



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting Sept 18th, 2008

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

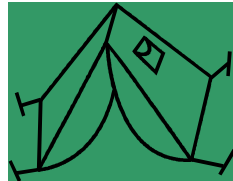
Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!



REMINDER!

**Your
Permission Slip
for Camporee
is DUE THIS THURS.**

**... + Climbing
WAIVER, too.**



COME PREPARE FOR CAMPOREE THIS THURS!

- Each Patrol's Quartermaster is required to come early this Thursday (6 pm) to ready the trailer. Arrange a substitute if you cannot make this obligation.
- Bring your signed permission slips + payment.
- Scout needs an additional waiver for the climbing wall activity, signed by parent(s)– this is not on the permission slip so see additional sheet at Troop Mtg.
- Come prepared to provide meal ideas to leaders – adults are cooking on this campout! Patrols will host a few Webelos and parents at each table for each meal.
- Scouts will talk about the team-building necessary to do well with the competitive events.
- Scouts should review their skills for first aid, fire-building, knots/lashings, and orienteering. Mr. Maurer expects our fine reputation to be upheld.



Camporee Events planned include:

Catapult competition – how far can you fling?!...climbing wall...fire building...first aid, using knots and lashings...a log sawing relay...orienteering using compasses...and rocket building. WOW! Adults are welcome to attend.



Here is the link for the flyer: [Camporee Flyer](#)



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Sept 18: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

Sept 21: Rescheduled
Committee Mtg – 7 pm

Sept 25: Troop Mtg.
(Moose) MB & Board of
Review Training

Sept 26-28: Camporee!

Oct 2: Troop Mtg.
(Musky)

Oct 5: Von Oven Boy
Scout OPEN HOUSE

Oct 9: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion)

Oct 16: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

Oct 23: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Oct 30: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Nov 6: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



MISCELLANEOUS Troop Announcements

- We held a moment of silence to recognize the 7th anniversary of the September 11 tragedy.
- Blackhawk Patrol won the Cooking Competition, with their Hawaiian-themed dishes. Close behind was Viking Patrol with their fire-breathing-dragon wings. This event was a lot of fun to prepare and witness. Well done, everyone! (But, fog machines? Nice idea; bad location.)
- Just so parents know why our meeting went into overtime: a fire drill in the middle of our cook-off meant our meeting was extended quite a bit. (Plus the judges took extra time to savor the dishes each Patrol cooked!)
- We had a new RECORD for our first week's PB ticket sales: over \$5800 – WOW! Top seller o' the week(s) will be announced next meeting.
- Philmont participants: your \$250 deposit is due to Mr. Marineau.
- Our newest Eagle, Adam B, passed his Eagle Board of Review and was recognized. He is from Wolverine Patrol.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **September 25-26:** Camporee at Adventure Camp, Rochelle, IL. Click here for Permission Slip: [Camporee Permission Slip](#) DUE THIS THU 9/18.
- **October 17-19:** Michigan's Warren Dunes – Outdoor Merit Badges
- **November 7-9:** Lowden Camp – Night-time Activity Campout
- **November 15:** Pancake Breakfast Saturday! Mmmmmmm.
- **December 12-14:** Winter Campout...brrrrrr.
- **January 30-31:** Klondike!
- **ALL OTHER DATES in 2009 TBD**

UNIFORM DONATIONS WANTED:

If you have any CUB Scout blue uniform shirts you no longer want, please consider donating them to a Cub Scout Pack in Aurora – they have several boys who want to join scouting, but don't have the funds to buy new uniforms. They would love your old ones! See Alex K in Viking Patrol for details.



Mark your calendars
now for the ...

**ANNUAL
BOY SCOUT
OPEN HOUSE
~ VON OVEN ~**



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5th
1 – 3 pm**

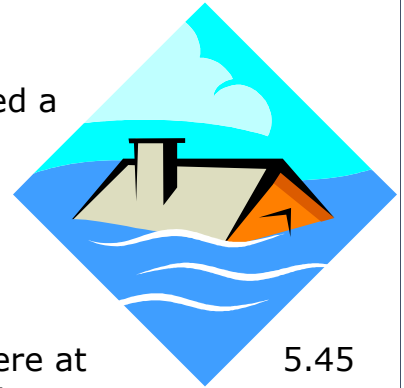
We will need Scouts and ASMs/Adults to join our Troop to introduce 2nd yr Webelos into Boy Scouts.

This is a great leadership opportunity for the scouts – to show others what makes Troop 81 so great...to tell others what they enjoy about scouting with Troop 81...and to support our District's scouting program.

See the sign-up sheet at Troop Meetings, or contact Mr. Maurer.

T81 TO THE RESCUE!

About 5.15 pm on Sunday 9/14, we received a call saying that the River Glen Church was in danger of flooding, due to rising waters of the DuPage River. We were asked to meet at 6 pm to help sandbag the area surrounding the basement.



Well! Respond, you all did! When I got there at 5.45 pm, there were a mere 25 folks struggling to engineer a sandbag wall. By 6 pm there were over a 100, and in the end many more turned up to help with this emergency project. Later, some stayed and moved over to a home in Brookdale which had water threatening it from a nearby retention pond. Again, a sandbag wall was built in record time!

This was one of those times where you really feel the power of our Troop...and appreciate the willingness of so many Scouts and adults to help others in need.

We're happy to report that the church did not flood, and they extend their thanks to us for making what was once a huge project turn into lighter work, with many hands helping. (Now, we might need to help with the removal of all those sandbags? – so stay tuned!)

SERVICE HOURS EARNED?

Scouts, note your service hours with your leader, if you worked at River Glen on Sun 9/14.

News From Your Committee Chair, Mr. Cronin



Our rescheduled Troop Committee Meeting is **Sunday, September 21, at 7 pm, at River Glen Church.** ALL Troop parents (not just registered adults) are encouraged to attend. We receive and discuss information that affects all Scouts, and help shape the direction of the Troop.

Thanks again to all who came out to save the church from flooding this past Sunday night. What an awesome display of teamwork! Look for pictures of our Troop serving the community at our 11/15 event.

MERIT BADGE & BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING

Calling all parents!!!!

Many times we need parents to sit on our Boards of Review. We strongly suggest that you attend a short training session to learn about this important role within T81.

Mrs. Rypka will be offering Merit Badge Counselor and Board of Review training to Troop 81 parents on Sept 25.

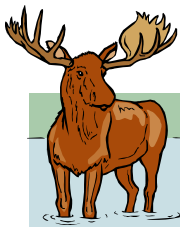
These will be abbreviated versions of the classes we have given at TFC Training Academy (we will be teaching Merit Badge Counselor Training again this year at the Training Academy on Nov 8).

These courses will cover the requirements of being a merit badge counselor and board of review member, as well as answer some frequently asked questions and offer some references to help volunteers taking on these roles.

All interested parents are invited to attend.

USEFUL MOOSE & MUSKY NEWS

*Each issue we'll highlight something just for new Families. **BUT** – other parents might find an antler tip or two in here, too!*



Here's a suggestion that I give every year about this time to new parents:

Go to our Troop website – you know it's www.troop81.org, right?

Look through our archived newsletters for Pancake selling information from previous years. Specifically, try newsletters spanning Sept-Oct-Nov for both 2007 and 2006.

Someone asked how long has Troop 81 been hosting a Pancake Breakfast event. If anyone knows the specific number of years, please let me know – I'm thinking it is decades. And, when you work the event on November 15th, you'll notice those who look like they've been attending since the beginning. ☺ We have quite a tradition (and reputation) to uphold!



Below are some additional PB reminders.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATES

- Your Parking Lot Attendant (PLA) for Sept 20/21 is again **Lisa Fosler**. She braved last weekend's rain...now she wants some sun. Her contact info is in the Troop roster – or see her @ meeting.



RETAIL SALES PARENTS:

- Remember to pick up your packet of tickets on the Thursday prior to the weekend OR stop by a little early and see the PLA on your selling day.
- Remember to pick up signs – or have Scout make his own.
- IMPORTANT: you must turn in your envelope + leftover tix to the PLA at the end of your selling session.

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED:

Mr. Lupsha needs parking lot attendants for the following weekends: Oct 18/19, Oct 25/26, Nov 1/2 and Nov 8/9. Also, a Kitchen "Captain" and 1 or 2 "decorations" folks for Nov 15th.

COMING NEXT WEEK, promise!

- Details on the benefits of participating this year.
- Announce our 1st and 2nd week's Top Sellers and unveil a few incentives.
- Our Troop's overall goal and how we intend to meet it.

Here are the remaining Pancake Breakfast Selling Sessions for 2008!

Bring your calendar to Troop Meetings!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST '08 RETAIL SALES LOCATIONS

9/20/2008	Saturday	Harris Bank Washington & 5th Ave.	9 am - 1pm		2 scouts per shift
9/21/2008	Sunday				
9/27/2008	Saturday	Camporee			
9/28/2008	Sunday	Camporee			
10/4/2008	Saturday	National City Bank Book Rd South of 95th	9 am - 1pm		2 scouts per shift
10/5/2008	Sunday				
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10/11/2008	Saturday	Ace Hardware - 1030 N. Washington	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm	2 scouts per shift
		Jewel Foods Eola / N. Aurora Aurora	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm	2 scouts per shift
10/12/2008	Sunday	Jewel Foods Eola / N. Aurora Aurora		12pm - 4 pm	2 scouts per shift
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10/18/2008	Saturday	Jewel Foods Ogden / Washington	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm	2 scouts per shift
		Casey's Foods 44 W. Gartner Rd	8am - 12pm	12 pm - 4 pm	2 scouts per shift
		Jewel Foods 1759 Ogden	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm	4 scouts per shift
10/19/2008	Sunday	Casey's Foods 44 W. Gartner Rd	12 pm - 4 pm		2 scouts per shift
		Jewel Foods 1759 Ogden	12 pm - 4 pm		4 scouts per shift
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10/25/2008	Saturday	Dominic's Foods 3025 E. New York ST Aurora	8am - 12pm	12 pm - 4 pm	4 scouts per shift
10/26/2008	Sunday	Dominic's Food 3025 E. New York ST Aurora	12 pm - 4 pm		4 scouts per shift
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11/1/08	Saturday	Dominic's Foods Ogden / Raymond	8am - 12pm	12 pm - 4 pm	4 scouts per shift
		Jewel Foods 1759 Ogden	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm	4 scouts per shift
11/2/2008	Sunday	Jewel Foods 95 Street / RT 59	12 pm - 4 pm		4 scouts per shift
		Jewel Foods 1759 Ogden	12 pm - 4 pm		4 scouts per shift
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11/8/08	Saturday	Dominic's Foods 95 Street / RT 59	8am - 12pm	12 pm - 4 pm	4 scouts per shift
11/9/2008	Sunday				

We will need at least one parent for each location and shift

Sundays are available all day at retail sites.