



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting March 26th, 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!





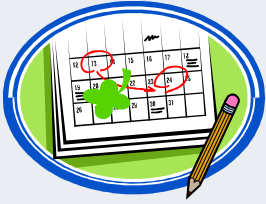
REMINDER

If you're going to summer camp...you MUST let Mrs. Fosler know by turning in a "Count Me In" form THIS Thurs, 3/26!



IMPORTANT PARENT MTG + DEADLINES THIS WEEK!

1. First and foremost, it is our Annual **New Parents Night!** This is your chance to hear **everything** – from “soup to nuts” - about our Troop, as well as get a sneak peek at our summer camp plans at Owasippe. We will meet in the church’s music room (in the back) after announcements, while Scouts have their patrol time. There will be valuable handouts...useful information...and an informal forum for your questions. Bring your questions!
2. It’s our monthly **Advancements Night.** (see separate information, next page) 
3. It is the **deadline** to turn in your “Count Me In” form for Owasippe summer camp – **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT GOING!** Mrs. Fosler needs a yes/no RSVP from EACH AND EVERY scout. Check with her if you want to give a verbal “no” – but a “yes” needs a form filled out. This will ensure we keep a spot open for you! You can download this form here: 
<http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/CountMeIn2009.pdf>
4. **Moose:** turn in your Basic Training permission slips!



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

Apr 2: NO MEETING!
**Enjoy your Spring
Break!**

SUN April 5: PLC Mtg +
Committee Mtg.

Apr 9: Troop Mtg
(Scorpion) Map reading.

Apr 16: Troop Mtg
(Viking) Gymnastics;
meal planning.

Apr 23: Troop Mtg
(Wolverine) Fire building
+ cooking contest.

Apr 30: Troop Mtg
(Blackhawk) Monthly
Advancements Night.

May 2: River Glen Work
Day.

Tentatively May 28:
Spring Court of Honor.

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **LAST CHANCE!** For ALL SCOUTS to RSVP to Mrs. Fosler (turn in a green "Count Me In" form). Ask/remind your scout about this. Forms are on our website: <http://www.troop81.org/Permissionslips/CountMeIn2009.pdf>.
- **St Thomas Easter Vigil:** Mr. Bainbridge has a sign-up sheet to participate in our annual fire building for St. Thomas' Easter vigil service, Saturday April 11th, approx 7 pm (for ~an hour). Class A's.
- **Horseback High Adventure:** Group met after our regular troop meeting - see Mr. Pronger if you missed this meeting.
- **Pack Inspections:** We completed pack inspections for new Moose scouts - if you missed our meeting, please contact your adult leader.
- **Medication Forms:** Mrs. Nagy is collecting these. No form, no camping. Please attend to this!
- **MOOSE Patrol Basic Training:** Date is now 3/4-5 April. Any scouts 1st Class and above rank may help on this campout by contacting either Tommy D (Troop ASPL) or Chris D (Troop Guide). **Permission slips due THIS Thursday, March 26th.**

All previous newsletters are archived here:

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

ADVANCEMENTS + BOARDS THIS THURSDAY!

- Scouts: Come prepared to get any requirements signed off.
- Older Scouts: come prepared to help the younger scouts.
- Aviation Merit Badge folk: Mr. Swanson will check on your progress and discuss the upcoming airport fieldtrip on April 18th. You need to complete your requirements and turn in a permission slip to be able to go. Bring your FPG and your merit badge packet.
- Adults: come help Mrs. Huston with Boards of Review!

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **April 3/4-5 2009:** Moose Scout Basic Training, at Blackwell FP. (Older Scouts & instructors to arrive/camp Friday April 3; new Moose arrive/camp Saturday April 4). ALL parents to drop off/pick up Scouts at Blackwell (not Hill). Use Mack Rd entrance; sites 9 & 10. See permission slip for details.
- **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
- **NEW DATE! May 15-17 2009:** Caving-aving-aving Campout-out-out at Mississippi Palisades.
- **June 5-7 2009:** Service Project weekend
- **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **August 7-8 2009:** Troop 81's 75th Anniversary Celebrations! Come join us at Von Oven Scout Reservation, downtown Naperville.

T81 T-SHIRT UPDATE

Troop 81 has a special red t-shirt for the scouts and adult leaders. Generally speaking, they wear these shirts whenever they aren't wearing their Class A shirt: in camp, hiking, etc.

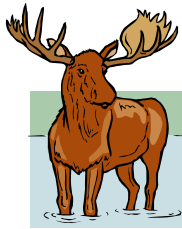
Wearing these shirts is a safety consideration, too – you can spot those red-shirted (and hatted!) fellers in the woods from quite a distance, and scouts (and leaders) are easier to find. ☺

Each scout usually needs 2-3 T81 shirts.

Our uniform coordinators are Mesdames Wycklendt & See.

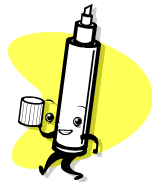
ORDERING: several new families are turning in order forms for t-shirts already – that's great! – but hold off, please. Soon we'll have new information on these shirts for you. Prices may change; styles may change; deadlines may change; etc....

THE USEFUL MOOSE NEWS COLUMN IS BACK!



Yep, it's that time of year...Moose Season...so I'm resurrecting the *Useful Moose* column! In each issue we highlight something new in this column just for Moose Families. **BUT** – other parents might find an antler tip or two in here, too, so read on....

Just joined us? Be sure to read thru the previous few newsletters – these come out **every** week – for info you might have already missed since joining. Weekly newsletters are archived on our website: www.troop81.org



❖ **REMINDER:** We'll hold a **New Parent Meeting Night on March 26th**, during our regular Troop meeting. This is your chance to ask any/all questions about Summer Camp, as well as anything relating to our Troop.

❖ **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Have your Scout label everything with his name/initials. If he gets in the habit now, you'll have no problems when summer camp rolls around....

❖ **HIKING BOOTS:** Yes, these are a requirement to attend our campouts. They need not be expensive (kids grow fast). They need to be on Scout's feet, in the parking lot at departure time. Otherwise: no boots, no camping trip.

❖ **HINT OF THE WEEK:** Boy Scouts is quite different to Cubs. Anything your son can do should be done by your son, not by you! Let him pack his own gear himself – he *can* do it! He'll be proud...and you'll be amazed. ☺



Have a question you'd like answered here in this column? Contact Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News editor. Contact details are in your Troop Roster.

KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP



Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **Sun, April 5th, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. (Yes, this is the tail-end of Spring Break.) All adults are welcome...and there's always FREE FOOD served.



NOTE: **NO** Troop Meeting over Spring Break week – April 2nd. No newsletter, either!

NEXT PLC meeting is on **Sunday April 5th**, at Mr. Maurer's house. ALL Scouts in leadership positions to attend, and any Scout Star rank and above is welcome. Time to be announced.



**YOUR
OWASIPPE
TO-DO LIST!**
(~ 13 weeks 'til
departure)



FIRST: Count Me In!

forms are due THIS THURSDAY, March 26th in order that a spot is kept open for your scout. Forms are on our website or at Troop Meetings. These are due back to Mrs. Fosler.

NEW SCOUTS: Did you pick up your special packet explaining summer camp? [Ask your Moose Scout if he picked up his copy! Or come to the New Parent Mtg to get yours.]

SECOND: Get your physicals and medical forms completed! →

Questions? Contact Mrs. Lisa Fosler. Her contact details are in your Troop Roster.

MEDICAL FORMS ARE NOW DIFFERENT - SO PLEASE READ!!!

Here, again, is information from Mrs. Nagy about the necessary BSA Medical Forms – be sure to take these with you to your physical!

***** IMPORTANT: The forms are new this year. Instead of Class 1, 2 & 3 they are now Part A, B & C.**

All scouts going to the next campout must have current medical forms on file. A slip of paper was in everyone's "Scout Account" letter (existing scouts only) that gave the expiry dates of the individual medical forms Mrs. Nagy has on file. These forms are only good for one year. Fill out a new Part A and C, please.

All new scouts, please complete Annual BSA Health & Medical Record Part A and Part C! These can be downloaded on the Troop81.org website under: "Troop Documents" "Medical Forms (Part A, B, C)". Link: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34414.pdf> BONUS: this form is text fillable right on your computer! So type away!

- * **Parts A & C** are required for all BSA unit members (adults & scouts) and are to be updated annually by the parent.
- * **Part B** is required by **all** (regardless of age) participants in summer camp & high adventure & requires a signature by a certified and licensed health-care provider. **Part B now has to be updated annually.**
- * Please note that they request a **copy of your insurance card, front & back.**
- * After this year it will not be acceptable to attach a copy of a school physical to Part B. The actual Part B will have to be signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider.

DOES YOUR SCOUT REQUIRE MEDICATION?

IMPORTANT: if medication is needed during ANY campout, please fill out the Medication Form that can also be downloaded from our Troop website. Look under "Troop Documents" ... scroll down to "Medication Form." Here is the link as well: <http://www.troop81.org/documents/MedicationCard.pdf> . Refrigeration is available, if needed.



WHERE DO I TURN IN MY FORMS?

Please bring any new forms to Mrs. Nagy at the table in the back of the troop meeting Thursday night.

BUT I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS!

E-mail or call Sherri Nagy. Her contact details are in your Troop Roster.

