



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting July 17th, 2008

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

Class B uniforms can be worn to meetings.





REMINDER!

Bring back all Troop equipment on Thursday.

QuarterMasters should attend or find a substitute.

WELCOME HOME, SCOUTS!

This Thursday:

- Bring all Troop camping equipment back – both trailers will be available. 
- We are holding Troop and Patrol elections! Come elect your Senior Patrol Leader...and/or be prepared to participate in leading your Patrol. 
- Look through the Lost & Found bin after Summer Camp...if you dare...usually you don't know you've lost it 'til you "find" IT....
- Contact your Merit Badge Counselor(s) if you need requirements signed off: last date for Boards of Review before the August Court of Honor is July 31st – see details next page.

OWASIPPE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

THANKS to ALL of the many many volunteers who helped make this year's camp so successful. We are indeed a fortunate Troop to have so many involved, willing parents and helpers. See Mr. Maurer's message, page 3, below.





MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

July 24: NO MEETING

July 31: Troop Mtg.
(Musky) **Deadline for Boards of Review.**

Aug 7th: NO MEETING

Aug 14th: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion)

Aug 21st: NO MEETING

Aug 24th: Court of Honor

Aug 28th: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

Sept 4: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Sept 26-28: Camporee!

Nov 15: Pancake
Breakfast!

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



MISCELLANEOUS Troop Announcements

- There is NO August campout.
- There is NO official August Troop Committee Meeting. See Mr. Cronin if you have committee business, which will be conducted during regular mtgs.
- The Troop's annual planning meeting will be held after the Troop Elections. This meeting is attended by Scouts interested in planning our next full year's activities. Details to come from Mr. Maurer.
- The last meeting date for Boards of Review is July 31st. See below.
- Mr. Harrington handed out the Champion Buddy patches to those Scouts who assisted with the annual Alhambra Picnic. See him for yours...and consider attending next year – it was an awesome, life-changing event.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

BOARDS OF REVIEW DEADLINE

Our August Court of Honor is coming up...you know what that means: BOARDS OF REVIEW!



- The last meeting to hold Boards of Review is July 31st.
- Scouts should contact their Merit Badge Counselors or other Scouts to obtain sign-offs on MB and rank requirements, respectively.
- Scouts (not parents) should then contact Mrs. Ensinger well before this deadline to arrange an appointment for their Board of Review. Her contact info is in the Troop Roster.
- PARENTS: Julie Ensinger always needs volunteers to sit in on Boards – no experience required. This is an excellent opportunity to see how your own Scout can prepare to pass his next rank.

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **SUMMER MTGS:** July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28. Class B shirts allowed to these summer mtgs. (No meetings on July 24th, August 7th, or 21st.)
- **July 17: Troop Elections!** 
- **August 24:** Summer Court of Honor – River Glen Church. 
- **NEW September 26, 27, 28:** Camporee! Details to follow.
- **NEW November 15:** Pancake Breakfast Saturday! Mmmmmmm.



MOOSE & MUSKY SCOUTS



Well, guess what?!

You both survived your son's first experience of Summer Camp at Owassippe!

Scouts did great.
Learned a ton...
developed deeper friendships...
gained valuable skills...
made lasting memories.

May there be many more experiences to come!

Important Words From ScoutMaster Maurer

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the leaders and adults who took time out of their busy schedule to attend summer camp. It is always a busy week for all who come to Owassippe. The efforts of those who were able to attend and pitch in are greatly appreciated. This is a "scout run" troop but the support of the adults is critical at every turn. Once again the scouts of Troop 81 distinguished themselves by winning the Baden Powell Award for keeping their campsite and tents clean and organized during the week. I'll have more to say at the summer Court of Honor.

As we look to the future, Philmont is right around the corner. Troop 81 was fortunate to win the attendance of two crews for the summer of 2009. The dates are set at July 15-27, 2009. The cost of the trip is \$575 for Philmont registration PLUS travel and other misc. costs. We are currently estimating the total cost to be about \$1,100. Fundraising activities will be discussed to offset the expense of this trip.

Philmont limits the maximum size of a crew to 12. The two crews will be made up of 4 adults and 8 scouts each. In our preliminary sign up request last winter we had more than 8 adults and 16 scouts sign up to be considered. It is great to see the enthusiasm but leaves us with having to make difficult choices as to who will go to Philmont in 2009 with the troop and who will have to make other decisions. The selection process cannot be completed without some subjective decisions, however, factors that will be considered include age, rank, past participation, commitment to the troop, leadership and level of maturity.

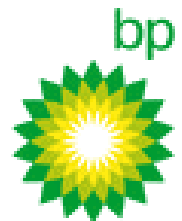
We will be holding a meeting on August 7th at 7:00pm at River Glen Church to discuss this opportunity with ALL that are interested and committed to go on this trip. Once we know who would like to attend we will be able to begin the remainder of the process. If you are not able to make this meeting date but do have interest in attending Philmont please let me know as soon as possible. Sign up sheets will be available starting this week at the meeting.

**Yours In Scouting,
~ Tim Maurer**

[Here is the official BSA website link: <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>]

WOW!

Our sincerest THANKS this week goes out to Mr. Rick Pittard for organizing a donation from his employer, BP. Along with matching grants, the donation totaled \$4210.00.



In these days of rising costs, it is sometimes difficult to provide as excellent a scouting program as we do, month after month.

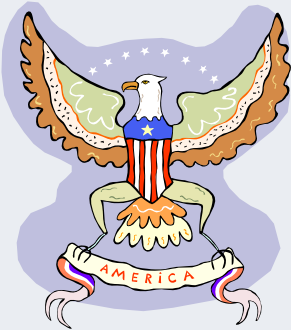
BP's donation and Rick's efforts and generosity will allow our Troop 81 Scouts many more excellent opportunities in the future. Well done!



PANCAKE NEWS

By now you've probably noticed our Pancake Breakfast date is set for the morning of November 15th. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers already lined up to help with this annual event. Mr. Charlie Lupsha will again lead our fundraising efforts. Ticket sales kick off the week of September 7th.

We are in need of a few more volunteers, however. We need a food buyer (or two!) for the breakfast perishables...a person willing to purchase and keep track of all paper goods...and a parking lot 'Captain'. If none of these jobs strike your fancy, we have other spots that need assistance. Please contact Mr. Dan Cronin, our Committee Chair, or Charlie himself for details.



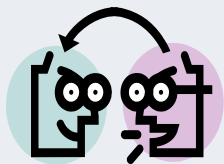
EAGLES CORNER

Patrick O. needs your help with his Eagle Project. Specifically, contact him if you have a heavy-duty sewing machine and/or can assist with sewing seats for PVC walkers for the Evanosky Foundation. He is starting this week. Contact info is in our Troop Roster.

C.B.'s project is now complete. He coordinated the stenciling and painting of the 50 United States on the Brookdale and Longwood Elementary School playgrounds. C.B. wishes to thank all scouts and parents who came out and helped. The finished product is indeed colorful as you can see from the photo here. → → →



[Ed. note – I work at Brookdale School and see many children at recess playing every single day on this map. They use it to play "The State Game", with its many variations. Without knowing it, and while having fun, kids are mastering many skills through their play. It is always amazing to me how something so seemingly simple can be such a powerful and useful learning tool. LS]



Got News To Share?

Contact Lisa Schweitzer!

[Ed. note: I received this June 20 2008 email below from Mrs. Martha Blount. The author, Warren, is a friend of her sister.]

In Praise Of The Boy Scouts: Alvin Townley's "Legacy Of Honor"

"Dear Friends:

"It can only be described as a tragedy when a tornado tears through a Boy Scout camp, as one did in Iowa not long ago, and kill 4 boys while injuring many others.

"But if it is possible for such a tragedy to be inspiring, this one was -- because of the behavior of the Boy Scouts who survived. As National Public Radio commentator Scott Simon said, these Scouts behaved nobly, even heroically, and because they did, it is likely that other lives were saved.

"Those who have been involved in Scouting were not surprised by the swift and courageous action of the surviving Scouts. Regular readers know that I have had a long involvement with Scouting and have written many times about the Boy Scouts. But in honor of the Scouts who behaved so heroically in Iowa, I thought this might be a good time to re-visit an article I did last year on Alvin Townley's book "Legacy of Honor." It is a book which chronicles the history of the Scouting movement through the lives of notable Eagle Scouts. Here's a link to that article:

www.worldnewspaperpublishing.com/news/FullStory.asp?loc=TCW&ID=1553

"While we're at it, below is a link to Scott Simon's audio commentary on the Boy Scouts. If you get National Public Radio in your neck of the woods, you know that it is sometimes not complimentary of the Boy Scouts and what the Boy Scouts stand for. That's why I was pleased and, indeed, very moved by this tribute. You'll have to click on the link and then download the audio file. But that takes only a few seconds, and I promise you it is well worth the effort.

www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91514659

"I hope you find this information helpful.

Cordially, Warren"

