



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting **January 8th, 2009**

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

Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!



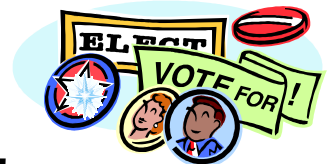
REMINDER!

**Deadline to
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Boards of Review
by the Winter Court
is Jan 8th.**

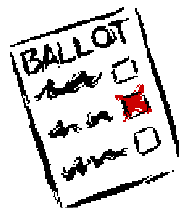


Time to tidy up those Klondike Sleds!

Please come to this Thursday's meeting ~ we're having a Sled Repair Night, in preparation for our annual Klondike on Jan 30-31.



ELECTIONS COMING NEXT WEEK!



IMPORTANT: **Senior Patrol Elections** will be held during our Jan 15th Troop Meeting. See Mr. Maurer this week if you need your name on the ballot.

NOW is the time to think of which position of responsibility YOU would like in the Troop! **Patrol Elections** will be held during our Jan 22nd Troop Meeting.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Jan 8: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk) Klondike
Sled Repair Night.

Jan 11: PLC + Troop
Committee Meeting

Jan 15: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle) Troop Elections!
Klondike "Test".

Jan 22: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Patrol
Elections! Final Klondike
prep.

Jan 25: Winter Court of
Honor, Longwood School

Jan 29: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) *Advancement
night – last Thurs of each
month may be reserved
for advancements.*

Feb 5: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

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

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THIS WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- All Moose & Muskie Scouts have now been assigned to their permanent Patrols. Our thanks to Messrs. Ginell and Pronger for all of their guidance during these Scouts' first year with us.
- Scouts received a present from the Troop Committee: a 75th anniversary hat. Scouts may now wear this warm hat for cold-weather campouts, instead of their Class A uniform hats.
- Yes, Troop 81 is celebrating its 75th continuous year of Scouting in 2009! Watch and listen for news about some exciting plans we have for this coming year.
- The top Pancake Breakfast Sellers were finally announced: Brad F with ~\$1300 in sales; Garrett G with ~\$970; and Jackson M with ~\$780. Mr. Lupsha is putting together the final numbers for the entire fundraiser – these will be announced soon.

All previous newsletters are archived here:
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>

* * * DID YOU RSVP YET ? * * *



You should have received an email invitation from Sherri Nagy to our next Troop Court of Honor.

This event will be held
Sunday, January 25th 2009
at the Longwood Elementary School Cafeteria.

Contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy **by Jan 18th** with your RSVP and if you can help: ceg@wideopenwest.com

Those families A → L to bring a side/salad.
M → Z to bring a dessert.

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info



- **Jan 30-31 2009:** Klondike! @ Green Valley w/ Indian Prairie District
- **Feb 20-22 2009:** Sundown Mountain Ski Resort, IA + Camp Albrecht Acres, Sherrill, IA. <http://www.sundownmtn.com>
- **Mar 20-22 2009:** Controlled burn
- **Apr 24-26 2009:** Lincoln Pilgrimage @ Springfield IL. Info here: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pilgrimage/index.htm>
- **May 8-9 2009:** Caving
- **June 5-7 2009:** *New info to be confirmed soon!*
- **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **July 14-27 2009:** Philmont High Adventure





THANK YOU

Thanks to **Mrs. Sherri Nagy & her band of Elves** for coordinating last month's Holiday Party! Thanks also to **all** who brought so many yummy things to share.

Thanks to **The Troop Committee** for their generous present to all Scouts: a warm "toboggan" (i.e., hat) with the Troop 81 logo, celebrating our 75th anniversary! Thanks to all who wrapped those gifts!

And speaking of gifts – **thanks to all** who wrapped those hundreds of special gifts for the Order of Alhambra's annual holiday party.

Thanks to **Mrs. Draper** for organising a great Mystery Hike adventure. Book 'em, Dano.

Thanks to **Lisa Schweitzer** for storing those extra frozen sausages all this time since the Pancake Breakfast. ☺

If your Patrol(s) wants them for Klondike meals, give her a shout to take them off her hands, **WITH THANKS!**



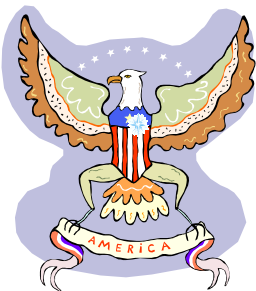
A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR CRONIN



Did you know that the Scouting uniform has changed?

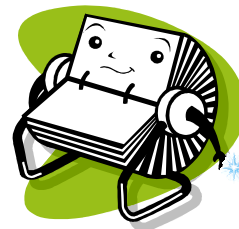
For example, you will notice that incoming new boy scouts may have a shirt made out of a different material. Another change is the epaulet color – green instead of the red. You'll recall that T81 provides these epaulets to all new Scouts when they join our Troop. In order that *all* our Scouts' uniforms be similar, our Committee has agreed to purchase these green epaulets for all existing Scouts as well. These will be distributed shortly.

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be **Sunday, January 11th, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. Come help shape our Troop's direction in 2009. We especially need volunteers to help plan our 75th Anniversary celebrations. All adults are welcome...and there's always FREE FOOD served.



EAGLES' CORNER

Congrats to our latest Troop 81 Eagles: Dan B and Colin M. Look for details about their upcoming Eagle Courts of Honor.



IMPORTANT!!!

Mr. Dave Rypka will be publishing a new Troop Roster – *yeah!* – hopefully in time for the Winter Court of Honor January 25th.

Troop elections are held the Thursday before that Court...and he wants to be sure to include everyone's new positions of responsibility.

It would be helpful that he could make all other changes to the roster now, and reserve the last minute changes for election results.

So, if you have changes to any of your current roster details – *check your phone, your email address, etc.* – please send corrections to him by Sunday January 18th.

SUMMER CAMP & HIGH ADVENTURE PREP!

Yes, already...here is your *first* reminder to start arranging necessary physicals for you and/or your Scout. Read the complete instructions on the Class 1, 2, and 3 forms. These can be viewed and downloaded from our website ("Troop Documents"):

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



But to summarize: ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants need a Class 1 form updated EACH AND EVERY YEAR. ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants <40 yrs need a current (updated every 36 mo) Class 2 medical form completed to attend Summer Camp. ALL High Adventure Scouts and ALL Adult Participants >40 yrs need a current (within 12 mo) Class 3 form completed. Class 2 and Class 3 forms require a physical.

Special note about Philmont: Mr. Maurer has special Philmont Physical medical forms for you to complete – when you're ready to visit your doctor, ask for one of these forms – the regular Class 3 form is not acceptable at Philmont.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

FOS is the annual fundraising campaign of the Three Fires Council, BSA. The council spends approximately \$140.00 per scout each year to ensure high quality programs for all members.



Please help support scouting by pledging any amount. Our goal for Troop 81 is 100% participation. Pledge cards will be distributed at the Court of Honor on January 25th.

Thank you in advance for your support.