



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting February 5th, 2009

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

Full Class A Uniforms,
Gentlemen!



REMINDER!

PLC Meeting is Sunday,
February 8th.
Troop Committee
Meeting same day, 7
pm, River Glen Church.



KLONDIKE DERBY 2009 REVIEWED

"It was a site to be seen with 15 sleds being pulled across the snow by 75 scouts at the Iditarod Race in this year's Klondike Derby. Grant D. of the Blackhawk Patrol leading the charge with his patrol members running in unison; ultimately winning the race. In was just the beginning of the Troop 81 victories this year.

"The awards were again plentiful for the boys of Troop 81. Officially, the combined forces of the Blackhawk and Scorpion Patrols took home the First Place honors. Close behind in Second Place were the Wolverine Patrol, defending champions of the '08 Klondike Derby. The participating members of the Eagle and Viking Patrols also placed well in contention of the awards.

"For me however the reward has come in the honor and teamwork shown by our scouts during this competition that will last in my memory. All of the patrols participated to the best of their ability. They worked together. They demonstrated their skills. They were thrilled with their victories and they congratulated the awards and victories of others. We can all be proud of the actions of the boys in Troop 81.
~Scoutmaster Maurer

HEARD AT THE COURT OF HONOR:

"Some people start thinking about Owasippe June 26th ... while others start thinking about Owasippe on July 5th."
~Tim Maurer

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO START THINKING!

- The dates are Saturday June 27th → Saturday July 4th
- \$390 base scout fee; \$160 base adult fee; \$37 USS Silversides overnighter. Base fee includes transport to/from Owasippe, scout camp fee, and all food. Additional fees may apply for activities and/or certain merit badges.
- Thurs March 5th: **Count Me In!** forms will be available.
- Thurs March 26th: Your **Count Me In!** form is due.
- Thurs April 16th: full camp packets distributed for those attending
- Thurs May 14th: activity packets due + camp payment in full (there's a late fee of \$30 imposed by Owasippe)
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Lisa Fosler – contact info is in your **new** Troop Roster!



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

Feb 8: PLC + Committee Meetings.

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

Feb 14: Service Project

Feb 19: Troop Meeting
(Eagle) Indoor Sports Night & Duty Roster

Feb 26: Troop Meeting
(Scorpion) Advancements

Mar 5: Troop Meeting
(Viking)

Mar 12: Troop Meeting
(Wolverine)

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



THIS & LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

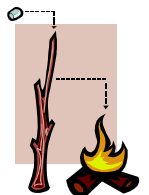
- **FOS:** If you missed our Jan Court of Honor, your Friends of Scouting pledge card has been mailed to you with a stamped return envelope. Please sign the card (whether you pledge or not) and return asap.
- Also, if you missed the Court of Honor, any earned badges and patches are on a side table at Troop Meetings – please pick them up.
- **Hike:** February 7th (Sat) there will be a 10-mile hike. Meet at River Glen @ 7.30. See Mrs. Draper for permission slip and more info. This is open to all Scouts, not just those completing Hiking M.B.
- Those interested in the **RAGBRAI** 450 mile (!) ride across Iowa, there is a sign-up sheet per Mr. Bainbridge.
- **Service Project:** Feb 14th, Calvary Church, 11.30am-1pm, loading Girl Scout cookies – see sign-up sheet or Mr. Bainbridge for details.
- **Ice Skating:** Feb 16th, at Rocket Ice Arena, 3-5 pm, \$3 charge. Venture Crew 888 is collecting food items for the Hased House. See info sheet at front table.
- **The White Water High Adventure** Crew met afterwards – see Mr. Pittard for further details about which week was chosen.
- **The Philmont Crews** met afterwards – crew placements were announced. A \$250 pp payment is due this week.
- **Horseback Riding:** Any scout can earn his Horsemanship Merit Badge on a trip planned end of March/early April in central IL. Cost is \$50. See Mr. Pronger for details.
- **Viking Patrol Elections:** Mike H. is your Patrol Leader, assisted by Pat O. and Thomas C. Cook is Zac C.; Scribe is Jarod L.
- **Visitors:** scouts from Packs 125 and 521 came – thank you for making them feel welcome! We look forward to many scouts joining us soon.

All previous newsletters are archived here:

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

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **Feb 20-22 2009:** Sundown Mountain Ski Resort, IA + Camp Albrecht Acres, Sherrill, IA. <http://www.sundownmtn.com>
- **Mar 20-22 2009:** Controlled burn at the Novak's Farm, Savanna, IL.
- **Apr 24-26 2009:** Lincoln Pilgrimage @ Springfield IL. Info here: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pilgrimage/index.htm>
- **TENTATIVE DATE May 8-10 2009:** Caving-aving-aving
- **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





TO Mrs. Sherri Nagy for coordinating a wonderful buffet for our Winter Court of Honor January 25th.

TO Sherri's helpers: Mesdames Sue Simpson, Jennifer Piske, Janet Draper, and Marge Dunning.

TO Mr. Tim Maurer for his outstanding, on-going leadership with our Troop!

TO All Adult Mentors and Committee Members for making 2008 so successful and for your continued involvement in 2009.

TO Cutting Edge Graphics and the Nagy family for preparing our Troop's 75th anniversary banner. Check out their website at: <http://www.cuttingedgegraphics.net>

TO Mrs. Bednar and Mrs. Gloudeman for their on-going work with Friends of Scouting.

TO Kelley O'Brien for organizing our Troop basket for the district's annual FOS Silent Auction Fundraiser.

TO Mr. Dave Rypka for an updated Troop Roster...and in advance for his work with Troop recharter 2009!

A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR CRONIN



Our **Winter Court of Honor** was another successful event! There were 27 scouts present to receive their rank advancements (and many more who were unable to attend, but earned ranks). There were 58 Merit Badges presented to scouts, and 11 Service Stars awarded. Those attending the December campout earned their special Polar Bear awards; hikers and canoers were awarded their special patches.

My thanks to Mrs. Marcia Huston for arranging the Boards of Review our scouts needed to achieve their ranks, and to **Mrs. Chris Dubbins** for updating each scout's record. Also, my thanks to **Mrs. Kim Emanuel** for purchasing the Troop's rank, merit, service, and special awards – nearly 200 in all! Together, these three women's combined efforts behind the scenes make each Court of Honor successful indeed.

Mrs. Gloudeman and Mrs. Bednar coordinated our Friends of Scouting campaign again this year, thank you. The drawing for prizes is always fun – there were Disney on Ice tickets (Groeger's); Blue Man Group tickets (Overton's); and 2, \$10 Dunn Bros Coffee gift certificates (Rypka's and Dunning's).

And speaking of **Friends of Scouting**, our Troop is once again invited to donate a gift basket for the 2009 FOS Auction fundraiser (to be held Fri, 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 being collected now by Mrs. Kelley O'Brien.** See further info below.

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.

A-TISTET, A-TASKET:

Our Troop has been invited to contribute an auction basket filled with donated items to the district's annual FOS Silent Auction. This year our themes are *Wine & Dine-In, Remember the Days of Wine and Roses, Broke?-Let's Fix It!*



T81 wins a prize if we have one of the top 5 \$\$-earning baskets. ☺

- If you own a business you can contribute...
- If you have unused gift certificates/cards from the holidays...you can contribute.
- If your company has items to donate...you can contribute.
- Each family can contribute items as well – *the sky's the limit!*

We need your items by the end of February.

Please contact Kelley O'Brien at billandkel@comcast.net if you have questions, or if you have donations.




PLC MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

WHO: Any Scout
Star rank and
above & ANY
Scout in a
leadership
position.

WHEN: Sunday
Feb 8th

DETAILS: Listen
at this Thursday's
Troop Meeting
(or if you're
absent, contact
SPL Ryan N)

ADULTS: DO YOU READ "THE FLAME"?

 *The Flame* is the Three Fires Council monthly on-line newsletter. Sometimes we (myself included) are so busy with our own Troop that we forget there is a district, and ultimately a council out there! Well, here is the link to February's Flame – there is useful info in there regarding a variety of topics such as Merit Badge University, international scouting, Lord Baden Powell University, and adult leadership training: <http://doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewNewsletters.asp?orgkey=544>

Mr. Bill Marineau our Indian Prairie District Commissioner suggested I highlight one important item concerning our Assistant Scoutmasters – please read through and register for the opportunity below. (This year there is no conflict with our April Troop campout.)

OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING

offered at Camp Big Timber on the weekend of April 17-19, 2009

This is one of the courses necessary for a SM or ASM or Varsity Coach to wear their trained patch & earn their Training Knot. Part 1 will be held on Monday, April 13 from 7-9pm at the Isaak Walton League in Elgin. You may download this flier or register on-line for this course.

- [Registration FLIER](#)- Outdoor Leader Skills - Isaak Walton League & Camp Big Timber, Elgin - Sherry Herzog 630-629-3850.



A Scout Is: "Responsible"

Scouts: It is your responsibility to turn in your signed/completed Blue Cards to your adult mentors so they may be recorded.

Scouts: It is your responsibility to check your individual scouting record (the "Blue Sheets") to ensure your campouts, service projects, and awards have been accurately recorded.

Scouts: It is your responsibility to tell your adult mentor when you have successfully passed your Board of Review.

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