



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!



**WELCOME TO ALL  
NEW SCOUTS!**



## ADVANCEMENT NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Use your time to:

- complete rank advancements
- practice your knots and first aid
- complete merit badge requirements
- meet with Merit Badge Counselors (see Mr. Wycklendt for a complete list)
- write down your scouting goals
- schedule future Scoutmaster conferences
- arrange future Boards of Review with Mrs. Huston



## AVIATION MERIT BADGE

Those Scouts who signed up:

- check your emails
- print out Mr. Swanson's worksheet (there was an email about this)
- go online to obtain a list of the MB requirements (this was in the email you received)
- bring the Aviation MB booklet, if you have one
- bring a model airplane, if you have one
- bring a foam dinner plate, if you have one
- come early to get your blue cards filled out and pre-signed by a qualified adult



There are 22 scouts signed up to complete this and we have a waiting list! – if you have not yet RSVP'd to Jackson M. OR if you cannot attend this Thursday, your spot will be given to another scout on the waiting list.



## MTG. CALENDAR

**NEW INFO IS IN RED**

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

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

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

**Mar 26:** Troop Meeting (Eagle) Advancements!  
**Tentatively:** New Parent meeting night.

## TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

[WWW.TROOP81.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP81.ORG)



## LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **Sweet:** Mr. Bainbridge passed along a huge "Thank you" from Mrs. Webber and the Girl Scouts, to all of those who helped load cookies on Valentine's Day.
- **Scout Account letters** are now available! Parents to see Mr. Simnick after flags to get your scout's, please.
- Mr. Bainbridge is still taking names from those interested in the **RAGBRAI** 450 mile (!) ride across Iowa.
- **New Scouts:** We had 5 new scouts attend their first T81 meeting – the Moose Patrol is officially underway! A "new parent" meeting is scheduled (tentatively) for March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Low COPE results:** Last meeting we held a little low COPE competition. Eagle came in with a perfect score of 40 points, followed closely by Blackhawk with 39 points, and followed even closer by Wolverine with 38½ points. The bridge scene was priceless and we do have pictures of this hilarious event! The capacity for a chair is evidently 9 scouts. (Ask your parents about how many they used to stuff in a phone booth....)
- **Horsemanship Merit Badge:** Any scout can earn his Horsemanship Merit Badge on a trip planned May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wellgreen Farm. Cost is \$50. See sign-up sheet or Mr. Pronger for details.



- **Ski Trip:** Thanks to all who made last weekend's ski trip a success. ☺ No broken bones; no trips to the hospital. The accommodation was great.

All previous newsletters are archived here:

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

## FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **Mar 20-22 2009:** Controlled burn at the Novak's Farm, Savanna, IL.
- **VENUE CHANGE April 17-18 2009:** Moose/Musky Basic Training, at Blackwell.
- **Apr 24-26 2009:** Lincoln Pilgrimage @ Springfield IL. Info here: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pilgrimage/index.htm>
- **May 2 2009:** River Glen Workday + Webelos overnigher
- **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!



## Forget something you have read or heard about?



Check out our Troop website:  
[www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org).  
Each weekly E-Mail Newsletter is conveniently archived.

If you have any contributions to our weekly E-Mail Newsletter, please contact **Lisa Schweitzer** (look for contact details in our Troop Roster!).

## NOT SIGNED UP YET?!

Horrors!

If you aren't receiving my weekly emails with a direct link to our weekly Troop E-News...then you're not on our mailing list! Look on our website's Homepage. Instructions are there to join our Yahoo Groups mailing list.

## REMINDERS FROM MR. BAINBRIDGE

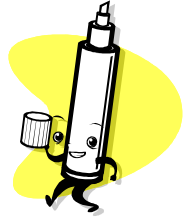
Scouts should remember to follow the correct procedure for completing merit badges.

It is the **SCOUT'S** responsibility to:

- obtain his own blue card
- get the blue card signed
- obtain a *current* list of the merit badge requirements
- keep track of his own progress
- approach merit badge counselors for meetings and assistance
- schedule meetings with merit badge counselors to complete your requirements
- ask questions directly with the counselor
- follow up to ensure blue cards were completed and turned in

### **AND FINALLY:**

- get a Sharpie marker and label **everything** you own!



## RED RIBBONS



At a scout's first Court of Honor, mothers are given a red ribbon to wear. With each rank advancement, scouts are given a special pin for his mother's ribbon, to record his progress on the path to Eagle.

If you've lost this ribbon or never received one, contact Mrs. Kim Emanuel. She makes these herself and will have extras at our next Court of Honor (in the Spring).

## KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR COMMITTEE

Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **Sun, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. All adults are welcome...and there's always FREE FOOD served.



## OWASIPPE COUNTDOWN: 17 weeks until departure



**Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup>: *Count Me In!*** forms will be available.

**Thurs March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Your ***Count Me In!*** form is due.

**Questions?** Contact Mrs. Lisa Fosler – contact info is in your **new** Troop Roster!