



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting April 30, 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

**Bring back all Troop Equipment . . .
CLEAN & DRY!**

See our website for instructions on taking care of our stuff.

ADVANCEMENT NIGHT CHECKLIST

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.

Scouts:

- ✓ DO NOT Expect a Board of Review unless you have pre-arranged with Mrs. Huston prior to Thursday!
- ✓ DO pre-arrange Scoutmaster conferences.
- ✓ DO hand in completed Blue Cards to your Adult Mentor by the end of the night.
- ✓ DO remember to bring your Scout Handbook so your Mentor can check it.
- ✓ DO practice your knots (see [Grog's Scouting Knots Index](#)).
- ✓ DO help other scouts.
- ✓ DO ask for help if you need it. ☺
- ✓ DO bring back all troop equipment used at Lincoln campout.



Adult Mentors:

- ❖ This is your last chance to update those Blue Books prior to May Court of Honor. Blue Books will be collected at the end of the night.



Parents:

- Be on hand to help with the many Boards of Review. New parents: this is a great way to see what your son will complete over the coming months.
- DO help other parents.
- DO ask for help if you need it. ☺
- Check out the **NEW** Class B shirt order form on our website: [2009 Class B Shirt Order Form](#).
- Orders are due by May 7th – that's only a week away. Delivery will be 2-3 weeks thereafter.
- Mrs. Wycklendt will be on hand this Thursday to show you samples and take orders if you're ready.





MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

May 2: River Glen Work Day, 8-noon. Bring any extra bulbs/plants you've divided this Spring.

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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River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **Aviation Merit Badge:** Print out a permission slip for the next airport fieldtrip May 9th (8.45 am). These will be due May 7th.
- **Whitewater Rafting High Adventure:** There was a short meeting on 4/23 about this trip. See/contact Mr. Pittard if you missed this.
- **Summer Camp Registration Packets:** The deadline for ALL payments, registration and release forms is May 16th.
- **Health & Medication Forms:** Mrs. Nagy is collecting these. No form = no camping. So, please attend to this! ☺
- **Take a HIKE!** Mrs. Draper is having a short mtg at 6.30 on this Thurs 4/30 to discuss the Hiking Merit Badge. Well done to those who completed the 20+ mile Lincoln trail this past weekend! ☺
- **Patrol Attendance:** If you attended the Von Oven troop meeting, but missed the 4/23 troop meeting, be sure that your attendance was recorded in the Blue Book. See you Adult Mentors!

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

*** * * WORK DAY THIS SAT MAY 2nd * * ***

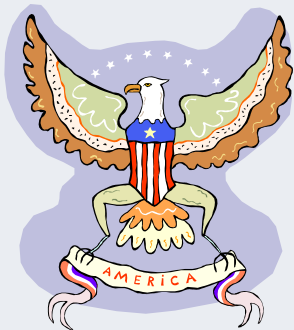
The River Glen Church is our generous sponsor. They provide us with a free meeting room each week, as well as access to their sanctuary for Courts of Honor.



PLEASE, if you are available to complete our semi-annual service project for them, come to our Troop Work Day, **THIS Saturday, May 2nd from 8 till noon**, at River Glen. Sign up at front table Thursday...bring rakes and shovels and work gloves (labeled with your name/initials OF COURSE)...wear your Class B + hat + hiking boots. A water bottle (filled!) is recommended. Service hours will be earned. Free food is always a possibility. ☺

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **May 15-17 2009:** Caving-aving-aving Campout-out-out at Mississippi Palisades. Info here: http://www.stateparks.com/mississippi_palisades.html .
- **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 75th Anniversary Celebrations! Come join us at Von Oven Scout Reservation, downtown Naperville.
- **September 25-26-27:** Regional Jamboree at Oshkosh, WI, experimental aircraft grounds.



EAGLES CORNER

REMINDER: Ryan's Eagle Ceremony is **THIS SATURDAY, May 2nd** (not 3rd). Meet at River Glen Church, upstairs, at 3 pm. ALL families in T81 are welcome. RSVP to the Novack's.

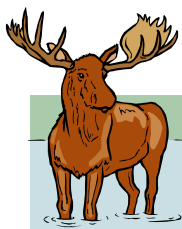
Moose Scouts: This is a great opportunity to witness firsthand what you are working for in scouting! An Eagle Court of Honor is something truly special. Full Class A uniforms, please.



TO Mr. Jim Simnick and his employer BP, for their generous donation of \$500 to T81 through the Fabric of America program. BP donates based on the number of hours Jim volunteers for our Troop. Fabulous!

USEFUL MOOSE NEWS!

This column is specifically for new Scouts, but seasoned families might find an antler tip in here too! See archived, back issues for other tid-bits.



OH NO! Your Scout earned his Totin' Chit and Firem'n Chit at the Basic Training campout, right? These are paper cards which he should carry in his Class A shirt pocket. BUT, did they go through the wash already?! No worries – dry 'em out, then get them laminated at an office supply store– they will last a lot longer that way.

Help Your Scout By NOT Helping Him: Don't do anything your Scout can and should be doing! E.g.,

- Have your Scout turn in his own permission slips to his Patrol Leader during Patrol time – this ensures that the Patrol has an accurate headcount.
- Have your Scout read the equipment cleaning instructions from our website. After each campout, the Scout (not you) should do his own cleanup of any Troop gear he brings home.
- Have your Scout pack his own duffel/backpack so he knows what he has and where it is. This is VERY important preparation for summer camp – the scout must know and pack his own gear!



Have a question you'd like answered here in this column? Contact Lisa Schweitzer, your weekly E-News editor. **NOTE her new email address!!!!**

KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP



Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **THIS Sun, May 3rd, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. All adults are welcome...and there's always FREE FOOD served.



- Warmer, drier weather!

STILL COMING IN MAY:

- Tons of Summer Camp info. & tips
- Court of Honor info.
- Permission Slip procedure reminders

YOUR
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COUNTDOWN:
ONLY 8 weeks
'til departure!

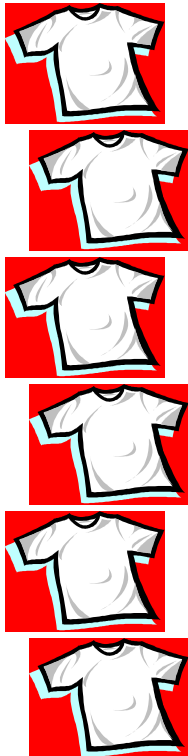


DEADLINE REMINDER:
May 16th is the last day (absolutely, positively!) to turn in ALL payments, all registration forms and all release forms. Turn in to Mrs. Fosler.

Complete details are on our website AND in previous newsletters. See our archived newsletters on our website for information: www.troop81.org under "Troop Information."

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

T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE MAY 7TH



- If you are a new Scout to Troop 81, you will need 1 or 2 (or even 3) Class B uniform shirts. These are not just used for Summer Camp...so even if you are not going to Owasippe, you will want to order a couple of shirts now.
- Class B shirts are used more often than you would think: during Eagle projects, work days, some service projects, and in/around camp to name but a few. We also wear them in the summer months to Troop meetings instead of Class A's.
- Older Scouts: Mrs. See and Mrs. Wycklendt need your used shirts for our T81 uniform exchange program. Please consider donating shirts you've out-grown or simply don't use anymore.
- Adults: if you're going to Owasippe, you will need a shirt or two, too.
- Order forms are on-line: [2009 Class B Shirt Order Form](#) .
- **NEW this year** is a dri-fit option – these are made of moisture-wicking fabric and are great for the hot summer months. These will have a small chest logo instead of the larger logo.
- Questions: Mrs. Wycklendt's and Mrs. See's contact info is hyperlinked on that form. Simply click their name(s) and you'll be connected via email.
- Orders due next Thursday, May 7th! Shirts will be available 2-3 weeks after that. Payment due on delivery.



I have been in the troop for over 4 years now, but I've never been to an OA Tapout Ceremony. They are usually held far away from here on campout weekends, which I cannot attend. So when this year's ceremony was held at Von Oven two weeks ago, I'm glad I made the effort to go, and I thank those who arranged this special event for the entire troop.

I did not know what "tapout" even meant, and now I do. We first stood in a circle to hear the legend of how the Order of the Arrow was formed. Existing members of the Order signaled to the "Chief" which candidates were ready to join the Order. The "Chief" then tapped these scouts on the shoulder, thus the word "tapout". These chosen scouts must now complete the induction ceremony, called the Ordeal. During that experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, all apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. You can learn more here: <http://www.aa-bsa.org/misc/basics/>