



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting April 23, 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**

Bring extra \$5 to attend Lincoln Museum OR Trail activity. See the LAST page of this newsletter for details.

## LOTS OF LAST MINUTE NEWS THIS WEEK!

- **This Thursday**, we have an alternate activity – we'll postpone the fire building and cooking contest to give Scouts more time to plan that better.
- Please see the last page of this newsletter, and refer to Mr. Maurer's email regarding the **Lincoln Pilgrimage activities**. If you already turned in a permission slip, no further permission slips are needed – just bring your additional \$5 for the activity.
- Mark your calendar for the **next PLC meeting** – it will be a Ryan N's house, Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Listen for details/look for email. Scouts in leadership positions must attend; Star rank or greater are welcome and encouraged.
- Reminder: **April 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day** to get Boards and merit badges completed, to receive these awards at the May Court of Honor. A successful Scout plans ahead!



- The **OA Tapout ceremony** was awesome last Thursday – what a unique thing to witness and participate in! – there's no time/space to review it properly here – but look for more info on that in the next newsletter.



## **MTG. CALENDAR**

### **NEW INFO IS IN RED**

**Apr 23:** Troop Mtg (Wolverine) *New activity planned instead of fire/cooking.*

**Apr 30:** Troop Mtg (Blackhawk) Monthly Advancements Night. This will be your LAST night to turn in paperwork for Spring COH!!!

**May 7:** Troop Mtg. Caving campout demo; meal planning.

**May 14:** Troop Mtg. First Aid Competition.

**May 21:** Troop Mtg. Advancements! Meal planning for weekend.

**May 28:** Court Of Honor, River Glen Church.

**June 4:** Sports+Outdoor Troop Mtg. Class "B" uniforms begin.

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## **LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements**

- **Thanks!** Thanks to all who helped with the St Thomas Easter service as well as the Naperville Township meeting – Mr. Bainbridge reports that you looked sharp and performed well, earning compliments from community leaders.
- **Aviation Merit Badge:** See the signup for the next airport fieldtrip May 9<sup>th</sup> (8.45 am) AND if you are interested in having Mr. Swanson back on 4/30 to complete this badge. He will only come 4/30 if there is enough interest – otherwise you'll have to wait until 5/28 mtg. (Those attending the 5/9 airport trip obviously have to wait till 5/28!)
- **Whitewater Rafting High Adventure:** There will be a short meeting on 4/23 about this trip. See/contact Mr. Pittard if you miss this.
- **Summer Camp Registration Packets:** Mrs. Fosler has these prepared for scouts as well as those parents who signed up to attend! Pick up yours on Thursday.
- **Health & Medication Forms:** Mrs. Nagy is collecting these. No form = no camping. So, please attend to this! ☺
- **Take a HIKE!** Mrs. Draper will meet with Scouts interested in starting the Hiking Merit Badge. (But any Scout can sign up to go on hikes – not just those completing their Hiking Merit Badge.) There'll be a short meeting about this on 4/23.
- **Ride a HORSE!** Mr. Pronger can help you complete the horsemanship merit badge. Trip is Sat May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Space is available. Cost is \$50.

All previous newsletters are archived here:

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

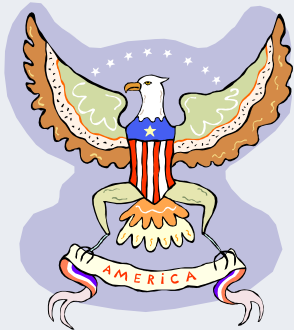


## **FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info**

- **Apr 24-26 2009:** Lincoln Pilgrimage @ Springfield IL. Info here: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/pilgrimage/index.htm>
- **May 2 2009:** River Glen Workday
- **May 15-17 2009:** Caving-aving-aving Campout-out-out at Mississippi Palisades.
- **June 5-7 2009:** Service Project weekend at Owasippe. Parents welcome! This is a great opportunity to see the camp *before* attending summer camp.
- **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **August 7-8 2009:** Troop 81's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations! Come join us at Von Oven Scout Reservation, downtown Naperville.
- **September 25-26-27:** Regional Jamboree at Oshkosh, WI, experimental aircraft grounds.



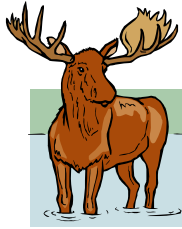
**NEXT PLC meeting is now confirmed for Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>** at Ryan's house. **Listen at Troop Meeting for details.** ALL Scouts in leadership positions to attend, and any Scout Star rank and above is welcome.



## EAGLES CORNER

1. Note the error on your invite to Ryan's Eagle Ceremony: it should read SAT, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (not 3<sup>rd</sup>). ALL families in T81 are welcome. RSVP to the Novack's.
2. Thanks to all who helped at Brent N's Eagle Project over the past few weeks. Anything with a power tool involved is an attractive activity for scouts!

## USEFUL MOOSE NEWS!



### "HELP! I feel so lost!"

You've been to a few troop meetings and maybe even a campout or two is under your family's belt. But you probably are like most new parents and you suddenly have LOTS of questions now about scouting!

Take a deep breath and remember: never do anything for your Scout that he can and should do for himself. That can include finding out about stuff.

When we joined Troop 81, I felt that I needed to be the one in charge of my son's journey in scouting. I didn't trust my son to make his own decisions, and I certainly didn't trust him to make mistakes! I did my son a huge disservice by not having *him* learn the ropes from the leaders.

This first year of scouting you as a parent can give a tremendous gift to your son: your trust. Trust that he can do new things on his own. Trust that he can (and will!) be responsible. Trust that he will make mistakes and know that his success depends on him making some.

As Scoutmaster Maurer always says each Spring: take a good look at your son, because he will be almost unrecognisable after this important first year of Boy Scouting. He will have grown so much as he learns to find his own way down the scouting path. There are many adults to help him. He will not be alone.

Encourage your Scout to find out the answers to his own questions by talking with his Adult leader or any older scout. The "older" parents at the back of the room are always there to help the "new" parents, too. Again, welcome to Troop 81!



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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. All adults are welcome...and there's always **FREE FOOD** served.

**YOUR**  
**OWASIPPE**  
**COUNTDOWN:**  
**9 weeks 'til**  
**departure!**



Complete details are on our website AND in previous newsletters. See our archived newsletters on our website for information: [www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org) under "Troop Information."

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



**Thanks to your Troop Committee.** They wanted to show the Troop's appreciation to our generous sponsor, River Glen Church, so a new vacuum cleaner for the basement was purchased. The Church sent us a note of thanks – the new machine is much appreciated. ☺

**THINK AHEAD: 4/30 is our next Advancement night.**

This will be your last opportunity to turn in advancements and to hold Boards of Review for rank advancements, in order to receive them at the 5/28 Court of Honor.

*(What's a Court of Honor? Think of it as a Blue & Gold, only it's held 3-4 times a year. It recognizes the achievements, progress, and service of our Scouts and leaders.)*

**Scouts** (not parents!) should contact the mentors, their merit badge counselors, and/or Mrs. Huston (Boards of Review coordinator) to complete the requirements.

**As a reminder:** if you're *starting* a merit badge, be sure you have the most current version of the requirements. Then, be sure to check with your merit badge counselor **BEFORE** completing any of the requirements. Some requirements need prior approval. Save yourself time and effort by checking in frequently with your MB Counselor on your progress. *(What's a merit badge? Similar to the Cub Scout activity pins and badges – some are required for achieving the Eagle rank; others are purely optional.)*

**Blue Cards:** the Scout (not parents) turns these in to his Adult leaders and/or mentors.

*(What's a Blue Card? This card records a Scout's progress toward a merit badge.)*

**Blue Book:** the Scout needs to notify his Adult leader when he has successfully completed a Board of Review so it can be recorded in the leader's "Blue Book". Scouts should also occasionally review their records in the Blue Book to ensure they receive credit for service hours, camping trips, etc.

*(What's a Blue Book? This book keeps a record of each Scout's attendance, accomplishments, and activities. Each Patrol has its own Blue Book, which the adult leader(s) update regularly.)*



**COMING IN MAY:**

- More Summer Camp info. & tips
- Court of Honor info.
- Permission Slip procedure reminders
- Warmer weather!

# Lincoln Pilgrimage 2009

## Saturday Activities

### **The Lincoln Trail - \$5.00**

Required event is for all Philmont-bound scouts and adults.

The 20-mile route is located as closely as possible to the roadways of Lincoln's New Salem days. This routing keeps hikers on secondary roads, byways and trails. The trail is scenic and historically correct.



### **The Museum Trail - \$5.00**

This fee includes a **Museum Trail Patch** and a **passport** that hikers should get authenticated at each museum visited. You will also be provided a map of museums and other points of interest located throughout the capital city.

**Hikers must get their passports authenticated at a minimum of five museums in order to earn the Museum Trail Patch.** At the same time, hikers should spend an appropriate amount of time at the various museums to fully appreciate the content of the displays and educational presentations.

### **Museum Information**

1. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; 112 N. 6th St.;
2. Air Combat Museum, 835 S. Airport Dr. Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport
3. The Arnold House, Lincoln Home National Historic Site; 426 S. 7th St.;
4. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Museum; 503 S. Walnut;
5. The Elijah Iles House; 630 S. 7th St.;
6. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum; 629 S. 7th St.
7. Illinois Fire Museum; Building #7, Central Ave. and Main St. Illinois State Fairgrounds
8. Illinois State Military Museum; 1301 N. MacArthur at Camp Lincoln
9. Illinois State Museum; Spring and Edwards
10. Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation Museum; 3936 N. Peoria Rd
11. Museum of Funeral Customs; 1440 Monument Ave
12. Shea's Gas Station Museum; 2075 Peoria Rd
13. Emmet Pearson Medical History Museum 801 N. Rutledge, SIU School of Medicine