



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

*Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!*



### **REMINDER:**

Your Summer Camp "Count-Me-In" Form is due **THIS THURSDAY** 4.10.08...

...also, your Backpacking trip permission slip is due **THIS THURSDAY** 4.10.08 as well.

## **IMPORTANT BACKPACKING** **PREP THIS THURS**



It is important that all Scouts attending the Backpacking trip(s) attend the next 2 Troop Meetings.

Our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will discuss backpack cooking/food prep/storage and the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will talk about packing/gear prep for backpacking. (Bring your pack for inspection April 17<sup>th</sup>.)

Even if you are not backpacking, you will learn something you don't already know, so we encourage you to attend.

### **LAST MINUTE UPDATE: VERTICAL ENDEAVORS IS "GO" ON WED 4/16**

- Blackhawk and Eagle Patrols to attend the April 16<sup>th</sup> event – note that this is a Wed. (Other patrols attend 4/23 and 4/30.)
- ALL attending (Scouts and adults who will climb) need to have a signed waiver. See this link for info: <http://www.verticalendeavors.com/vewarrenville/waiver.html>





## **MTG. CALENDAR**

**Apr 10:** Troop Mtg.  
(Viking) Food prep.

**NEW Apr 13:** PLC Mtg  
at Mike H's house.

**NEW Apr 16:** Blackhawk  
& Eagle Patrols meet @  
Vertical Endeavors.

**Apr 17:** Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine) Tent &  
backpack packing; duty  
roster. Bring your pack!

**NEW Apr 23:** Wolverine  
& Viking Patrols meet @  
V. E.

**Apr 24:** Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk)

**Apr 26:** Troop Work  
Day, River Glen Church

**NEW Apr 30:** Scorpion  
Patrol meets @ V.E.

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

**NEW May 4:** Troop  
Committee Mtg.

**NEW May 8:** Troop  
Mtg. (Moose!)

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

- "Count-Me-In" summer camp forms were handed out. These forms are due back April 10<sup>th</sup>– that's THIS Thursday. If you missed our March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and didn't get one, you can view this form online at our website: [http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/COUNT\\_ME\\_IN.pdf](http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/COUNT_ME_IN.pdf) .
- Merit Badge Clinic April 12<sup>th</sup>. Scouts will learn their schedule at April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. See info elsewhere in newsletter. Wear Class A uniform to this!
- Scuba High Adventure trip has a couple openings – see Mr. Nagy.
- Next PLC Meeting is Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Mike's house.
- New Parent Night was held March 27<sup>th</sup> – see notes below 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>**

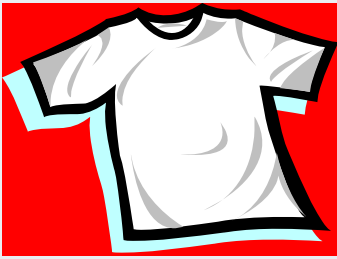


Your permission slip for the April 18-20 backpacking trip and campout is due THIS Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info**

- **April 18-20: Backpacking and hiking** at Forest Glen Preserve, Vermilion 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 the Mack Rd entrance; sites 9 & 10. **NOTE:** A permission slip is needed for this trip (get @ table/online).
- **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 Sat, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Service hours will be granted. Free food?!
- **May 3: Webelos "Overnighter"** (we're going for the day only) ... and **May 4<sup>th</sup>** will be a special Committee Meeting at Mr. Maurer's house (5 pm).
- **May 9-11** = The Magical Mystery Tour. Permission slips will be given to parents of those attending.
- **NEW May 29:** Spring Court of Honor, River Glen Church.
- **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.
- **NEW Nov 1** = Our Pancake B'fast FUNdraiser!



## T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE 4/17/08

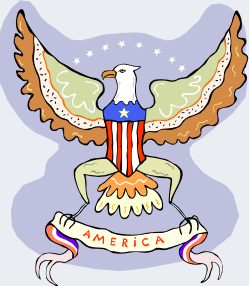
New to Troop 81?

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Going to Summer  
Camp?

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Grown since last year?

If you answered "yes" to 1 or more of these questions, then you need to order your Troop 81 Class B uniform T-Shirts from Mrs. Sherry See!

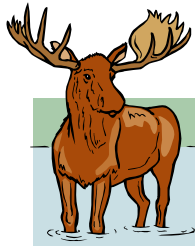
Cost is \$7 per shirt. Shirts are 50/50 blend (no shrink). Order form is online. Due April 17.



## Andrew S's Eagle Court of Honor

Mark your calendars now to attend Andrew's important ceremony: May 18<sup>th</sup> (Sun) at St Thomas Church, 4 pm.

## USEFUL MOOSE NEWS



March 27<sup>th</sup> was our NEW PARENT Meeting Night! If you missed this, please see Mr. Greg Pronger or Mr. Stephan Ginell for an update.

We have ~24 new Scouts joining T81!

New rosters will be printed and distributed soon.

Full Details for New Parents are on the last page of this newsletter.

Welcome to Troop 81!



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.

## \* \* \* MERIT BADGE CLINIC THIS SAT APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> \* \* \*

**NEW:** Check the list at our Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting to see your assignments.

Scouts chose 1 or 2 Merit Badges from the following list:

- \* Communications \*      \* Citizenship in the Community \*
- \* Personal Management \*      \* Public Speaking \*      \* Salesmanship \*

**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

**\* \* \* REMINDER:** Wear your Full Class A uniform to this event!



## ADULTS: R U TRAINED?

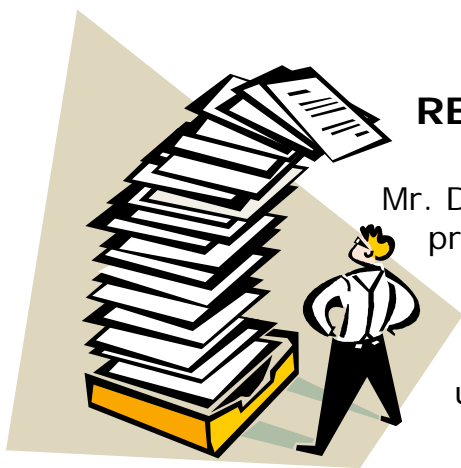
If you're new to the Troop...and plan on camping with the Troop and/or going to Summer Camp with us...we need one more bit of paperwork from you: Your Youth Protection Training Card. If you have no idea what we're talking about, watch this space for details. We will hold a special training session just for you all ~ 3 weeks prior to Summer Camp.



If you're not new to the Troop...and you plan on camping with the Troop and/or going to Summer Camp with us...your Youth Protection Training Card must be valid (renew it every 2 years). We will hold a special training session just for you ~ 3 weeks prior to Summer Camp if you need an updated card. If you miss this training (and your card is no longer current)...you will be trained at Owasippe (and they tell me this is a much worse option than getting trained beforehand).

If you're a new Assistant Scoutmaster...and you do not have a current Youth Protection Training Card (renew every 2 years)...you should attend the special YP training we will hold ~ 3 weeks prior to Summer Camp. Watch this space for details.

If you're still reading this...you are probably interested in getting a Youth Protection Training Card! We'll hold a special Youth Protection Training session for our Troop ~ 3 weeks prior to Summer Camp. Watch this space for details.



### RECHARTER IS DONE!

Mr. Dave Rypka has completed the recharter and registration process for our 112 Scouts...our 19 Committee Members...and our 22 Assistant Scoutmasters! This was a huge undertaking, to say the least. Dave will prepare new rosters soon, incorporating the 24 new Scouts we had join up this year. Thanks, Dave, for a job well done.



### : FOOD PURCHASERS FOR SUMMER CAMP

We need 4 to 5 adult volunteers to purchase our food for Summer Camp. You do not need to be going to Summer Camp – just purchase and drop off food in parking lot 6/28. You will be reimbursed. See Mr. Cronin if you can help.

## **NEW PARENT INFO!**

**Moose Basic Training will be held at Blackwell Preserve** (use Mack Rd entrance), **Saturday April 26th**. (Permission slips will soon be on our website ([www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)) and are due back at our April 17<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting.) Parents are asked to drop Moose Scouts off at Blackwell by 9 am Saturday...and pick them up at ~10 am Sunday. (Instructors and older Scouts to arrive by 7 pm Friday night, please!)

**Moose Basic Training is FREE, and will cover the following activities:** setting up tents...taking down tents...setting up tents in the dark...how to care for equipment...building safe campfires...handling lanterns, camp stoves, and cooking equipment...handling knives, axes, and saws safely...how to organize a Patrol cookbook ...cooking, washing dishes, and stowing equipment in our trailers. **\*WHEW!\***

- As you can see, this is a VERY important campout for new Scouts! Your Scout will earn his Fireman's Chit and Toten' Chit as a result of attending this campout. This allows him to carry and use knives and attend campfires safely.
- An important handout is available: "Boy Scout Campout & Outdoor Equipment Recommendations." Your Scout will not be allowed to camp without the correct equipment and/or clothing for his safety and the Troop's safety. A checklist of equipment is on our website, or contact either Mr. Pronger or Mr. Ginell for a copy.
- It is required that your Scout camp with the Troop at least 3 times before venturing off to Summer Camp (and we HIGHLY recommend he attends Summer Camp this June/July!). This is to prevent home-sickness and for everyone to get to know your Scout.
- All Scouts are required to wear their complete Class A uniforms to our Troop Meetings...to travel in Class A's (minus slide & scarf) to/from campouts...and wear Class B shirts/hats while in camp. This is also for safety reasons. Our red shirts/hats stand out!
- Class B shirts are available to order (\$7 each). Order form is on our website, and orders are due April 17<sup>th</sup>. Two to three Class B's are needed for Summer Camp.
- **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to put Scout's name on EVERYthing. EVERYTHING! All Scouts have the same handbook, hat, scarf, etc. Putting your Scout's name on EVERYTHING ensures it gets back to him when lost. **FINALLY:** Let your Scout pack his gear himself so he knows what he has and where it is stowed!

**Mr. Tony Wycklendt** handed out a complete list of **Merit Badge Counselor** opportunities. We request that you consider signing up to be a M.B.C. for an area of interest to you. Contact him for further details.

**Mr. Dan Cronin is our Troop Committee Chair.** Everyone is invited to our Committee Meetings, held (usually) the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun eve of each month. They are kept to 1 hour and there's always FREE food!

**Mrs. Marge Dunning and Mrs. Beth Schwartz are our Activity Chairs.** Although the Scouts plan the events they want to attend, Marge & Beth coordinate the permission slips, arrange tour permits, ensure sufficient drivers are available, and maintain emergency calling trees. They will always contact you about 1 hour prior to the arrival of the Scouts back from campouts so you're not waiting at Hill unnecessarily. Be sure to have correct phone #s on the permission slips...and notify these ladies of any changes to your Scout's plans.

**Mr. Jim Simnick is our Troop Treasurer.** Each Scout has a Scout Account, like a bank. Scouts receive Troop funds when they participate in our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. (Note Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar now!) NO Scout will be turned away from ANY activity due to lack of funds. If you are in need, please contact Jim for a confidential scholarship.

**Mrs. Lisa Schweitzer is our Troop Newsletter Editor.** Newsletters come out weekly and are posted on our website ([www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)). If you're on our emailing list, you will get a weekly email with a direct link to the latest newsletter. Our email list is also used for making important last-minute announcements.

And finally, and certainly not least: **Mr. Tim Maurer is our ScoutMaster!**

On behalf of the entire Troop, **"Welcome to Troop 81!"**