



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

*Class B uniforms can be worn to meetings.*



### **REMINDER!**

**We still need your donations of CFL bulbs and batteries for Owaspippe. Bring to our meeting THIS Thursday.**

## AT THIS THURSDAY'S MEETING:

### • Important Parent Info Session!

Come hear about the NUTS & BOLTS of Summer Camp! This meeting 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. Bring your questions.



- Summer camp trailer prep!
- Summer camp food prep!



\* \* \* We still need your donations of light bulbs and batteries for Owaspippe - thanks in advance for your contributions.

## OWASIPPE COUNTDOWN

**YES!:** only 2 more meetings left until we depart for Summer Camp! So that's just over one week left to wait. Note our June 19<sup>th</sup> parent meeting.



**Mailing Reminder:** Start mailing letters this weekend (~June 22<sup>nd</sup>). 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. Remember to get relatives, neighbors, friends, and other special people to write to your Scout! See Moose/Musky column for more suggestions.

**Merit Badge Reminder:** Blue cards need to be signed for your summer camp merit badges before we go to Owaspippe – come to our next Troop Meeting for details. Scouts are responsible for any requirements that need to be completed prior to camp. Check the merit badge handbooks for further info or discuss this in your Patrols.



## **MTG. CALENDAR**

**NEW INFO IS IN RED**

**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 7<sup>th</sup>:** NO MEETING

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion)

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>:** NO MEETING

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>:** Court of Honor

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Mtg.  
(Viking)

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

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

- Scout worked on tent partner assignments, merit badge paperwork, and other summer camp prep.
- If you lost a hat (with no name, for shame!) at Owasippe, see Mr. Marineau. There were remarkably few items in the lost/found bin...but check at the front during Troop Meetings anyway – sometimes you don't know you lost it 'til you found it.
- Mr. Marineau held a Youth Protection Training session. If you were unable to make this and are going to summer camp, be prepared to take the training up there.
- Those scouts wanting to practice for the swim test should contact Mr. Greg Pronger.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

## **NEWS FOR NEW MOOSE & MUSKY SCOUTS**

**There will be a special Parent Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> (THIS Thurs) to discuss many particulars about Owasippe.**



I might have mentioned this before, but it pays to do this ever so often, especially as your boys progress along the Eagle Trail: Take a photocopy of the advancement pages in your son's Scouting Handbook. If your son's book is lost, you will have a record of his previous sign-offs.

For summer camp, think outside the box when it comes to sending mail to your son. Send the Sunday comics, the Daily Jumble, crossword, or Sudoku. Look online for various jokes and puzzlers. Send unique postcards, handmade cards, drawings from younger siblings, digital photos, and paw prints from pets. A former teacher, a distant relative, or his coaches are probably all willing to send him a little 'surprise' greeting in the mail, especially if you address the envelope for them.



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

- **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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, or August 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>.)
- **July 17: Troop Elections!**
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – River Glen Church.



## Silver Acorn Awarded

The Silver Acorn Award is presented to a member of each scout operating unit once per year. It is meant to salute the volunteer who most helps deliver the best program for the boys or who is that "go-to" person when something special needs doing. The winner is nominated and selected by the prior recipients.

We had a really difficult time selecting this year's recipient because we have so many people who do so much for the troop. The district limits us to one award each year.

This year, Troop 81 is proud to honor **Mrs. Chris Dubbins** as our Silver Acorn Recipient. I can honestly say that Chris does two jobs: she is our Advancement Coordinator and our Training Coordinator.

Tim and I always feel guilty asking Chris to do something because we know she will say yes. Please congratulate Chris on her award and all of the "perks" that go with it!



~ Dan Cronin

## Important Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

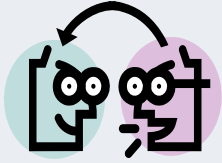


Last Thursday's troop meeting started with a moment of silence for the scouts who had been killed and injured by the tornado in Iowa last week. Afterward, I took some time with the boys to discuss all that the troop leadership does to ensure their safety and prepare for this kind of a situation and what they can do as well. For all that were not there, I think it is important that you know the level of preparation that exists with the troop leadership. You will find as you read that some of what has been viewed by the scouts and adults as mundane or unimportant has its roots in safety.

- 1) When we travel, we ask the scouts and leaders to be in uniform, including hat. We ask that the boys wear their hat when they leave the vehicle they are riding in on breaks so that we can easily identify our group. We ask that the scouts wear their red Class B shirt when they leave our campsite so the leadership can easily identify those in our group.
- 2) When we travel we have current health forms from each scout which includes a signed permission to treat Class I or III form. Each scout has their picture attached to the health form in case we need to specifically identify a scout who may be lost.
- 3) We have a drivers meeting before each trip to discuss our route, a meeting point if we are to stop midway to our destination. We talk about not stopping alone, we make sure cell phone numbers are available to all; we make sure all drivers have radios. Our radios have emergency weather alert calls, just like you get at home on the television in bad weather.
- 4) As we visit the camps we know if our cell phones will work. If not, we know where a hard line phone is located and where the nearest emergency help is located including hospitals. We know where shelter is located in the event it is needed.
- 5) We know the terrain where we are camping and discuss with the boys when necessary about water hazards, cliffs or steep drop offs, or other hazards that could cause injury. We always discuss the buddy system.
- 6) We have all been trained in youth protection issues. Many of us have taken CPR, First Aid and Wilderness First Aid Training. We are fortunate from time to time to have medical professionals along on our trip.
- 7) We work with the scouts at meetings and on campouts to help them learn basic first aid and other survival skills so that they can protect themselves by making good decisions and to be in a position to help when the need arises.

With all that we do to prevent accidents and injury there is risk in what we do. It is our goal to be prepared to deal with the situations and to minimize any injuries that occur.

Yours In Scouting,  
~ Tim Maurer



## **Got News To Share?**

If YOU have info for the Troop, please send it to Mrs. Lisa Schweitzer [JLJM@wideopenwest.com](mailto:JLJM@wideopenwest.com).

***She aims to have each week's newsletter out on Tuesdays.***

'Deadline' to include is therefore the weekend (a few days) prior.

## **FUTURE EAGLES!**

Not every Scout attends Troop Meetings every week and can miss your Eagle Project announcements.

So....if you have an upcoming project you'd like to share with our Troop, please contact Mrs. Schweitzer to include your details.

