



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting April 17th, 2008

Wolverine Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!



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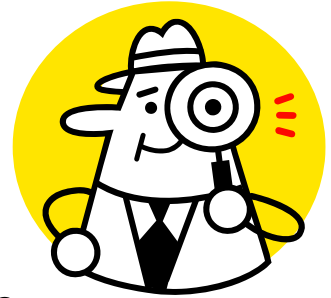
Your Class B T-Shirt order is due THIS Thursday 4/17.

Order form is on-line.

Call Mesdames See & Wycklendt if Qs.

BACKPACKING INSPECTION THIS THURS

It is important that all Scouts attending the Backpacking trip(s) attend Thursday's Pack Inspection and tent packing demo.



SO BRING YOUR PACKS!

- **Departure on Friday night:** Arrive 6 pm SHARP – it's a long drive...and we need to leave promptly.
- There is gear info for this particular campout on our website: [backpacking gear list](#) .

REMINDER! Print out your VERTICAL ENDEAVORS waiver for Wed 4/16.

- Blackhawk and Eagle Patrols to attend the Wed April 16th. Arrive at 6.45...climb 'til 9pm. (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 16:** Blackhawk & Eagle Patrols meet @ Vertical Endeavors.

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

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

Apr 24: Troop Mtg. (Blackhawk) REI Gear Demo nite.

Apr 26: Troop Work Day, River Glen Church

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

May 1: Troop Mtg. (Eagle)

May 4: Troop Committee Mtg.

NEW May 8: Troop Mtg. (Moose 1st time!)

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Permission slips for Basic Training, Webelos "Overnighter", and May campout are now available on-line and at front table. There are various due-dates.
- Scuba High Adventure trip has been cancelled. Refunds are coming.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE APRIL 17TH



- If you are a new Scout to Troop 81, you will need 1 or 2 (or even 3) Class B uniform shirts. These are not just used for Summer Camp...so even if you are not going to Owasippe, you will want to order a couple of shirts now.
- Class B shirts are used more often than you would think: during Eagle projects, work days, some service projects, and in/around camp to name but three.
- Older Scouts: Mrs. See and Mrs. Wycklendt need your used shirts for our T81 uniform exchange program. Please consider donating shirts you've out-grown or simply don't use anymore.
- Adults: if you're going to Owasippe, you will need a shirt or two, too.
- Order forms are on-line: [Class B shirt order form](#) .
- Due THIS THURSDAY, April 17th!

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 overnighter, you might be available to help out at our **River Glen Church Annual WorkDay!** This will be held Sat, April 26th. Service hours will be granted. Free food?!
- **May 3: Webelos "Overnighter"** (we're going for the day only) ... and **May 4th** 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 directly to the parents of those attending. The suspense is building.... ☺
- **May 29:** Spring Court of Honor, River Glen Church.
- **May 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials



THANKS to all Merit Badge Counselors who made our April 12th Merit Badge Clinic a success! Specifically: Geoff Dubbins, Bill Marineau, Brian Caputo, Dave Mangefrida, Dan Overton, Stuart Katz, Tim Maurer, and Dan Cronin.

THANKS to Mrs. Chri Dubbins for arranging our venue and other logistics

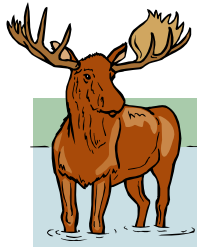


3-4 MORE FOOD PURCHASERS FOR SUMMER CAMP

We've got 1 volunteer, but need 3 or 4 more adults to purchase our food for Summer Camp. You do not need to be going to Owasippe to help – just purchase food locally and then drop it off in parking lot on Sat 6/28. (You will be reimbursed for food cost.) Contact Mr. Cronin to help!

USEFUL MOOSE NEWS

This column is specifically for new Scouts, but seasoned families might find an antler tip in here too! See archived, back issues for other tid-bits.



All set for our Basic Training campout April 26th?

- Permission slips are due.
- Make sure you review the recommended gear list. If you don't have a copy, this is on-line at our website under "Troop Documents".
- Hiking boots are a MUST!
- Even if your son is not going to summer camp, but especially if he is, Basic Training is a MUST-DO weekend. A new Scout learns so much on this weekend, and it will be difficult to catch up if he misses this important campout.
- Your son will be extremely busy this weekend, but if you think he will be nervous, send a note along with some encouraging words or jokes. (It's good practice for the letters you'll want to write to your son during summer camp.)



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.

* * * NEW WEBMASTER MENTOR NEEDED * * *

Our Troop has a leadership position called the Troop Webmaster. Because Scouts cannot post directly to the website, an adult mentor is needed to guide the Scout's work and assist in the web design and web posting.



Mr. Bill Marineau is the current adult mentor for this position, but he needs someone to carry on the torch in the near future. Is that person you?! Bill is willing to sit down to talk with anyone who has a basic understanding of web page design and publishing, and who has the tools to do this important job. If interested, contact Bill directly.



SILVER ACORN AWARDS

Troop 81's recipient of the '08 Silver Acorn Award will be announced at our Spring Court of Honor, May 29. Many other adults from our Troop who are involved with other Packs and Crews were recognized at the District's Award Dinner, held April 11th. Details next week.





Personal Management Merit Badge clinic attendees:

On Saturday, April 12, we completed approximately half of the discussion material for this badge. The second half will be presented at two troop meetings. Clinic participants will need to attend one of the two sessions in order to complete the merit badge.

Thursday, April 17 (**For those who are not backpacking**)

Thursday, May 1

The session will begin shortly after patrol time and run until the end of the meeting. You do not need to sign up in advance, just show up on one of the two nights. This session is for those scouts who attended the clinic. You may contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Mr. Marineau