



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 22nd, 2008

Scorpion Patrol should arrive early and stay late this evening.

Class B uniform is fine for this meeting!



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

**Bring back
ALL equipment
CLEAN & DRY!**

**QM's – you may
have a meeting at 6
pm? Someone will
call you to confirm.**

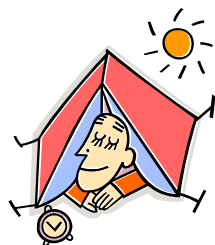
OUTDOOR SPORTS NIGHT ON THURS!



We're meeting out the back of Longwood School for an outdoor games night on Thursday.

Here are the details:

- Yes there will be flags.
- Longwood School is at 30W240 Bruce Lane – turn west off Rt 59 and follow Bruce Lane around to the school.
- You may wear your Class B (but remember your hat).
- We'll have softball, soccer, and a couple of other pick-up games. Bring any equipment that you might need.
- We will have Patrol Time – we will start meal planning for Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- Those who need to work on Merit Badge achievements – please contact your MB Counselor ahead of time.



SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Yep, only ("only"!) 6 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp? So that's just over 5 weeks left to wait. See previous weeks' newsletters (archived on our website) for a complete list of "to-dos".

- ✓ **ALL** of your \$\$\$ and waivers and activity forms were **due May 15**. If you missed this deadline, you should be contacting Mrs. Kathy Smith IMMEDIATELY.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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 + Youth Protection Training

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

June 26: Troop Mtg. (Eagle) Last mtg before summer camp!

July 3: NO MEETING

July 10: NO MEETING

July 17: Troop Mtg. (Moose) Bring back all equipment.

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Senior PL Mike H. thanked everyone for their get-well wishes.
- We held a Fishing Derby at McDowell. Come here those tall "tails" at our next meeting!
- Contact Troop Guide Chris D. if you want more info on the "Bike The Drive" event May 25th. (Details also in last week's newsletter.)
- The Mystery Trip went white water rafting in northern Wisconsin...and don't you wish you had gone?! Maybe next year...
- Your T-Shirt orders are in – see Mrs. Wycklendt or Mrs. See at next mtg.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

5/29 COURT OF HONOR



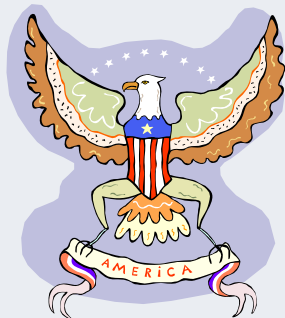
It's that time again, to honor your son's hard work! Please attend this important ceremony in River Glen Church at 7 pm.

- Moms remember to wear your ribbons.
- Bring your camera!
- Bring a finger-food dish to share during our festivities afterwards.
- Contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy if you can help (see Troop roster for her contact details).

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

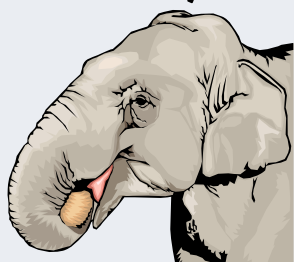
- **June 6-8:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- **NEW June 12:** Youth Protection Training. See details next page.
- **June 28-July 5:** Summer Camp!
- **SUMMER TROOP MTGS:** July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28. Class B shirts allowed to these summer mtgs. (No meetings on July 3rd, 10th or August 7th, 21st.)
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – come see all the patches & badges boys have earned!

EAGLES CORNER



Colin M. would like to thank everyone who helped on May 10th to complete his Eagle Project – 4 seconds shy of 200 hours went into this project, and in one day many hands accomplished much: planting trees, staining the Nativity set, and general clean-up at River Glen Church.

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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.

MEDICATION

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING JUNE 12th



Mr. Bill Marineau will be offering this important course during our regular Troop Meeting, June 12th. Who should attend? Read on!

Current Youth Protection Training is required for every adult attending summer camp at Owasippe. Youth Protection Training is also necessary for all registered leaders including Merit Badge Counselors. It is further recommended for any adult who plans on attending the Troop campouts. According to Three Fires Council policy, all Youth Protection cards are valid for 2 years after the date on the card. For registered leaders wishing to renew their youth protection, they can go to www.threefirescouncil.org and register on the MyScouting portion of the website. You will need your registration number (on your membership card) in order to take an on-line course. * * * If you cannot attend this important training date June 12th...and are going to Owasippe, you will still need to take the training up there in a hot meeting room for many hours...save yourself the headache and take your training with Bill on June 12th!

NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKIE SCOUTS



Our Spring Court Of Honor is coming up on May 29th. If you are new to Boy Scouts, you can think of this as a mini-Blue&Gold. Courts are held 3-4 times a year, and recognize the rank advancements and other achievements of our Scouts.

Once your Scout receives his 1st rank of "Scout", at his first Court of Honor he will also receive a special pin to present to his mother. With each subsequent rank advancement, the Scout receives a new badge for his uniform, and his mother receives another pin to wear on a special red ribbon. Many of our new Scouts will be receiving their 1st rank badge on May 29th – this is a special Court of Honor for them, so please plan on attending!



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.

PANCAKE CO-CHAIR **STILL** 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.



**PERMISSION CARDS
NEEDED FOR SUMMER
CAMP...and BEYOND!**



Have you gone to our Troop Website to download your Medication Permission Slip?

You didn't?!

Medication Cards are needed for Summer Camp...but you will want to use this Medication Card for ANY medication (even over-the-counter items such as Benadryl, Motrin, etc.) that might be needed on ANY Scouting event.

Use the Med Card for regular medications, or for seasonal or one-off events such as infections and allergies. Have this card filled out and placed in a Ziplock bag, along with any medications, making sure these meds are in their original packaging.

Scout should hand this entire bag to Mr. Maurer or other adult leader prior to campout departures.

Download your copy today!
Here is the direct link:
[Medication Card](#)

Calling ALL Scouts!...Calling ALL Scouts!

Do you need Service Hours???? Do you want an opportunity to do your "Good Deed"?

Well, if your answer is YES, the Alhambra Special Needs Unit needs your help to clean up and prepare the grounds for the Annual Special Needs Picnic. (See full details on that event, below.)

What is needed: Scouts, parents, siblings, rakes, weed whackers, chain saws, gloves, tree & brush clippers, tarps, garbage bags, etc.!

Where: Montalbano Furniture Factory, 3000 St. Charles Rd, Bellwood IL 60104. Find directions at www.montalbanofurniture.com

When: Saturday May 31st from 10 am until 3 pm

PLEASE RSVP directly to Rick Montalbano (708-417-4464) so he knows how many to expect – as lunch will be served. There is much work to do, so please come out and lend a helping hand, even if it is for just a short time. Last year we had 40 Scouts and parents...many hands make for light work!



Annual Three Fires Council / Alhambra Picnic for the Disabled **STILL NEEDS 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+.

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.



Scouts can earn the Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge on June 13 and 14, 2008

In conjunction with the Annual Picnic for the Disabled (see info on previous page), Mr. Joe Harrington will be hosting a Disability Awareness Merit Badge Clinic on site Fri June 13 and Sat June 14, 2008. Scouts should come prepared by completing prerequisites 4 and one from 5 (if you choose option 5b, the 8 hour volunteer time can be achieved by helping Friday & Saturday). Facilities and personnel will be present both Friday & Saturday to fulfill ALL of the other requirements. Bring your blue cards.

Here is a website with the specific requirements for this Merit Badge, as they have changed in recent years:
http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Disabilities_Awareness. (Be aware that Scouts will need to read through the Merit Badge pamphlet – available at the Scout store or local library.) Contact Joe Harrington, at joe@hbscomputers.com or 630-707-0200 for more information.



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 1st come 1st 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 8th 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. For more information, please contact Joe Harrington at 630-707-0200 or joe@hbscomputers.com

NEW BOY SCOUTS CENTENNIAL UNIFORM

Here's your first peak at the NEW BSA uniform for the centennial celebration:
http://www.inquiry.net/uniforms/BSA_newuniform.pdf

Be patient – this PDF brochure is nearly 2 MB.



← Uniform from the 60's – 70's - gotta love that external frame pack!

