



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting **January 22nd, 2009**

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

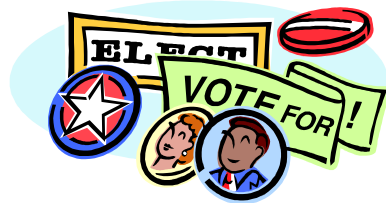
Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!



REMINDER!

Our newsletter
is now published
every OTHER week.

Next one is
due to you 2/2.



ELECTIONS **CONTINUE!**

Come have your say in the running of
your Troop:

- THIS Thursday we will have our semi-annual PATROL Elections.
- THINK about what opportunities YOU have for positions of responsibility.
- Position responsibilities run through July 2009, and include Summer Camp.
- Last week's SPL results are included on page 3, below.

KLONDIKE DERBY 2009



IMPORTANT: Make sure **your Patrol has ALL of the necessary items** needed to compete in the Derby.

PERMISSION SLIPS are due THIS Thursday. Here is the link to print out your copy:

http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2009_JanKlondike.pdf

SPECIAL TIP: Get off to a good flying start on that narrow Greene Valley Road!



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

Jan 25: Winter Court of
Honor, Longwood School

Jan 29: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) Advancement
night. *Duty roster.*

Feb 5: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine) *Knot tying
contest*

Feb 8: PLC + Committee
Meetings.

Feb 12: Troop Meeting
(Blackhawk) *Ski demo;
meal planning.*

Feb 14: Service Project

Feb 19: Troop Meeting
(Eagle) *Indoor Sports
Night*

Feb 26: Troop Meeting
(Scorpion) *Advancements*

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- Save the Date: February 7th (Sat) there will be a 10-mile hike. See Brian K or Mrs. Draper for more info. (Previously announced as the 8th.) This is open to all Scouts, not just those completing Hiking M.B.
- The White Water High Adventure Crew met afterwards – see Mr. Pittard for further details.
- The Philmont Crews met afterwards – see Mr. Marineau or Mr. Maurer to request crew placement and trek options.

All previous newsletters are archived here:

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

A SWEET SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY



Reserve the Date: Saturday **February 14th**



WHAT: Helping sort and load Girl Scout cookies.

WHERE: Calvary Church, south Rt 59

TIME: ~ 1-2 hours in the AM – exact details coming

WHO: Any T81 Scout assigned to a permanent patrol

?’s: Contact Mr. Bainbridge with your questions – he will have a sign up sheet at Troop Meetings.

T81 is called upon to do this project year after year because we are so reliable – it’s a great way to earn service hours – and have some fun, too!

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>

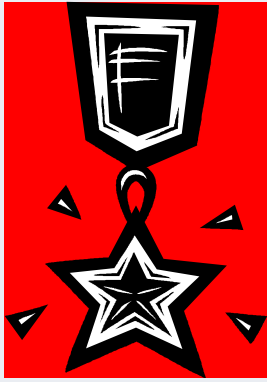
• **May 8-9 2009:** Caving

• **June 5-7 2009:** *New info to be confirmed soon!*

• **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!

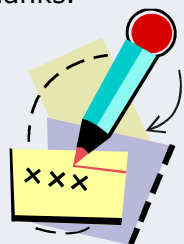
• **July 14-27 2009:** Philmont High Adventure





Our Winter Court of Honor is coming next Sunday, January 25th.

- You've RSVP'd to Mrs. Sherri Nagy, right?!
- All Scouts and family members welcome.
- Meet at Longwood School gym: 30W240 Bruce Lane, N'ville.
- Dinner at 4 pm; ceremony at 5 pm.
- Full Class A uniforms, including sashes.
- Mom's remember your red ribbons.
- A→L to bring a side or salad. M→Z to bring a dessert.
- Main course, drinks, and table settings provided.
- Please sign and turn in your FOS pledge card AT the Court of Honor, with our thanks.



A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR CRONIN



Our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign is now underway. There are TWO ways you can be involved.



First, pledge cards will be distributed at the January 25th Court of Honor – please return these with your signature that same day if at all possible. It takes ~\$140 additional funds each year, per scout, to provide our sons with a quality scouting program.

Second, our Troop is once again invited to donate a basket for the 2009 FOS Auction fundraiser (to be held Friday, March 13, 2009 at the beautiful and historic Danada House). Last year we collected all sorts of gift certificates and cards, business services, and donations, which we combined into a Troop 81 themed basket. Donations are due in February, but please start thinking about this opportunity now.

Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **Sun, Feb 8th, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. All adults are welcome...and there's always FREE FOOD served.



EAGLES' CORNER

See Grant D. if you can help design a pond and/or footbridge for a landscaping Eagle project.

NEW SENIOR PATROL ANNOUNCED

It has been an historic month of elections and inaugurations.

By an overwhelming majority, Ryan N. has once again stepped forward and been elected to the Senior Patrol Leader position in Troop 81.

His Senior Patrol will be presented formally at the Court of Honor, but include the following Scouts:

Assistant Patrol Leaders: Chris D., Tommy D., Pat F., and Aaron C.

Troop Guides: Rajeev U. and Jackson M.

Troop Scribe: Kevin A.

Troop Librarian: Garrett G.

Troop Historian: Nick N.

Troop Quartermasters: Jason P. and Brad F.

Chaplain's Aide: Alex T.

Instructors: Brian S., Kevin S., Bradford W., Dylan S., Kris P., Jordan S., Alex K., Thomas S.

Order of the Arrow Representative: [vacant] – see Ryan N. to apply!





MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

Mr. Tony Wycklendt is in the process of registering and renewing all Merit Badge Counselors for our Troop.

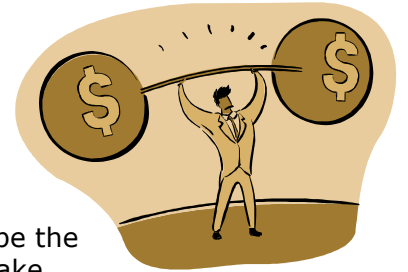
Adults: If you are interested in becoming a M.B. Counselor – please see him!

Scouts: If you need to know which adults in our Troop can help with your Merit Badges, Mr. Wycklendt has a complete list. The list is no longer posted on our website in order to keep personal information confidential.

PANCAKE UPDATE & RECHARTER

My apologies for leaving out the #4 and #5 top sellers for our 2008 Pancake FUNdraiser in our recent announcements: Jason P. with \$658.47 in sales and donations; and Jimmy D. with \$574.50 in sales and donations. Well done, Scouts!

And speaking of our fundraising, our Troop Treasurer, Mr. Jim Simnick will soon provide a packet to each Scout in February. There are THREE key things to attend to:

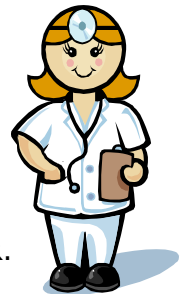


First, he will provide a letter stating the **Scout's account balance**. Included in that balance will be the Troop Committee's allocation back from the Pancake Fundraiser, for those Scouts who qualify to receive this. You can check a Scout's balance at any time – just see Jim at our Meetings. In fact, it is wise to check that there are sufficient funds in the account when signing permission slips for campouts and activities.



Second, Mr. Dave Rypka will provide a 2009 **re-charter form** for each family to update. For those Scouts who qualified, their \$150 annual dues are paid in full from the Pancake fundraiser proceeds. These recharter forms are due back early March.

Third, Mrs. Sherri Nagy will need your updated **Class 1 and Class 2 medical forms** by the same deadline. These are to be updated annually in order to participate in our Troop. See her for details. Visit our website and look under "Troop Documents" to view and print out the forms: <http://www.troop81.org/documents.htm>.



MEDICAL FORMS DEMYSTIFIED

To participate in Troop 81: ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants need a Class 1 form updated EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

To attend Summer Camp: ALL Scouts and ALL Adult Participants <40 yrs need a current (updated every 36 mo) Class 2 medical form completed to attend Summer Camp.

To attend High Adventure: ALL Scouts need a current (within 12 mo) Class 3 form completed. [Special note about Philmont: The regular Class 3 BSA form is *not* acceptable at Philmont. Mr. Maurer has special medical forms for you to complete instead– so when you're ready to visit your doctor, be sure to have one of these forms.]

Adults >40: If you attend an event lasting more than 72 hours (summer camp, high adventures), you must have a Class 3 form completed.

Plan ahead: Class 2 and Class 3 forms require a physical and the appropriate signatures.

And if you have specific questions contact Mrs. Sherri Nagy.