



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

*Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!*



**NO EARLY QM**  
**MTG this**  
**Thurs...BUT...**

**We WILL be working on tidying up the trailer after flags.**

**QMs, if you can't make our mtg, please continue to arrange an alternate.**



## Scouts, start your engines!

- This Thursday we have some Scouts working on their Public Speaking Merit Badges who will talk with us about the Indy 500 event. You'll learn some interesting facts.
- We'll do meal planning for Indy 500 weekend.
- Your Permission Slip is DUE. Click here for a copy: [indy slip](#)
- The trailer needs tidying up. QMs don't need to come at 6. We will do clean up after flags.



## SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Can you believe it is only ("only"! ) 8 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp? We have just over 7 weeks left.

**Are YOUR affairs in order?!**

- ✓ Medical forms updated and turned in?
- ✓ Physicals scheduled & prescriptions filled?
- ✓ Medication card filled out? See here: [Med Card](#) (More on this card and how we use it in the coming weeks.)
- ✓ Submarine waiver signed?
- ✓ Horseback riding waiver signed?
- ✓ Has your son chosen his merit badges and activities?
- ✓ Swim test at Brookdale Pool is coming – stay tuned.
- ✓ Put reminder on calendar to write to your Scout? Mail no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> (but you can mail much earlier than that, of course).
- ✓ **FINALLY: ALL** of your \$\$\$ and waivers and activity forms are **due May 15** – that is next week's meeting. PLEASE come prepared. Mrs. Smith will be on hand to answer your many questions.





## **MTG. CALENDAR**

### **NEW INFO IS IN RED**

**May 8:** Troop Mtg.  
(Moose 1<sup>st</sup> time!) *Meal Planning + Speeches.*

**May 15:** Troop Mtg.  
(Muskie 1<sup>st</sup> time!) *Fishing Derby at McDowell.*

**May 22:** *QM Mtg @ 6 + Troop Mtg. (Scorpion) Outdoor Games Night @ Longwood School+ Meal Plan for Owasippe + Merit Badge Work.*

**May 29:** *Court Of Honor!*

**June 5:** Troop Mtg.  
(Viking) *Orienteering Course.*

**June 12:** Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine) *QM Mtg @ 6. Summer camp prep + Tent Assignments.*

**June 19:** Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk) *Trailer prep + food plans.*

**June 26:** Troop Mtg.  
(Eagle)

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BOY SCOUTS**  
River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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

- We had a round of applause for the Troop Guides & Instructors for their fine job at the Basic Training campout April 26/27.
- Mike H has broken his arm...we wish him well.
- If you haven't yet contacted Mrs. Ensinger about scheduling a Board of Review, by the time you read this, you will not be eligible for rank advancement this round. You may contact her at any time for a future Board, of course. She needs at least 3 days notice to schedule enough volunteers.
- Mr. Marineau held Part II of the Personal Management Merit Badge Clinic. Contact him if you missed.
- Boundary Waters High Adventure held a short mtg after our mtg.
- Scout-O-Rama at Cantigny is May 10<sup>th</sup> – tickets are \$8 per family or \$4 single. The paratroopers at 9am will be worth the price of admission alone. ☺

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

## **YOUR INDY PERMISSION SLIP IS DUE!**

Your Indy 500 Permission Slip is due THIS THURSDAY.



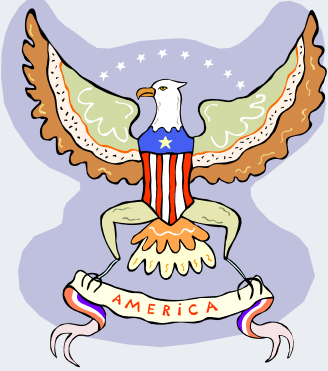
Please note that ASMs need to include \$10 for admission into the facility.

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

- **May 9-11** = The Magical Mystery Tour. Permission slips are due back in sealed envelopes. If you are NOT going, YES, OF COURSE we'll tell you where we're going...just as soon as we get back from the place you don't know where we're going.
- **May 16-18** = Indianapolis Time Trials, West Lafayette, IN; staying at Wolfe's Leisure Time Family Campground: [www.wlfc.org](http://www.wlfc.org).
- **May 29:** Spring Court of Honor, River Glen Church. Contact Mrs. Nagy to help.
- **June 6-8:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- **June 28-July 5:** Summer Camp!
- **July 10:** No Troop Mtg. After summer camp we will meet again on July 17<sup>th</sup>, and then every other week thereafter, until...
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – come see all the patches boys have earned!



## EAGLES' CORNER



Colin M is starting his Eagle Project. He needs help **THIS SATURDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>** – meet at River Glen Church. Work will include planting, staining, and general outside dirty work. Dress accordingly, but wear Class B shirt + hat, and bring work gloves + boots.

This is an important opportunity to earn service hours...and if you're not going on the Mystery Trip, come join Colin and help him on his path to Eagle Scout!



Thanks, Maurer's for the GREAT feast at our last Sunday's Committee Meeting! ☺

## NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKIE SCOUTS

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.



Young Scouts are usually very eager to start down the long road to Eagle! One of the requirements along the way is to complete at least 21 merit badges. These are similar to the pins and belt loops that Cub Scouts earned, but merit badges are more involved and some can take substantial time to complete. Over the next few months, many opportunities will start to come up to complete merit badges. In fact, your Scout will be able to complete his first 2 or 3 at Summer Camp! Look carefully through the Summer Camp information packet with your Scout (handed out Mar 27<sup>th</sup>) and let *him* choose those merit badges that *he* is interested in.

**NEW PARENT TIP:** You don't want your Scout to get burnt out or become overwhelmed. Encourage your 1<sup>st</sup> year Scout to complete his rank advancements (Tenderfoot, then 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, and then 1<sup>st</sup> Class) as a priority these first few years. Aside from the merit badges earned at Summer Camp, 1<sup>st</sup> year Scouts usually do not focus too much of their time on earning other merit badges.



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



## SCUBA Certification being offered: Scout Special!

Do you know a Scout or any adult leader or parent from Troop 81 who might like to become PADI open water SCUBA certified? This offer applies to Scouts, Venturers, Leaders, parents, & family members male or female 14 and older. (Scouts have first priority on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.) Cost is only \$250.00 per person compared to \$350.00 or more at a dive shop. The dive instructor is providing his time at no cost for this class. Price includes everything: the crew pack, pick envelope, all equipment rentals, air refills, classroom training, 3 pool training sessions, pool rental & 2 days of open water training. You should be prepared to provide your own mask. Doug Chalmers, Committee Chair for Crew 2501 is a PADI certified dive instructor. This past year Doug has instructed Crew 507 from the Thunderbird District and is currently certifying youth and leaders from Troop 101 from the Indian Prairie District.



The youth, male or female (must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are 14 or older) are NOT required to join the Crew but are encouraged and welcome.

Each class size is limited to 10 registrants per class. **Only one**, possibly two classes will be offered this year.

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