



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting February 19th, 2009

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

Full Class A Uniforms, Gentlemen!



CHECK IT OUT!

Check out our new Troop Website's homepage! Webmaster Baker has rigged the homepage to display random photos from our archives – every time you visit, there's a different photo. Cool!

WE'RE COPING THIS THURSDAY

- COPE stands for **C**hallenging **O**utdoor **P**ersonal **E**xperience
- Any COPE activity is designed to help Scouts achieve the following goals:

- ☑ Teamwork,
- ☑ Communication,
- ☑ Problem Solving,
- ☑ Decision Making,
- ☑ Self Esteem,
- ☑ Trust, and
- ☑ Leadership



- COPE on Thursday will involve activities and games outside the Church, so dress appropriately.
- Your NEW knit scout hat would be a good idea.
- Bring a headlamp or a flashlight!

T81 SCOUT CHOSEN FOR ARLINGTON HONOR

Every year on the Hill Middle School's Washington D.C. trip, students have the unique opportunity to visit the Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is a very patriotic and special part of the trip.



Besides witnessing the changing of the guard at the Tomb, students from each school on the trip have the distinct honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb. In order to be considered for this very special privilege, students composed a three paragraph essay, including a description of the Tomb's importance; a history of the Tomb; and what the student expects to take with them in their heart from the experience.

This year, **Troop 81's Jordan S.** won the honor recently of placing the wreath for his outstanding essay. **Congratulations, Jordan!**



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Feb 19: Troop Meeting (Eagle) *Low Cope.*

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

Mar 1: Troop Committee Meeting, 7 pm River Glen.

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.

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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. The link with the correct FOS dinner details will be sent separately.
- **OA elections** were held. Order of the Arrow representatives gave a presentation on this "Fellowship of Cheerful Service", including a video. Our OA Lodge is one of only 300 across the country, and is called Lowanau Allanque.
- Mr. Bainbridge is still taking names from those interested in the **RAGBRAI** 450 mile (!) ride across Iowa.
- **Aviation Merit Badge:** Mr. Swanson will be presenting this to those scouts who signed up, during our Feb 26 meeting. See Jackson M. for more info. Sign-up is now full, but a wait-list is started.
- **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.
- **CORRECTION:** The Horseback riding HA trip dates are June 6th → June 13th (not May 30th thru June 7th as previously reported).

All previous newsletters are archived here:

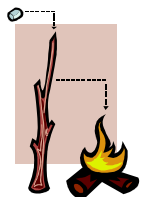
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>



We had a **great ski demo** by Mr. Marineau last meeting, including what clothing to wear (lots of layers and NO COTTON!), how to put on your gear, and even how to turn/stop. **Lean forward** and keep those kn| |s b| |t!
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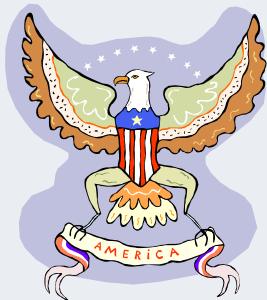
FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **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>
- **May 2 2009:** River Glen Workday + Webelos overnighter
- **TENTATIVELY May 8-10 2009:** Caving-aving-aving
- **June 5-7 2009:** Info to be confirmed soon!
- **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!



**SAVE THE
DATE:**

May 2nd



Why is May 2nd so special that you need to reserve it now?

- A. It's the River Glen Work Day
- B. It's Ryan's Eagle Ceremony
- C. It's a Webelos Overnighter
- D. All of the Above

There are no wrong answers here!

You can attend the River Glen workday in the morning (hmmm, donuts)...go home to shower...attend Ryan's Eagle ceremony in the afternoon (hmmm, goodies)...and then attend the Webelos Overnighter that evening (hmmm, cobbler).

We'll call it a scouting triple play!



A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR CRONIN



Reserve the date: May 2nd!

Our sponsor, River Glen Church is tremendously generous to us. We can show our appreciation on May 2nd at our Annual Spring Clean-up and Workday at the Church. More details coming.

If you're a gardener and you divide your perennials in the Spring, please save a few for the church: we'll plant them at the church on May 2nd.



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.

OWASIPPE: KEEP THINKING AHEAD + SAVE THESE DATES!

- The dates are Sat June 27th → Sat 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!



LAST CALL!

Our Troop has been invited to contribute an auction basket filled with donated items to the district's annual FOS Silent Auction on March 13th.

- 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.

