



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 15th, 2008

MUSKIE Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Full Class A uniform, gentlemen!



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

ALL Summer Camp \$\$\$ + Activity Forms + Waivers are due **THIS THURSDAY, May 15th!**

Contact Mrs. Smith if any questions.

FISHING DERBY THURSDAY!



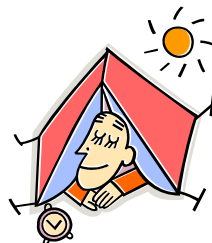
How fitting that for Muskie Patrol's first meeting on flag duty, we have a FISHING DERBY. Here are the details:

- We'll have a demo for those who do not know how to fish, in the church parking lot before the Derby.
- We'll walk down through the McDowell Preserve to the river behind the church. Please be respectful of property and stick to the paths.
- Bring any equipment you might have + bait. Don't forget the camera to verify those fishy tales.
- License is NOT required if <16.
- If over 16, you must purchase a license by Thursday.

Here are a couple of useful websites:

<http://www.dupageforest.com/recreation/fishing.html>

<http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/systems/licenses.htm>



SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Yep, only ("only"!) 7 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp? So that's just over 6 weeks left to wait. See last week's newsletter (archived on our website) for a complete list of "to-dos".

- ✓ **ALL** of your \$\$\$ and waivers and activity forms are **due May 15** – that is **THIS** 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 15: Troop Mtg.
(Muskie 1st time!) Fishing Derby at McDowell.

May 22: QM Mtg @ 6 + Troop Mtg. (Scorpion) Outdoor Games Night @ Longwood School+ Meal Planning 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)

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- All announcements are covered somewhere else in this newsletter.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

5/22 GAMES NIGHT: MEET AT LONGWOOD



Our May 22nd meeting will be out the back of Longwood School for our annual Outdoor Games Night. (Longwood is at 30W240 Bruce Lane.) We'll have softball, soccer, and couple of other pick-up games. Yes, we will still have flags (Scorpion). There will also be Merit Badge work for those Scouts who want to. **More details will be announced at our Troop Meeting this coming week.**

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **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. Contact Mrs. Nagy to help.
- **June 6-8:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- **June 28-July 5:** Summer Camp!
- **SUMMER TROOP MTGS:** July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28. Class B shirts allowed to these summer mtgs. (No meetings on July 3rd, 10th or August 7th, 21st.)
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – come see all the patches & badges boys have earned!

NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKIE SCOUTS

Your son has now earned his Fireman's and his Toten Chits. Ask your Scout under what circumstances will one of the 4 corners of his Chit be cut off by an older Scout. (This is not a "good" thing, by the way!) And, have you laminated those Chits yet?



SUMMER CAMP SWIMMING TIP:

Each year an adult from T81, who is also a member of the local Brookdale Pool, arranges a date where Scouts can practice for their swim test. Scouts pass their swim test up at Owasippe (i.e., we do not pass them ahead of time). You can prepare your son for this experience by keeping in mind that the real test is performed in a lake with a muddy bottom, not in a heated pool. Look for a firm date of our Brookdale Pool pre-swim test soon. It is usually held one evening, by mid-June.

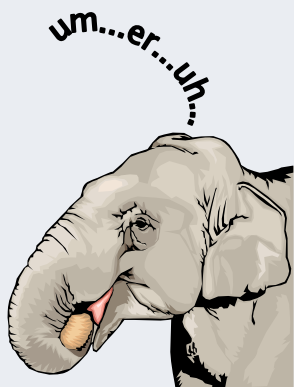


Have a question you'd like answered here in this column? Contact Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News editor. Her contact details are in your Troop Roster.



Thanks to everyone who organized the Magical Mystery Trip - it was remarkable that it was kept under wraps. Where did they go? Hmmm. Come find out at Troop Meeting.

HUGE THANKS to Mrs. Julie Ensinger and her band of parent volunteers who tackled another whopping 9 Boards this past week.



Forget something...
...you've read or heard about? Check out the archived newsletters on our Troop website: www.troop81.org - there's a whole section set aside called "Troop Information" going back to 2006 or so.

PANCAKE CO-CHAIR WANTED!

Yep, November is comin' up mighty soon. And we're in need of a Co-Chair to manage the only fundraising event Troop 81 has, our Annual Pancake Breakfast.

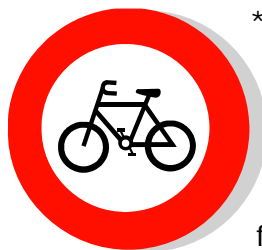
The Co-Chair position is **vital** to our continued success. We have an entire army of parent volunteers standing ready and willing...but we do need someone to help lead them into pancake batter battle. Please see Dan Cronin if you can help with this important position.



TROOP GUIDE UPDATES

* CERT Drill this Sat

Boys will meet at Fire Station 4 on Brookdale Road by the BP to participate in an event consisting of blood (fake, of course) and rescues. The boys will arrive and be given different injuries. Then they will be rescued by the CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team). The event will start at noon, I believe (will announce for sure on Thurs) and free food will be provided. Wear clothes that can get dirty!



* Bike the Drive

Any boy or adult who wants a car-free bike ride on Chicago's famous Lakeshore Drive should consider this! It takes place on May 25th from 5:30am to 9:30am. It cost \$10 for scouts 17 and under, \$40 for adults. Free food comes with your registration plus a free t-shirt. You can Register at

<https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=GQ2VDK7>
Event will run rain or shine so come prepared. More information at <http://www.bikethedrive.org/index.html>

Questions? Contact your Troop Guide, Chris D. See your Troop Roster for contact numbers.