



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting November 20, 2008

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

*Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!*



REMINDER!

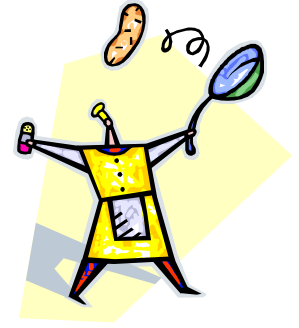
Your permission slip for the Dec campout is due THIS week (because there is no Troop mtg 11/27)

WOW! WE DID IT!

Last Saturday we held a VERY successful Pancake Breakfast!

Together, we served 1,388 customers. This year's event went so smoothly - not 'alarming' in any way. ☺

Look for more information on page 3, below....



*** * * QM Meeting THIS THURSDAY**

Reminding you of a Quartermasters Meeting from 6 pm onwards – all Patrol and Troop QMs to attend – find a substitute if you cannot make it. There is much to be done!



Equipment due back CLEAN & DRY this Thurs!

You've had over 2 weeks...please check in all equipment with your Patrol QM – do not leave in a heap outside/inside the doorways.

Be sure to include a note if any equipment is damaged or pieces are missing!

See the troop website for specific cleaning instructions.





MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

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



- There is a hike planned on Sat Dec 20th – see Mrs. Draper for details. As always, any scout or parent is welcome – this is not just for those working on their hiking merit badge.
- See Alex P if you are interested in the horseback riding High Adventure trip.
- See separate box (below) with important Philmont info.
- There is no Troop meeting on Thursday November 27. Plan ahead if you need merit badge sign-offs, Boards of Review, etc.

All previous announcements are in archived E-Mail Newsletters:

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



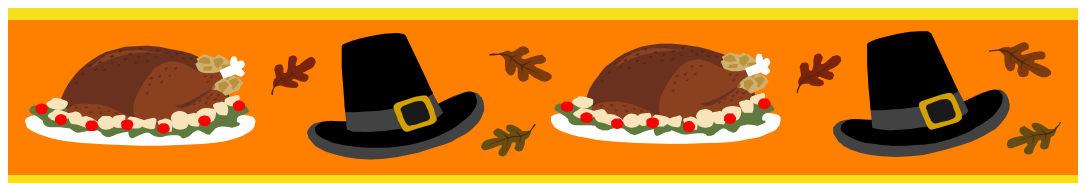
Your Permission Slip for the Dec 5-7 Campout is DUE THIS THURSDAY!

(This event replaces the Dec 12-14 campout, due to hunting in the immediate area of the cabin in WI.)

Check the T81 website for the permission slip.

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **NEW DATE Dec 5-7:** Pioneering campout at Rainbow Council, Morris.
- **Jan 25 2009:** Winter Court of Honor, Longwood School
- **Jan 30-31 2009:** Klondike!
- **Feb 20-22 2009:** Sundown Mountain Ski Resort, IA + Camp Albrecht Acres, Sherrill, IA. <http://www.sundownmtn.com>
- **Mar 2009:** Controlled burn or climbing/COPE
- **Apr 24-26 2009:** Lincoln Pilgrimage @ Springfield IL. Info here: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pilgrimage/index.htm>
- **May 2009:** Caving or climbing/COPE
- **TENTATIVE June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **July 14-27 2009:** Philmont High Adventure





Sorry Julie Andrews, these were *just a few* of my favorite things:

**Scouts in their uniforms, all cleaned up and classy...
...griddles all fired up, but none were too gassy...slip-per-y sausage put onto plates...I can't believe how many those hungry diners ate!**

**The band kept perfect rhythm with the Beatles and Santana...
...such great Troop 81 cooking, there's no need for Mylanta...helium balloons in red white and blue...it all was such a great success because of YOUUUU!**

When the batter splatters, when the juice spills – there's no need to worry: We simply remember why we sold all those tickets...it's so we can go camping and help the communityyyyyy!



PANCAKE UPDATE:

Mr. Charlie Lupsha – our overall Fundraising Chairperson - says:

"A BIG THANK YOU to all the boys and their parents for a successful Troop 81 Pancake Breakfast. We served 1388 customers (with 49 walk-ins). There are just too many Scouts and parents to mention, all of whom went out of their way to make this fundraiser work, I would be afraid that I would miss someone if I listed you all individually. THANK YOU ALL!"



Mrs. Laura Bednar – our Kitchen Captain – writes:

"A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help make this year's Pancake Breakfast a success. All your hard work, experience and willingness to lend a hand is greatly appreciated. I look forward to doing it all again next year!" (wow – I guess she'll be back, then!)

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UPS:

1. All high school Scouts who worked the entire breakfast, but did not initially sign up to do so, please see Mr. Lupsha so that he may credit you accordingly.
2. Any last-minute donations or Friends & Family sales should make their way to Mr. Lupsha ASAP.
3. Come attend our Troop Committee meeting (Sun Dec 7) to provide your feedback about this event. We're already looking forward to next year...November 7, 2009...?.....

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* Mr. Marineau held an important meeting 11/13 to go over the gear list and provided advice on gear purchases. If you missed this meeting, please see him for an update and a handout.

* Your next payment of \$250 p.p. is due THIS week (11/20 - not 12/4). This is because we don't have a Troop mtg 11/27, and a further deposit is due to Philmont to hold our place. Make checks payable to "Troop 81".

* The train is booked! We depart July 14 (Tues) from the Downtown Naperville train station; returning on July 27 (Mon). Can't get any easier than that.

* Mr. Maurer has special medical forms for each of you to get filled out by a physician. (Class 3s will not work for this particular trip.)

* There is a training hike on Dec 6th at Morris, IL. ALL participants are expected to make it – this was one of the regularly scheduled training events – you do not need to camp to attend this hike, but are welcome to do so. **RSVP to Mr. Marineau, please.**

A Message from Scoutmaster Maurer

As we close the book on another successful pancake breakfast I think it is important for me to say: **YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR SCOUT!** It is not easy for these young men to stand in front of a store or go door to door and sell tickets week after week. It is not easy for these young men to wake up at 10:00 am on a Saturday morning let alone at 4:00 am to come out, set up and serve pancakes and sausages hour after hour. It is not easy for these young men, exhausted from the early rise to stay and clean up after it is all over. They do this however with smiles and friendly attitudes which bring compliments from all who attend the breakfast.



It never gets old hearing from parents and boys who are looking for a troop that they are impressed with our breakfast and the organization and the service they receive and want to be a part of it in the future. It never gets old hearing from Troop 81 alum on how thankful they are that the troop is continuing to thrive. It never gets old to hear from the seniors who attend how good it makes them feel and how hopeful they are about the youth in the community because of the way they are taken care of at the breakfast. It never gets old hearing what a great troop we have.

For the scouts, I hope the scouting program we are able to afford because of the efforts put forth by all at the pancake breakfast brings fun, joy and great memories. For the parents who send us your boys, I hope that you see the value in the program for your son, the character, integrity, leadership and life skills the leaders of this troop work so hard to teach.

THANK YOU ALL for your efforts at the pancake breakfast!
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR SCOUT!!

~ Tim Maurer



AND A Message From Your Committee Chair

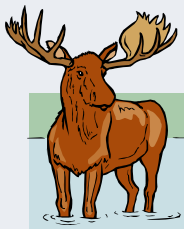


This seems to be the **Thank You edition** of the newsletter. It just doesn't seem enough to say "Thank You" to all who helped out at the Pancake Breakfast. I'm afraid I will miss someone so I won't even attempt to cover everyone. I do need to call out the terrific job Charlie Lupsha did on the breakfast. We had a few changes tossed our way and Charlie did a great job adapting to them and putting together a successful event. If you have ideas on how to make the breakfast even better, please come to a committee meeting or write up your suggestions and give them to Charlie, Tim or me.

I have the easiest job at the Pancake Breakfast. I get to greet all of our guests and tell the same jokes over and over again (1388 times!). I have to tell you we had two every interesting guests this year.

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MOOSE & MUSKY NEWS



Thank you Moose & Muskie Families: You survived your first Pancake Breakfast! All of the boys did just great on their day to shine for the community.

You might be interested in what the next step is with our FUNdraising efforts. After all of the \$\$\$ is collected and the bills paid, a Budget Committee sits together to determine our projected costs for the next year. This Committee will allocate a fixed portion of the FUNdraising proceeds to all Scouts who qualify (i.e., met the selling requirements). These proceeds go directly into the Scout's own account, in addition to any additional prize money or 10% allocations (if Scout qualified).

Mr. Jim Simnick –our Troop Treasurer – will send out individual letters to each family, with a balance of each Scout's account. These will be available sometime in early 2009. The account funds can be used for any scouting activity or expense: summer camp fees, monthly campout fees, and qualifying equipment purchases. But see Jim for details on what items qualify BEFORE you make purchases.

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Committee Chair Message – Continues:

The first was a gentleman who earned his Eagle Scout in 1965. His name is on our trailer! He told us the troop had our first Pancake Breakfast in 1962. We had a lot in common, we are both Eagle Scouts and we have two brothers who are also Eagle Scouts. He told me that his Eagle Scout made a difference for him and he thanked Troop 81 for it.

Later in the morning, another gentleman showed up with a Troop 81 (Red) 50th Anniversary jacket on. He was the Scoutmaster in 1984. His son earned his Eagle Scout while he was Scoutmaster and he told Mr Maurer how much it meant to him to see his son's name on the trailer. During the morning, I saw many former scouts, their families and a couple of our other Eagle Scouts.

After giving it some thought, I realized the Pancake Breakfast is not just about fund-raising and all you can eat food. It is about making a difference in the lives of young men, regardless of the rank they achieve. There were parents just like you back in 1962 who probably started the Pancake Breakfast as a fund-raiser. Little did they know how long it would last and how much of a difference it has made.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your help in making a difference again this year. My hope is for all of you to come back every year and either make a difference or thank the parents who continue that tradition. My hope for our scouts is that they can come back as adults and thank the troop for making a difference.



~ Dan Cronin

OWASIPPE NEWS

The Chicago Council recently agreed to **terminate** the pending contract to sell the Owasippe property (yeah!). I stumbled upon this news item dated November 8th regarding this important decision: [Owasippe sale contract terminated!](#)



Did you catch in the Future Activity Info section that our TENTATIVE summer camp dates will be Saturday June 27 – Saturday July 4? Get out those 2009 calendars...and while you're at it, get out 2010 too!

JAMBOREE UPDATE

Thanks to Mr. Harrington and his presenters (Messrs. Wowda and Chemler) for an informative, inspiring talk about Jamboree 2010 during last week's meeting. If you missed this, time is running out to reserve YOUR spot at this special 100-yr anniversary of Scouting national event in Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, July 26-Aug 4, 2010 – the last year it will be held there...and this event won't come around again until 2014...so what are you waiting for?!



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 with your questions.



TIME FOR A BREAK

There is no Troop Meeting on Thanksgiving Thursday...so, this is your last newsletter for a few weeks.

With our Pancake Breakfast event successfully behind us...it's time to take a little break.

Enjoy your holiday – there is so much to be THANKFUL for.

