



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting April 24th, 2008

Blackhawk Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!



REMINDER:

If you missed last week's handout of the Summer Camp packets, be sure to pick up yours from Mrs. Smith.

THIS THURSDAY:

• BRING BACK ALL EQUIPMENT CLEAN & DRY!

There are specific instructions on how to clean our equipment on our website.

- All QuarterMasters meet at 6.30 pm. (Not 6.)
- Pecos Crew will meet at 8.30 pm in Music Room (after Troop Mtg).



* * * WORK DAY THIS Sat the 26th * * *

The River Glen Church is our generous sponsor. They provide us with a free meeting room each week, as well as access to their sanctuary for Courts of Honor.



PLEASE, if you are available to complete our semi-annual service project for them, come to our Troop Work Day, THIS Saturday, April 26th from 8 till noon, at River Glen. Sign up at front table Thursday...bring rakes and shovels and work gloves (labeled with your name/initials OF COURSE)...wear your Class B + hat and hiking boots. A water bottle (filled) is recommended. Service hours will be earned. Free food is always a possibility. ☺

IMPORTANT! Print out your VERTICAL ENDEAVORS waiver for Wed 4/23rd.

- Wolverine & Viking Patrols to attend the Wed April 23rd. Arrive at 6.45...climb 'til 9pm. (Scorpion Patrol attends Wed 4/30.)
- ALL attending (Scouts and adults) need to have a signed waiver. See this link for info: [waiver](#) .





MTG. CALENDAR

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. Mr. Maurer's house.

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

May 15: Troop Mtg. (Muskie 1st time!)

May 22: Troop Mtg. (Scorpion)

May 29: Court Of Honor!

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Permission slips for Webelos "Overnighter" are due Thurs 4/24. (The May campout slip is now available on-line and at front table & due back 5/8.)
- Part II of Personal Management Merit Badge will be held during the May 1 Troop Meeting with Mr. Marineau.
- Mr. Maurer was presented with his "Spark Plug" award and plaque because he was unable to make the District Award dinner 4/11. See last pg.
- Your Class B T-shirt orders were due last week. Hats will be in within 2 weeks, per Mr. Maurer.
- Packets for Summer Camp were handed out to those Scouts who turned in a "Count-Me-In" form. Contact Mrs. Smith if you need your packet.
- Scouts held pack inspections for those backpacking; Moose worked on flag ceremony procedures. Their first responsibility will be at May 8 Troop Mtg.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

Boards of Review Due By May 8th

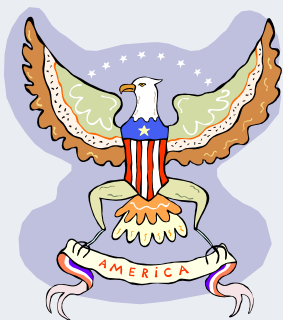


The last date to schedule a Board of Review with Mrs. Ensinger is May 8th in order to receive rank advancements at our Spring Court of Honor (May 29th).

Remember, it is the Scout's responsibility to contact Mrs. Ensinger (not the parent's). ☺

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **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.
- **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? YES!
- **May 3: Webelos "Overnighter"** (we're going for the day only), Adventure Camp, Rochelle IL. All costs covered by the Troop.
- **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 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials, West Lafayette, IN; staying at Wolfe's Leisure Time Family Campground: www.wlfc.org.
- **May 29:** Spring Court of Honor, River Glen Church.



Andrew S's Eagle Court of Honor May 18th has been postponed. Stay tuned for more information soon.

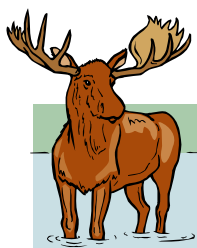


3-4 MORE FOOD PURCHASERS FOR SUMMER CAMP

We still 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.



Tip: Don't do anything your Scout can and should be doing! E.g.,

- Have your Scout turn in his own permission slips to his Patrol Leader during Patrol time – this ensures that the Patrol has an accurate headcount.
- Have your Scout read the equipment cleaning instructions from our website. After each campout, the Scout should do his own cleanup of any Troop gear he brings home.
- Have your Scout pack his own duffel/backpack (so he knows what he has and where it is).

Warning: Your Scout will earn his Totin' Chit and Firem'n Chit at the Basic Training campout. These are paper cards which he should carry in his shirt pocket. BUT, they are bound to go through the wash after that first campout! Soooo, get them laminated – they will last a lot longer.



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.



Annual Three Fires Council / Alhambra Picnic for the Disabled WANTS YOU! Fri June 13th &/or Sat June 14th

Once again, the Three Fires Council and the International Order of Alhambra have teamed up to put on this premier event. We anticipate once again this year that attendance will be in excess of 800+. That is where you and your Boy Scout Troop or Venture crew come in. In order to put on an event of this magnitude, we need help. Last year we had approximately 80 Boy Scout and leader volunteers. We had 2 Troops camp overnight and even more helping for the day.

We desperately need help setting up Friday June 13th from 10:00am 5:00pm. As needed in years past, we need help setting up 100s of chairs, moving tons of charcoal, moving pallets of bottled water, etc. Then on Saturday June 14th, 8:00am 5:00pm to we need help working games, serving food, making popcorn, passing out prizes and take down. I guarantee you will be touched by this experience.

Troops and crews are welcome to camp overnight for free on site and utilize all the carnival games and jumpers at no charge. Service hours can be earned.

Parents, leaders, Scouts, Patrols, Troops welcome. **Free food for all on Saturday.**

Location: Montalbano Furniture Company, 3000 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, IL 60104

Contact our own Mr. Harrington if you would like to be part of this memorable event by emailing joe@hbscomputers.com or calling directly at 630-707-0200.

**WEBMASTER
MENTOR
STILL 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

Early in our Council's history a Scoutmaster by the name of Ed Rotollow was very active in helping scouts at both the unit and district level. When he passed away in 1985, the Cub Scout Roundtable of Illinois District collected funds in honor of his work, and purchased silver acorns. This special recognition is presented to one adult uniformed or non-uniformed Scouter in each unit, who does outstanding work within the unit to help make it successful. Each unit should honor the person who plants the seeds that helps the unit grow and bloom. The "acorn" represents the "seed" that when planted grows into a mighty oak tree. We recognize that the oak tree has hard and durable wood. The adult recipient's efforts will affect their unit's growth and make it as sturdy as the mighty oak tree.

Troop 81's recipient of the '08 Silver Acorn Award will be announced at our Spring Court of Honor, May 29.

Other adults from our Troop who are involved with other Packs and Crews were recognized at the District's Award Dinner, held April 11th. Each of these individuals received a Silver Acorn as follows:

For Pack 101: Stuart Katz
For Pack 110: Jennifer Piske
For Pack 125: Janet Draper
For Crew 357: Dean Bergquist



A special additional award – **The Spark Plug Award** – is presented to an individual who generates the necessary "sparks" to drive our scouting engine. Mr. Tim Maurer received this award for his leadership at the District Roundtables.



WANTED: Your used Class A OR Class B shirts that you've outgrown or no longer use.

WHY: Our Troop has a small stock of used uniform items to provide at a very nominal cost to other Scouts who can use them.

HOW: Bring any items to Troop Meetings. Drop off with either Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt.