



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

*Flags will be done by Senior Patrol Members.*

*No Patrol is assigned set-up/take-down duties, but all can help with Court of Honor clean up, please.*

Full Class A uniform please  
- inc hat & belt!



### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

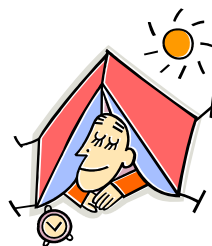
**Your June 6-8  
Owasippe Campout  
Permission Slip is  
DUE THIS  
THURSDAY, MAY  
29<sup>th</sup>! → → →**

## COURT OF HONOR...ON THURS!



It's that time again, to honor your son's hard work! Please attend this important ceremony in River Glen Church at 7 pm. Please meet upstairs for flags and the ceremony. Refreshments afterwards downstairs.

- Moms remember to wear your ribbons.
- Scouts remember to wear our sashes.
- Bring your camera.
- Food and drinks will be provided by the Troop, but home-baked goodies are always welcome. ☺



### SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Yep, only ("only"! ) 5 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp? So that's just over 4 weeks left to wait. See previous weeks' newsletters (archived on our website) for a complete list of "to-dos".

**Calendar Note:** Parents, please make a note on your calendar NOW of when to start mailing letters to your son at Owasippe. You could probably start mailing letters ~June 22<sup>nd</sup>, but the last day to send to ensure arrival is ~Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Info on where to send is included in your summer camp info packet. If you can get your son's friends, neighbors, grandparents, and special people to write to him, that would really put extra smiles on his face at mail-call time! ☺

**Parents:** Going on the Owasippe Service Project Weekend Campout (June 6-8) is a great way for you to see what Summer Camp is like (without the week-long commitment). We hope you can join us! Here is the link to the permission slip: [Owasippe Weekend Permission Slip](#) .



## **MTG. CALENDAR**

**NEW INFO IS IN RED**

**May 29:** Court Of Honor!

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

**NOTE:** There is NO  
Troop Committee Mtg in  
June. All business will be  
conducted at regular  
troop mtgs until later this  
summer.

**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

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

- We had nearly 50 Scouts show for our annual outdoor sports night at Longwood School for a great game of softball. Boy was it chilly. Thanks to all who organized this event!
- Those of you working on your Personal Management Merit Badge: Mr. Marineau mentioned that you need his approval before starting your 90 day budget/expense exercise. Bring in any other requirements you have completed so he can sign off on them.
- 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>

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

- **June 6-8:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend. **Permission slips due May 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- **June 12:** Youth Protection Training. See details below.
- **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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or August 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>.)
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – come see all the patches & badges boys have earned!

## **YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>**



Mr. Bill Marineau will be offering this important course during our regular Troop Meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>...and are going to Owasippe, then 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 Mr. M. on June 12<sup>th</sup>!

## MEDICATION PERMISSION CARDS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP...and BEYOND!



**What?!** Still haven't gone to our Troop Website to download your Medication Permission Slip? See link, below!

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](#)

## NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKIE SCOUTS



At the Court of Honor this Thursday, your Scout may receive his first badge of rank. This is pinned to the Scout's uniform on the night, upside down. Ask your Scout to explain why this is so, and have him explain when he may turn his new badge right-side up.

Then, later, maybe you can take some time to teach your son how to sew on his own badges – this is becoming a lost “art”, but not in Scouting!

Also, your son's Owasippe Service Project Weekend permission slip is due May 29<sup>th</sup> – if you are able to attend this campout with your son, you will have great insight into his summer camp experience later in the year. It's a beautiful place. We know many of you cannot take a full week off to attend camp with us. So if you can spare just a weekend, this would be a great one to choose.

Finally, the Court of Honor is a great place to introduce yourself to some of the “older” scouting families in our Troop - ask them any questions you might have, especially about Summer Camp. Or, ask any shirted leader for tips on making Owasippe a success for your son.



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.

## 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](http://www.montalbanofurniture.com)

**When: Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 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!





## 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](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](mailto:joe@hbscomputers.com) or 630-707-0200 for more information.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:joe@hbscomputers.com) or calling directly at 630-707-0200.



## 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. For more information, please contact Joe Harrington at 630-707-0200 or [joe@hbscomputers.com](mailto:joe@hbscomputers.com)