



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting June 12th, 2008

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

Class B uniforms can be worn to meetings.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

QuarterMasters will meet early on June 10th.

Please bring back all equipment
CLEAN & DRY!

THIS THURSDAY'S MEETING:

- Summer camp prep!
- Determine tent partners!



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 12th

Mr. Bill Marineau will be offering this important course for adults during our regular Troop Meeting, Thursday, June 12th.

Who should attend? Any adult who is going to Owasippe (and does not have a current YPT card on file)...and any adult who will be camping with the Troop in the future, involved with Merit Badges, or other Troop activities.



*** * *** 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. Marineau on Thursday!

OWASIPPE COUNTDOWN

TRUE: only 3 more meetings left until we depart for Summer Camp! So that's just over 2 weeks left to wait. Note our June 19th parent meeting (see announcement next page).



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



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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. **Parent Mtg**

June 26: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) Last mtg B4 camp

July 3: NO MEETING

July 10: NO MEETING

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

July 24: NO MEETING

July 31: Troop Mtg.
(Musky)

Aug 7th: NO MEETING

Aug 14th: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion)

Aug 21st: NO MEETING

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- There will be an important meeting for parents of scouts headed for summer camp on June 19th. It is open to all parents, but specifically targeted to answer questions for "first-time" families. We will cover prep for camp, what goes on at camp, med forms, packing, etc.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **June 12:** Youth Protection Training during Troop Meeting.
- **June 28-July 5:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **SUMMER MTGS:** July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28. Class B shirts allowed to these summer mtgs. (No meetings on July 3rd, 10th, July 24th, or August 7th, 21st.)
- **July 17: Troop Elections!** 
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – River Glen Church.

NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKY SCOUTS

There will be a special Parent Meeting on June 19th (next Thursday) to discuss many particulars about Owasippe.

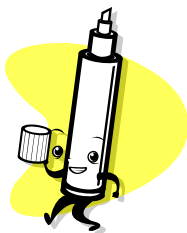
We have had quite a few questions about that mosquito netting contraption...and about tenting situations.



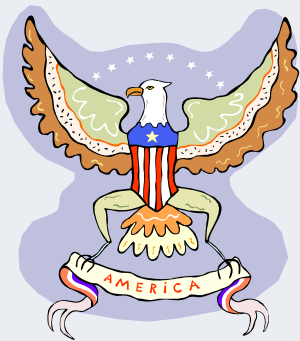
Scouts sleep in army-style 'campaign' tents at Owasippe. These are large canvas structures with a wooden floor (pallet), with flaps for sides which can be tied open/closed. They are not bug-proof! Scouts sleep on cots – not the floor. In your packet of summer camp 'stuff', there is a diagram of how to rig a mosquito netting over a cot. Also, look on our Troop website for archived pics of summer camp – look under "Scrapbook", year 2004, and start from image 2940 you can see these nets in the background. The poles fit into the ends of the cots; the netting drapes over the poles. Image 2955 is a great example of the tent situation.

When you are packing, bind the 4 poles for this mossie 'tent' together with duct tape AND be sure your son's name/initials are on ALL FOUR POLES! Every scout brings these poles, and they will be chucked into the trailer separate to their packs/duffles. Many will look alike – save headache and be sure they are bound together securely...and have names displayed prominently!

If you haven't done so yet, have your scout lay out EVERYthing he knows he needs for camp out on the floor. When you have EVERYthing together, have him label EVERYthing with a Sharpie marker. ...and did I mention EVERYthing?!...yes, underwear, too!



EAGLES CORNER



NEW! CHRIS B'S EAGLE PROJECT

WHEN: June 14th & 15th

WHERE: 14th at Brookdale School; 15th at Longwood School

WHAT: Stenciling & painting large USA maps on playgrounds.

TIME: from 8.30 am

FOOD: Breakfast will be provided!

REMEMBER: Wear old clothes – you might get paint on them.

HOW: Sign up at this Thursday's Troop Meeting. See Chris with any questions.

SUMMER MEETING UNIFORM CHANGES



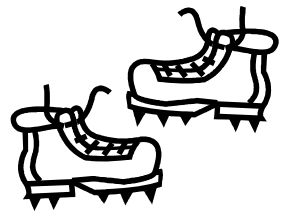
As we are now between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the appropriate uniform for our Troop Meetings is the Class "B" red shirt, hat and belt.

This gives your son a chance to wash his Class "A"....

Are your patches and badges sewn 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. 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.

At Owasippe, we use the "buddy system" – scouts sign out on a board to leave camp to go to their merit badge locations, swimming, KYBO, etc., with a buddy.

*** * *** You WILL need your neckerchief/bolo at summer camp: FULL Class A uniforms are worn in the dining hall for dinner at Owasippe ...and at flag ceremonies. Someone recommended packing a hanger to remind your scout to keep that Class A shirt fresh in the tents? ☺

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/>