



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!



### **REMINDER:**

If you don't have your name on all of your gear yet...**well, why NOT?!?**

Check the Lost & Found bins at the front tables at meetings for stray stuff.

## SOUP-TO-NUTS THIS THURS

It's our **Annual New Parent Night** on March 27<sup>th</sup>. This is your chance to hear **everything** – from “soup” to “nuts” - about our Troop, as well as get a sneak peek at our summer camp at Owasippe.



We usually meet upstairs in the River Glen Church after announcements, while Scouts have their meeting downstairs. There will be valuable handouts ... useful information ... and an informal forum for your questions.

Scorpion Patrol will coordinate our meeting for Scouts. Rumor has it that a new gear demo might be in order.



**IF you forgot** to bring your recipe for your Patrol Cookbook last meeting, I'm sure there is still time to sneak YOUR favorite addition in. Contact your PL.



## **MTG. CALENDAR**

**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

**May1:** Troop Mtg. (Eagle)

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## **THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements**

- Merit Badge Clinic April 12<sup>th</sup> – sign up at front table. Choose 1 or 2 to work on. More info elsewhere in this newsletter.
- A Scout is Trustworthy...but does that mean he must also Trust? Mystery Trip participants need to fill out a 20-Questions sheet and return it to Mr. Maurer ASAP. He assures you will have the time of your LIFE on this trip. Trust him!
- QMs held their monthly mtg last week. If you still have equipment to return, bring it into the church to be checked in with your Patrol QM.
- Instructors met with Chris D after Troop mtg. See him if you missed.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

## **PERMISSION SLIPS DUE APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**



Your permission slip for the April 18-20 backpacking trip and campout is due April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
(Remember we have no meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

Permission slips are at front table...and online too!

## **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). Click here for more info about this area: <http://www.vccd.org/giforestglen.html>
- **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 Mack Rd entrance; sites 9 & 10.
- **April 26:** If you're not going on the Moose Basic Training overnighiter, you might be available to help out at our **River Glen Church Annual WorkDay!** This will be held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Service hours will be granted.



## **VERTICAL ENDEAVORS UPDATE**

We have finally been able to schedule the climbing time at Vertical Endeavors. Unfortunately the only time without conflict for VE is on Wednesday evenings. So here we are:

**7:00 - 9:00pm Wednesdays April 9th / April 16 / April 23rd**

Patrol assignments will be handed out at this week's meeting.

Scouts should still plan on attending the regular Troop meetings ESPECIALLY if they are planning to go Backpacking on the April Campout.



THANKS to all who turned out on a chilly Saturday for fire duties at the St Thomas Easter Vigil.

See below for 2 more service opps.

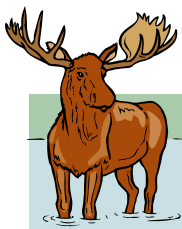
1. Mrs. Ensinger is in need of volunteers to unload the storage area of WVHS in prep for the Senior Sail-a-bration lock-in sponsored by the PTA. We will start at 3:30pm on April 18th and this will take about an hour. And did I mention...FREE FOOD will be involved...?! Contact Mrs. E. directly, please.

2. Sign up to 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. In fact, attending this meeting can also qualify for certain requirements of the Citizenship in the Community OR Communications Merit Badge (you cannot apply credit to both merit badges).



## 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!



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)

- ❖ **REMINDER:** We'll hold a **New Parent Meeting Night on March 27<sup>th</sup>**, during our regular Troop meeting. Your Scout came home with an **orange flyer** about this important meeting...right? This is your chance to ask any/all questions about Summer Camp, as well as anything relating to our Troop.
- ❖ **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Have your Scout label everything with his name/initials. If he gets in the habit now, you'll have no problems when summer camp rolls around....
- ❖ **HIKING BOOTS:** Yes, these are a requirement to attend our campouts. They need not be expensive (kids grow fast). They need to be on Scout's feet, in the parking lot at departure time. Otherwise: no boots, no camping trip.
- ❖ **HINT OF THE WEEK:** Boy Scouts is quite different to Cub Scouts. Anything your son can do should be done by your son, not by you!



Have a question you'd like answered here in this column? Contact Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News editor. Contact details are in your Troop Roster.

### \* DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP! \* MERIT BADGE CLINIC

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

- \* **Communications** \* \* **Citizenship in the Community** \*
- \* **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 ... 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 27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup> Troop Meetings.

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





## SCOUTS! DID YOU REMEMBER TO...

The following were mentioned during previous weeks...so did YOU remember to:

- ✓ Send Mr. Maurer an email if you need another embroidered name tag (\$1 ea) – new Scouts will receive theirs automatically, free of charge...
- ✓ Contact Mrs. Ensinger if you need a Board of Review...
- ✓ Sew on your new Quality Unit Centennial patch (goes on right sleeve edge)...
- ✓ Mark your calendars for April 10: that's when your "Count-Me-In" summer camp form is due back to Mrs. Kathy Smith...
- ✓ See Mrs. Nagy to see if your medical forms are up to date...
- ✓ Have your parent schedule your physical with a doctor (if you need an updated Class 2 or 3 medical form)...
- ✓ Label everything that you bring to meetings and campouts...
- ✓ Check the Lost & Found bin?!