



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting June 5th, 2008

Flags will be done by Viking Patrol, who should arrive early and stay late for set-up/take-down duties.

Viking will also be hosting an Orienteering Course.

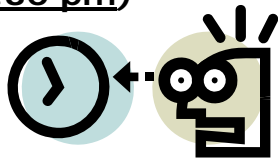
It's after Memorial Day...that means you may wear Class B uniform to meetings until Labor Day.

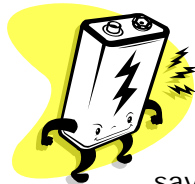


IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Have you put the deadline(s) on your calendar yet, to mail stuff to Owasippe? See details on page 4.

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THIS COMING WEEKEND

- Note our **earlier departure time (5.30 pm)** from Hill. The journey is long and we need to get on the road as early as possible. 
- This is a service project weekend – please bring work gloves to protect your hands and leaf rakes - put your name or initials on EVERYthing!
- Scouts **MUST** be wearing their hiking boots in the parking lot...and we travel in Class A uniforms (everything but neckerchief/bolo).
- Fishing gear for those who fish and electric trolling motors are welcome on this trip. Adults do not need to buy a license if they fish on Lakes Wolverine and Sauger. The afternoon and evening is open time to enjoy the camp!
- Bring an extra \$5 cash for fast-food lunch on Sun.
- Pecos Crew should bring their packed backpack for a 6-mile training hike...all other hikers are welcome to come along.



SPECIAL: Your Donations Are Needed

The Owasippe Camp Ranger has asked for donations of batteries of all sizes "AAA", "AA", "C", "D" and 9 volt, and donations of light bulbs, 60 and 100 watt of the new energy saving conventional incandescent socket fluorescent bulbs. AL goes out of his way to make Troop 81 welcome and Scoutmaster Maurer asks that we repay his kindness with supplying his request.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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.

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BOY SCOUTS**
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Hats for new Scouts were handed out. If you ordered (or need) a replacement hat, the cost is \$13...see either Mrs. See or Mrs. Wycklendt to arrange delivery/payment.
- Neckerchiefs are coming "soon" – should be here within 1-2 more weeks.
- See Mr. Harrington for info on Scuba certification, Disability Awareness Merit Badge, and/or the June 13/14 annual picnic for the Alhambra Order.
- We ran out of time at the Court of Honor, so Service Stars will be handed out during Patrol time at the next Troop meeting.
- The Pennsylvania High Adventure crew received a special rattlesnake patch. The story behind this patch is shrouded with mystery...much like the legend of the pink snow pants.
- There is no Troop Committee Meeting in June.

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 **THIS** Weekend. **Departure is 5.30 pm!!!!** **Also, remember to bring an extra \$5 or so for lunch on Sun.**
- **June 12:** Youth Protection Training during Troop Meeting. See note below.
- **June 28-July 5:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **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 – River Glen Church.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING JUNE 12th



Mr. Bill Marineau will be offering this important course during our regular Troop Meeting, June 12th. Who should attend? Please read last week's newsletter for details.

*** * *** If you cannot attend this important training date June 12th...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 12th!

URGENT: IS A MEDICATION CARD NEEDED FOR THIS WEEKEND?



OK...ONE LAST TIME!

It is an important camping event this weekend because the Scouts are going up to Owasippe. This is about a 6-hour drive away from home.

If you STILL haven't gone to our Troop Website to download your Medication Permission Slip, please do so before Friday's departure.

Medication Cards are needed for ANY medication (even over-the-counter items such as Benadryl, Motrin, etc.) that your son might need on ANY Scouting event.

Use the Med Card for regular medications, or for seasonal or one-off events such as infections and allergies.

Download your copy today!

Here is the direct link: [Medication Card](#)

NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKY SCOUTS



Please take special note of the medication card info listed in the left-hand column on this page. There can be some confusion about this, so please ask your questions of leaders before Friday's departure for Owasippe.

Yes, a medication card is needed for over-the-counter items as well as allergy medicines. Have this card filled out and placed in a Ziplock bag, along with any medications, making sure these meds are still in their original packaging.

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



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.

NEW! THE 2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE INFO IS NOW AVAILABLE!

An event this big only comes around once every hundred years!

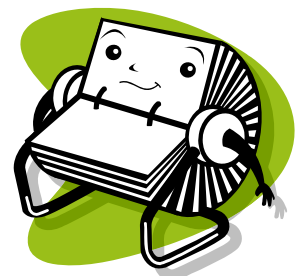


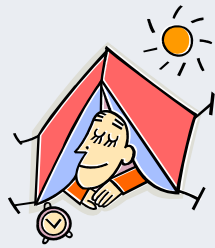
We are fortunate to have the local Jamboree Coordinator right here in our Troop...Mr. Joe Harrington. He can answer all questions you might have about this exciting upcoming event, celebrating 100 years of Scouting. Here is the website link (with a cool countdown calendar and promo videos) so you and your Scout can start getting interested:

<http://www.bsajamboree.org/>

NEW TROOP ROSTERS ARE HERE!

Did you pick up your personal copy of our Troop Roster at the Court of Honor last Thurs? If not, see Dave or Julie Rypka. Please help us keep postage costs down by arranging your son or a neighbor to pick up your copy if you are unable to attend our meetings. **Thank you**, Rypka's, for entering and double-checking all of the new/changed entries!





SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Yep, only ("only"!) 4 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp? So that's just over 3 weeks left to wait.

See previous weeks' newsletters (archived on our website) for a complete list of "to-dos".

Mailing Reminder:

You could probably start mailing letters ~June 22nd, but the last day to send to ensure arrival is ~Monday June 30th. Info on where to send is included in your summer camp info packet.

Merit Badge Reminder:

Some requirements for Merit Badges at Owasippe need to be completed BEFORE you get there. Contact a MB Counselor for details.

COURT OF HONOR RECAP!



I counted 24 "Scout", 3 "Tenderfoot", 4 "2nd Class", 3 "1st Class", 2 "Star", and 3 "Life" ranks being awarded at our latest Court of Honor on Thursday! That totals 39 Scouts receiving a Badge of Rank (plus a few who couldn't make it not included in this total).

I also counted 22 Merit Badges being awarded to various Scouts.

10 Scouts and 3 adults were also recognized for their election to the Order of the Arrow.

Well done, Troop 81 Scouts, on your accomplishments!



Finally, Mr. Maurer specifically acknowledged the efforts of all adult volunteers, Committee Members, and registered leaders – together, you all help make Troop 81 the BEST! ☺

The "RCB" Award of Merit for Distinguished Service

This "Troop 81" award began about 5 years ago. It is our way for the Scoutmasters to recognize those scouts who distinguish themselves through their outstanding service, leadership, attitude and instruction to others.

This award does not have a set of requirements and therefore is awarded to the scouts by the nomination and vote of the Scoutmasters through the recognition of scouts' performance of service to others, in their leadership positions, and their continued attendance at troop service projects, Eagle Scout projects, Patrol service projects, campouts and meetings.

The recipients for 2007 are Aaron C. Mike H. and Tommy D. Congratulations!



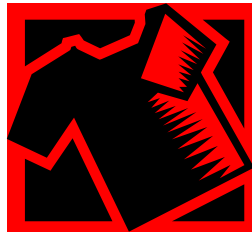


Scouts can earn the Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge on June 13 and 14, 2008

In conjunction with the Annual Picnic for the Disabled (see further info to the lower right →), 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.

SUMMER MEETING UNIFORM CHANGES

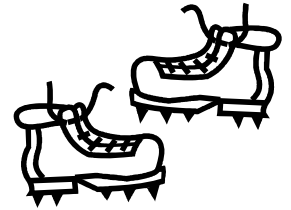


As we are now between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the appropriate uniform for our Troop Meetings is the Class "B" red shirt, hat and belt.

This gives your son a chance to wash his Class "A"...oops, he still needs it...read on!

CAMPOUT TRAVEL & CAMPING UNIFORM

As a reminder, the Class "A" uniform shirt (excluding neckerchief and bolo), hat, belt and **hiking boots** (WEARING them, on your FEET!) are always required to travel to and from a campout.



Class "B" uniforms and hats are required if the scout wants to leave our campsite during the weekend. This is for the scouts' safety, because the leadership can easily see the Troop 81 "red" in the woods while keeping track of a large number of scouts. We will be enforcing this.

Please be sure the scouts are packing appropriately.

LAST CHANCE! SIGN UP AT TROOP MEETING:

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.