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Troop Meeting November 13, 2008

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

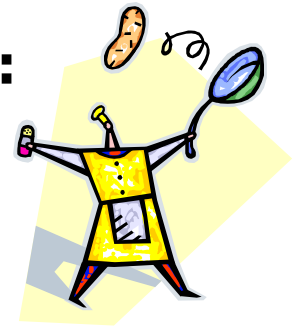
Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!



REMINDER!

At least 1 parent from each family needs to attend our Pancake Breakfast orientation THIS THURSDAY at NNHS!

THIS Thursday Nov 13th: Meet at Naperville North High School (not the Church) for our FINAL Pancake preparations!



This is a mandatory meeting for ALL Scouts and at least one Parent from each family. This meeting will provide all the info you need to run a successful Pancake Breakfast!

Please park in the rear (i.e., South) lot...walk up the steps...and come in to the cafeteria (down the hallway). If you need directions: [mapquest for 899 N. Mill St](#) . Avoid the West lot; too far!

Who: ALL Scouts and at least ONE Parent from each family.

What: We'll discuss how the Pancake Breakfast on Sat will run: the job lists...how the shifts work... how Scouts serve customers...what the parents' roles are...and so much more! Both Scouts and Parents will receive training.

Time: Arrive ~6.45 to find our location. Flags & announcements at 7 pm. We will have Patrol time. In fact, Mr. Harrington has a presentation for us all.

Wear: Class A uniforms. This is a regular Troop Meeting with flags...there will be Patrol time.

Bring: Your many questions! ☺

IMPORTANT: Remember your Friends & Family \$\$\$ + any unsold tickets. Turn these in to Mr. Lupsha at this meeting.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Nov 13: Troop Mtg.
(Moose) **Meet @ NNHS**
for Pancake Training +
Jamboree info night

Nov 20: Troop Mtg.
(Musky) **NEW: Meal**
planning + permission
slips due for Dec 5-7
campout. Details coming.

Nov 27: NO Mtg – Have
a Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 4: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) winter safety
demo.

Dec 7: PLC + Troop
Committee Mtgs.

Dec 11: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Duty roster +
pioneering skills comp

Dec 18: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) and Troop
Holiday Party!

Dec 25 & Jan 1:
NO MEETINGS over
Winter Break

TROOP 81
BOY SCOUTS
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements



- Ad sales for Pancake Breakfast placemats were turned in to Mr. Tabb, as 11/6 was his final deadline.
- Friends & Family ticket sales \$\$\$ is due to Mr. Lupsha at the 11/13 meeting.
- Garrett G. our Troop Librarian now has a sign-out sheet (which will come on all campouts), for our many merit badge books and other useful pamphlets.
- We had a lone "Wolf" join us from Pack 643 – see you in a couple of years!
- No QM meeting due to Pancake Breakfast orientation – bring all equipment back on Nov 20th instead. All QMs to meet early on Nov 20th.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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

HERE'S → THE OFFICIAL PANCAKE BREAK- FAST DRESS CODE →

ALL Scouts and Leaders should wear full Class A's.

- Pants with a belt – NO sweatpants/track pants, etc.
- ...and then actually wear a *Scout* belt!
- Neat, clean Class A shirt with all badges sewn on.
(Why oh why do we still see some safety-pinned badges, some even still turned upside down? Our last COH was nearly 3 months ago.)
- ...and then tuck your shirts in...yes, all the way in.
- Hats – don't forget 'em – this is a health rule, as well as part of your uniform anyway.
- Neckerchief (or bolo for Star & above).

ALL Parents:

- Wear the T81 Class B T-shirt OR
- Any bright red top will do – we're going for color here!
- If you're serving or cooking, you'll need to wear a hat or hair net, with long hair pulled back/up.



FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

There's probably only ONE future event on our minds right now...

Our Nov 15th Pancake Breakfast Saturday!

All other future dates & activities will return next issue....





THANK YOU

Thanks to Mr. Krawczyk who stepped in to be the Parking Lot Parent this past weekend.

Thanks to ALL previous Parking Lot Parents – you were all terrific.

Thanks to ALL of our driver/chaperone parents and to our Scouts for all of their hard work over the past 10 weeks of selling!

Thanks to Mrs. Beth Schwartz for organizing our 5-P!

Thanks to Mrs. Laura Bednar for stepping up and handling our Kitchen Captain duties on Saturday!

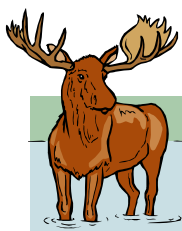
Finally, there can never be enough thanks to our **Pancake FUNdraising Committee, led by Mr. Charlie Lupsha**. We know all of your hard work planning this event will be so worth it on Saturday.

AGAIN, THANK YOU!



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!*



Are you ready for Saturday?!

Despite the past weeks of stress and hard work, it just seems to all click together come Saturday and is a truly enjoyable experience. The entire Troop working together is an awesome sight to witness.

I hope you take this opportunity to reflect on how far your Scout has come in these past 9 months. On Saturday, you will be – as I am each year – greatly humbled by his many acts of servitude towards others.



Next month we move into a new phase for the Moose & Musky Patrols. Your Scout will be participating in the “older” Patrols’ activities and eventually choosing which Patrol he wishes to enter, come the New Year. Contact your Patrol Leaders for more information or if you have questions.

Until then, enjoy your Moose & Musky Servers!



...AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

Now that the selling is finished, *most* of the hard work is behind us. Saturday’s Pancake Breakfast is when the **FUN**draising really begins. ☺

- **Turning in Friends & Family \$\$\$:** ALL F&F \$\$\$ is due November 13th – no exceptions!
- **PARENTS!** A job list was emailed separately, and is also included with this newsletter’s email as an attachment. At least 1 parent from each family is included on the job list. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make swapping arrangements with other parents, if the shift you have been given doesn’t work for you. **AFTER** you have arranged your shift change, then contact Laura Bednar (our Kitchen Captain) or Charlie Lupsha (see roster for contact details) so they can update the job lists.
- **ADULTS ONLY:** Plan to join us for a Pizza Party the eve of Nov 15th at Braconi’s. RSVP to Beth Schwartz ASAP so we can get a headcount. ~\$10 p.p. See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.
- **Is your UNIFORM up to snuff?:** Scouts & Leaders need to wear their complete Class A uniforms on Saturday. Other parents should wear a Class B T-shirt OR a similar RED shirt.

Please make sure your uniform is complete *PRIOR TO* Saturday!

2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE: The time to sign up is NOW!!!!!!



PARENTS:

THANK YOU
for signing up
to work at the
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
EVENT
NOV 15TH.

L→Z WORKS
5-10 AM

A→K WORKS
9 AM-1 PM

There is a one
hour overlap with
the shifts to cover
a busy period 9-10
am.

CONTACT MRS.
BEDNAR or MR.
LUPSHA FOR FULL
DETAILS.

At this Thursday's meeting (Nov 13th), immediately following our pancake training session, Mr. Harrington has arranged for two guests to speak with us and answer our questions related to the 2010 National Jamboree celebrating 100 years of Scouting here in the USA. This is a huge event that the boys will not want to miss out on.

Our Three Fires Council will be sending six contingent troops of 36 boys and four adult leaders. That means that only 216 boys from our entire council will be able to attend. That averages out to less than 1 boy per troop. However, if you sign up NOW, your chances of attending this Centennial event will be great. As of this writing, with just a little over 600 days before the Jamboree begins, our Council **already has over 60 boys signed up** who have secured their spot with a deposit. Don't let this chance slip away only to hear what a fabulous time the boys had after they return. On-line registration can be accessed by visiting <http://www.bsajamboree.org/register.html> and paying the \$10.00 registration fee. You will then print out this registration form, then ask Mr. Maurer to sign the form. Once that is done, you will turn your signed application and a \$100.00 deposit to the council office.

So, be sure to see Mr. Harrington at any of our Thursday night meetings or call him at 630-707-0200 or email joe@hbscomputers.com.



A Message From Your Committee Chair Mr. Cronin



Pancake Breakfast is much more than our only troop fund-raiser. It marks a transition for parents of new scouts. While your son became a full member of the troop at summer camp, this is when the parents become full members of the troop. It is at the Pancake Breakfast and the P P P P P (read on) where you get to meet other parents, adult leaders and spouses. While we need your help, we really want you to get to know the other parents. After this, you are fully trained to be able to offer advice to all of the new parents who will arrive with the new scouts in 2009.

I hope to see all parents at our Annual Post-Pancakes Parent's Pizza Party at Braconi's (Cress Creek shopping center) – this will be held Saturday evening, November 15th – contact Beth Schwartz for more information – you may be able to squeak in on this event if you haven't yet signed up. There will be much to celebrate....

Our **next Committee Meeting will be Sunday December 7th, 7 pm** at River Glen Church.

Boy Scout Troop 81's Annual **5-P** (Post-Pancakes Parent's Pizza Party!!!)

Saturday, November 15, 2008
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Braconi's Restaurant (in the Pradel Room)
796 Royal St. George, Naperville, IL
(at Cress Creek Shopping Center)



This event is planned for ALL Troop 81 parents, regardless of whether you were able to help at the breakfast, to get together, have fun and get to know each other, without having to worry about the boys. Come enjoy an evening out with us!!

Estimate ~\$10 per person, plus drinks purchased separately

Please RSVP to **Beth Schwartz** by **November 8th**, if possible
(630) 527-1135 or essnet05@yahoo.com