



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

*Eagle Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.*

*Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!*



### **REMINDER:**

**QuarterMasters  
mtg at 6 pm  
Thurs Mar 20<sup>th</sup>.**



**If you can't attend, please send an alternate.**

## **BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISHES** **& RECIPES THIS THURS**

Eagle Patrol will coordinate our Recipe Exchange and Tasting on Thursday.



**What is this?** Each Patrol will be assembling a Patrol Cookbook.

**Who brings what?** Each Scout is encouraged to bring a sample of a favorite dish, pre-prepared, and ready for tasting. Along with the food, Scouts bring a recipe card with instructions on how to cook this dish. (If you can't bring a sample of the dish, please do bring a recipe card of a dish that is easy to prepare for your Patrol.)

**Why are we doing this?** Each Patrol is responsible for its own food/cooking during campouts. Assembling a Patrol cookbook is a great way to get ALL Scouts involved in choosing easy to prepare meals that they are willing to cook (and eat!).



## MTG. CALENDAR

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

**NEW Mar 27:** Troop  
Mtg. (Scorpion) Gear  
Demo. *New Parent Info  
Night + Summer Camp  
discussion*

**Apr 3:** **NO** Mtg. (Spring  
Break week)

**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

**May 1:** Troop Mtg.  
(Eagle)

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BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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## THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Mystery Trip participants need to fill out a 20-Questions sheet and return it to Mr. Maurer asap. Hmmmm, wondering where you're all going?!
- Scuba High Adventure had short info mtg. after Troop mtg.
- Lost & Found: check it out, especially after the Caving trip!
- We had a few new guests and Scouts. Thank you for making them feel welcome.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

## NOT 1...NOT 2...NOW 3 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**1. NEW:** Mrs. Ensinger is in need of volunteers to unload the storage area of Waubonsie Valley High School in preparation for the Senior Sailabration lock-in sponsored by the PTA. The work will involve carrying boxes of decorations and moving some large wooden decorations from the second floor storage area to the first floor. We will start at 3:30pm on April 18th and this will take about an hour. And did I mention...FREE FOOD will be involved ...?! Contact Mrs. E. directly, please.



**2.** Sign up to attend fire lighting duties for St Thomas' Easter Vigil Service, March 22. 1 hr of service credit can be earned.

**3.** Sign up to present the colors (flags) at Naperville Township's annual public meeting, April 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues), from 7 pm. (Meeting starts at 7.30.) Service hour(s) can be earned. Note that attending this meeting can also qualify for certain requirements of the Citizenship in the Community OR Communications Merit Badge.

## FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **April 18-20:** Backpacking and hiking at Forest Glen Preserve, Vermillion Co. 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 off/pick up Scouts at Blackwell (not Hill). Use the Mack Rd entrance; sites 9 & 10.
- **May 3:** Webelos "Overnighter" (but we're going for the day only) ...and **May 4<sup>th</sup>** will be a special Committee Meeting at Mr. Maurer's house.
- **May 9-11** = Mystery Trip ... **May 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials... **June 6-8** = Owasippe Service Project... **June 28-July 5** = **Summer Camp!**...
- **July 10:** No Troop Mtg. After summer camp we will meet July 17<sup>th</sup> and every other week thereafter, until...
- **August 24:** Tentative date for our Summer Court of Honor...
- **September 26-28** = District-wide Camporee.

## WHY CHARACTER COUNTS



Quick, how many types of "character" can you think of?

Let's see, there's my favorite cartoon character ... characters in a play or movie ... someone who acts up is a character ... there are many different characters on my Chinese keyboard ... hmmm.

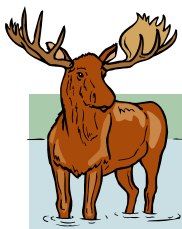
NO, not all that! We're talking about real CHARACTER: what makes someone different from another person: a mark of distinction, a certain quality.

Mr. Bergquist gave us a short talk on **Why Character Counts** during last week's meeting. You never know when displaying those 12 "A Scout Is..." traits will save YOUR job some day.

To review, a Scout is:  
Trustworthy, Loyal,  
Helpful, Friendly,  
Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful,  
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and  
Reverent.

## 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!



- ❖ The Basic Training Campout is a must for all new Scouts! This will be held at Blackwell Forest Preserve on **Sat April 26<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that parents drop off their Scouts directly at the camp (sites 9&10). Scouts must attend this + one other T81 campout in order to attend Summer Camp.
- ❖ **NEW:** We'll hold a **New Parent Meeting Night on March 27<sup>th</sup>**, during our regular Troop meeting. This meeting will provide you with the complete "Soup-to-Nuts" about what you need to know about our Troop! You will also receive a full packet of info on our Owasippe Summer Camp. This is your chance to ask any/all questions about Summer Camp, as well as anything relating to our Troop.
- ❖ Class 2 Medical/Physical Forms are required for ANY Scout (including new Scouts) attending Summer Camp. This form needs to be completed by a medical doctor. This form is valid for 3 years from the date it is signed.

NOTE: 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 since joining. Weekly newsletters are archived on our website: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)

### \* \* \* CHANGES \* \* \* MERIT BADGE CLINIC

**WHAT:** Choose 1 or 2 Merit Badges from the following list (and illustrated below):  
Communications

Citizenship in the Community (**NOT** Nation)  
Personal Management  
Public Speaking  
Salesmanship

**WHO:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Class rank Scouts and above. (No Tenderfoot or Scout ranks, please.)

**WHEN:** Saturday April 12 (**NOT** March 22<sup>nd</sup>) Scouts will then need to work on assignments outside of this clinic, in order to complete the Merit Badge requirements. Scouts will schedule time and meet with MB Counselors during our regular Troop Mtgs, after the April 12<sup>th</sup> clinic date.

**WHERE:** Grace Community Church, 2770 Montgomery Rd., Aurora 60504

**TIME:** Sat 4/12 check-in at 8.00 am (be sure to have breakfast beforehand!)  
Session 1 = 8.30-10.00 Session 2 = 10.15-11.45

**HOW:** Sign up at March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> Troop Meetings.

**COST:** None – this is a free event.



## **YOUR NAME TAGS ARE COMING! YOUR NAME TAGS ARE COMING!**

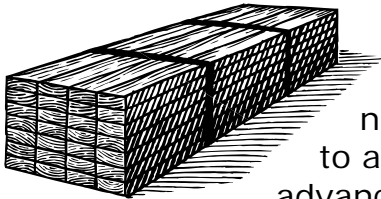
If you are a new Scout, our Troop will order you an embroidered name tag to be sewn on your uniform (above the right pocket). These will be available in a couple of months. There is no cost to new Scouts.



If you are a current Scout...and either lost your name tag...or never received one...or need another one for a different shirt, please send an email to Mr. Maurer requesting one. He will order you an extra name tag (at your expense of \$1 per tag) when he places the order for the new Scouts' tags.

## **REMINDER: BOARDS OF REVIEW**

Don't forget that Scouts should arrange their own Boards of Review (not parents – more on your role, below).



To do so, Scouts simply contact Julie Ensinger (by phone or email – check the roster for details). She needs a week's notice...and Spring Court of Honor *IS* coming up...so if you're close to a rank, why not schedule a Board date for a couple of weeks in advance, to motivate you to complete your work?!

Parents: You can help with Boards! There is no better way to learn how to motivate your Scout to achieve his next rank than to sit on a Board (a panel of 3 parents). You will learn some mighty interesting stuff. You will be impressed with our Scouts' knowledge and dedication. Learning to tie a one-handed bowline knot from one of them is waaaaaay cool and may even save your life some day.... Contact Julie Ensinger directly if you can help with Boards.

## **NEW: SUMMER CAMP INFO!**

It's here: our first info about Owasippe 2008.

- New parents' meeting will be held March 27<sup>th</sup>. New parents will receive their full information packets at that meeting. Any family whose Scout has not yet been to Summer Camp with T81 should also attend this meeting.
- Count-Me-In forms for seasoned Owasippe Scouts will be at the front table...and are due back April 10<sup>th</sup>. Once you turn in a C-M-I form, you'll then receive a full packet of summer camp info on April 17<sup>th</sup>. (No use giving everyone a full packet if some of you aren't going, right?!)
- Cost this year is \$365. Last year it was \$290. Our out-of-Council camping fees went up...and the price of gas...well, you know that sad story.
- Silversides Submarine Overnighter will be \$33 additional (optional).
- If you have questions that can't wait until the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, call or email Kathy Smith. Details are in the roster. Her preferred email is [ksmith@bfrc.com](mailto:ksmith@bfrc.com) .

