee Mtg at Mr. Maurer's house.

July 10th: NO Troop Meeting (due to wedding at church that evening). We will meet July 17th, and then every other week thereafter through the summer months.

September 26-28: District-wide Camporee.



THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TRIP

What: we don't know exactly...*huh?...* *what exactly is this?!* Well, we can't tell you...you see, it's a MYSTERY TRIP.

Who: High-school aged Scouts (and those who think they will be passing 8th grade – *this* year)

Cost is \$150.

When: Estimated departure is early May 9th (this being a day off school); estimated return = noon May 11th... just in time for Mother's Day!

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

