



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting February 12th, 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!

Your permission slips for Feb 20-22 Cabin Campout + Ski Trip are **DUE THIS THURS!**
2 separate forms +
2 separate checks.



Order of the Arrow

Boy Scouts of America

ANNUAL OA ELECTIONS THIS THURSDAY!

This week we'll hold **elections to the Order of the Arrow**. OA Reps will be on hand to give a short presentation and explain the importance of this branch of scouting. Then, we'll hold elections for qualified T81 Scouts to join OA.



We'll also have a **ski equipment demo by Mr. Marineau**. This is in prep for our Feb 20-22 cabin "campout" and ski/snowboarding trip. (There are other activities planned if you don't ski/board, so consider coming along!)

Finally, we'll have **meal planning and duty rosters** to prepare as well.

OWASIPPE: KEEP THINKING AHEAD + SAVE THESE DATES!

- The dates are Saturday June 27th → Saturday July 4th
- \$390 base scout fee; \$160 base adult fee; \$37 USS Silversides overnighiter. Base fee includes transport to/from Owaspippe, 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 Owaspippe)
- **Questions?** Contact Mrs. Lisa Fosler – contact info is in your **new** Troop Roster!



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Feb 12: Troop Meeting (Blackhawk) Ski demo; **OA elections**; meal + duty planning for Cabin.

Feb 14: Service Project

Feb 19: Troop Meeting (Eagle) **TBD.**

Feb 26: Troop Meeting (Scorpion) Advancements **Aviation Merit Badge**

Mar 5: Troop Meeting (Viking) **Wait, wait, don't tell me...it's...it's...it's... Skit Night!**

Mar 12: Troop Meeting (Wolverine) **TBD.**

Mar 19: Troop Meeting (Blackhawk) **Campout Procedures + Pack Inspection; Duty Roster**

Mar 26: Troop Meeting (Eagle) **Advancements! Very tentatively: new parent meeting night.**

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

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THIS & LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **FOS:** Please send in your Friends of Scouting card if you have not already done so.
- **NEW Green Epaulets:** out with the red, in with green - if you missed the last meeting, be sure to pick up your new set of epaulets this week - these are being supplied free of charge, courtesy of your Committee.
- Those interested in the **RAGBRAI** 450 mile (!) ride across Iowa, there is a sign-up sheet per Mr. Bainbridge.
- **Aviation Merit Badge:** Mr. Swanson will be presenting this to interested scouts during our Feb 26 meeting. Sign-up sheet is at the front, or ask Jackson M. for further info.
- **Service Project:** Last Chance! Feb 14th, Calvary Church, 11.30am-1pm, loading Girl Scout cookies - see sign-up sheet or Mr B for details.
- **Horsemanship Merit Badge:** Any scout can earn his Horsemanship Merit Badge on a trip planned May 3rd at the Wellgreen Farm. Cost is \$50. See sign-up sheet or Mr. Pronger for details.
- **Apology:** forgot to mention that Kevin H. was elected Viking's QM.
- **New Scouts:** we had Alex join the Viking Patrol recently. Stop by to introduce yourself. Many other scouts are crossing over this month, and look for their faces soon. ☺ Welcome!

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

*** * * PERMISSION SLIPS DUE * * ***

For the Cabin Campout and Ski/Snow Sports Weekend - these are available on our website and are due this Thursday, 2/12. Here's the link:
<http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/2009FebSki%20Perslip-Reservation.pdf>

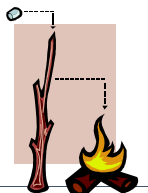


Note that you need two SEPARATE checks for this event.



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.
- **TENTATIVE April 17-18 2009:** Moose/Musky Basic Training, Von Oven.
- **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!





TO Mr. Loback for arranging a great Klondike this year! Mush!

TO Mr. Bainbridge for keeping our troop equipment safe and sound, and reminding us to keep our own equipment safe and *FOUND*. (Pranksters broke into our trailer recently - nothing stolen - thus necessitating new locks.) Sharpie marker, anyone?

TO SPL Ryan N. for the previous 6 months of service to our Troop...and for standing again for re-election! Here's to 6 more great months.

TO Mrs. Schwartz for volunteering to organize our 75th Anniversary celebrations in 2009. See her if you have any ideas or to help!

TO Mr. Wycklendt for coordinating our Merit Badge Counselors... and **TO ALL Merit Badge Counselors** who have agreed to continue working with scouts in 2009 (and beyond). If you have not yet renewed your paper-work, please see Tony asap.



A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR CRONIN



Several important items were discussed at our Committee Meeting last Sunday. While our newsletter is great, attending these meetings really is the best method to keep informed of T81 business.

We're in the middle of registering several new scouts who are crossing over from Cubs, and we're also renewing nearly 90 existing scout memberships for 2009-2010.

Mr. Simnick is putting the final touches on a personal packet that will go out to each Scout, listing his Scout Account balance, and includes paperwork necessary to renew membership, update medical records, and so forth. These will be distributed at our regular troop meetings to parents because there is often paperwork for you to fill out as well. If you do not regularly attend meetings yourself, please ask your scout if anything was handed out that he needs to give to you. Deadline looks like March 26th, before Spring Break.

Kelley O'Brien is still in need of any donations for our Troop gift basket, which will be auctioned off at the annual FOS event, March 13th. See below.

Assistant Scoutmasters: Help our Activities Co-Chairs keep track of scouts! If a scout call you to cancel an event (often at very short notice), Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Schwartz often don't know until after the fact, disrupting headcount and the number of drivers needed. So when a scout cancels, put a call into Marge or Beth - this will also ensure the scout's records are correct.

Congratulations to our top Pancake Sellers! The Committee formally approved incentive deposits of \$250, \$200, \$150, \$75, and \$50 into the top 5 seller's scout accounts. That would be, in order: Brad F., Garrett G., Jackson M., Jason P., and Jimmy D. Together, these 5 scouts sold tickets or received donations totalling \$4,275.47! (that's equivalent to 855 individual tickets)

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be Sun, March 1st, 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.

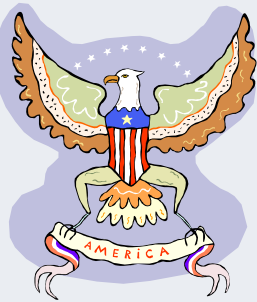
- Each family can contribute items as well - *the sky's the limit!*

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.



It's proving to be another exciting summer for those scouts attending one of our Troop's High Adventure trips.

Here's an update
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EAGLE'S CORNER

SAVE THE DATE!

Please reserve Saturday, May 2nd to honor Ryan N. in his Eagle Court of Honor ceremony.

Location will be River Glen Church. Time and other details coming soon.

HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATE:

The Philmont HA Crews are now established.

There are 12 (8 scouts; 4 adults) in one crew, led by Mr. Maurer; and 11 (7 scouts; 4 adults) in the second crew, led by Mr. Marineau. The departure date is July 14th; return date is July 27th.

Transportation is via Amtrak, which departs right from downtown Naperville, and delivers the group to within an hour of Philmont itself. Training hikes start in earnest soon, in prep for that *tentatively* selected 85 mile journey!



The Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch Cavalcade

(horseback riding HA crew) leaves May 30th and returns June 7th. This trip is being led by Mr. Pronger. Here's the link if you want to read more about it:

http://www.buffalotrailbsa.org/camping/btsr_summer.html . The T81 crew will be taking a training ride (and completing their horsemanship merit badge at the same time) on May 3rd at the Wellgreen Farm, downstate.

The Whitewater HA crew will attend a program at the Ace Adventure Resort in West Virginia. Here is a link for more info:

<http://www.aceraft.com> . The program offers rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, and a low challenge course. There are still openings! See Mr. Pittard for full details. Cost is

approximately \$650-700 for scouts; \$760-800 for adults. The week picked is July 19th through the 25th.



ADULTS: LEADERSHIP TRAINING AVAIL.

▶ *The Flame* is the Three Fires Council monthly on-line newsletter. Here's the link again: <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.