



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 7th, 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!

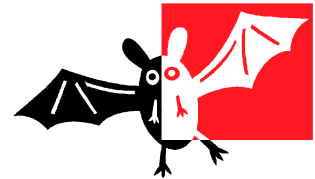


REMINDER

Put your name or initials on **EVERYTHING!** You'll be surprised at what comes back to you that way! See next pg.

CAVING-ing-ing-ing... PREP-prep-prep-prep...

This Thursday we'll prepare for our epic journey to the Mississippi Palisades State Park for a caving expedition. Here's the link for the park's website: http://www.stateparks.com/mississippi_palisades.html



Come learn what you will need to wear, what to bring, how to cave without leaving a trace, and other useful tips.

- ✓ Remember your permission slip for this campout is **DUE THIS THURSDAY.**
- ✓ Remember your Class B shirt orders are **DUE THIS THURSDAY.** (see page 4 in this newsletter, below) Order form is on our website. Mrs. Wycklendt will be on hand this Thursday to show you samples and take orders in person.



*** * * AVIATION MERIT BADGE * * ***



Back by popular demand! THIS Saturday, May 9th, Mr. Bradley Swanson will be holding another informative meeting at the Aero Estates airport, from 8.45 am onwards. This will be held rain or shine.

We have room for up to 5 more interested scouts (and need 1 more adult chaperone). Sign up THIS Thursday to attend. There is no cost for this event.

See the permission slip online for full details. Click here: [May 9 permission slip](#) . You MUST turn in your signed permission slip THIS Thursday to attend. See Jackson M for details.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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

May 14: Troop Mtg.

May 21: Troop Mtg.
Advancements! *Summer
camp mtg for parents.*

May 28: Court Of Honor,
River Glen Church.

June 4: Sports Night
+Outdoor Troop Mtg @
Brookdale School. Class
"B" uniforms begin.
Youth Protection Training.

June 11: Troop Mtg.
*Open fire cooking
competition.*

June 18: Troop Mtg.
*Tent assignments for
Owasippe*

June 25: Troop Mtg.
*Last mtg B-4 Owasippe.
Advancement night for
summer camp merit
badges; FINAL PREP!*

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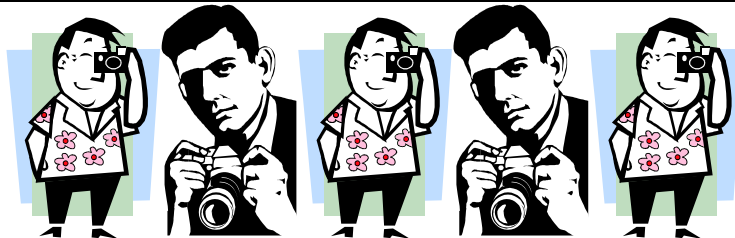


LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **Horsemanship Merit Badge Outing:** Your permission slip and \$50 are due THIS THURS for the May 23rd trip. See Mr. Pronger
- **Summer Camp Registration Packets:** The deadline for ALL payments, registration and release forms is May 16th. That is next week already!
- **Health & Medication Forms:** Mrs. Nagy is collecting these. No form = no camping. So, please attend to this! ☺ You MUST have a physical to attend summer camp. See archived newsletters for full info.

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

STOP PRESS! NAME SAVES HUGE FINE!



One of Mr. Bainbridge's favorite games is "**What's Wrong With This Picture**". During last meeting he showed us myriad lost & found items. *He even found my daughter's library book which she had no idea was missing - Guess she left it behind at a troop meeting...? Fortunately the bookmark had her NAME on it, so YES we got it back, no worries, no huge fine.*

MORAL OF THE STORY: put your name or initials on EVERYTHING and evidently it **will** find its way back to you! No fines!

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!
- **July 9 2009:** SPL and Patrol Elections - plan ahead! **After this meeting we will meet every OTHER week: July 23; Aug 6; Aug 20.** (There are therefore NO troop meetings July 16, July 30, Aug 13.)
- **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.

YOUR OWASIPPE COUNTDOWN:

ONLY 7 weeks!



HELP: We need at least 2 shoppers to purchase the Troop's food for Owasippe. NO, not for the entire week (!) – we just need food for the Saturday night we get there, and the Sunday breakfast and lunch. (The Owasippe dining hall does not open until Sunday dinner.)

This is an easy job to do - you are reimbursed for the cost of the food, so please consider this as your way of helping the troop.

DEADLINE REMINDER:

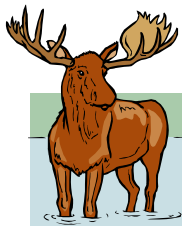
May 16th is the last day (absolutely, positively!) to turn in ALL payments, all registration forms and all release forms. Turn in to Mrs. Fosler.

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.

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 if you missed a week.



**ORDER
CLASS B
T-SHIRTS!**

HEADS UP! Please mark your calendars for **May 21st**. There will be a special meeting for any parent with a scout attending Summer Camp. Come hear personal tips to make your scout's experience a successful one.

Your Class B T-shirt order is due this Thursday. The order form is online here: [2009 Class B Shirt Order Form](#). You can also check out our "uniform bank" to see if there are any used t-shirts for sale for the grand price of...wait for it...\$1 each. See Mrs. Wycklendt – she'll be at the back of the room with a sample of the new dri-fit version of the t-shirt, and can answer any questions you might have.

**ATTEND
YOUTH
PROTECTION**

Lastly, if you're going to summer camp yourself, please see Mr. Dave Rypka to make sure you are a registered BSA member. You will also need to complete **Youth Protection Training** – this will be offered during our June 4th Troop Meeting. See details below and mark your calendars now, please.

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



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING JUNE 4th

WHO: ANY adult in our Troop who is involved with our Scouts – Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, those attending Summer Camp at Owasippe*, and if you attend our campouts regularly. *If you cannot attend this important training date **June 4th** and you are going to Owasippe, you will still need to take the training up there in a hot meeting room for many hours. Save yourself the headache and take this training on **June 4th**!



WHEN: **June 4th** (during our regular Troop Meeting). Note that this meeting will be our annual outdoor sporting event, to be held at Brookdale Elementary School. Mr. Bill Marineau will be conducting this training.

COST: none!

WHAT IF I JUST NEED A RENEWAL?: According to Three Fires Council policy, all Youth Protection cards are valid for 2 years after the date on the card. For registered leaders wishing to renew their youth protection, they can go to www.threefirescouncil.org and register on the MyScouting portion of the website. You will need your registration number (on your membership card) in order to take an on-line course.

MORE DETAILS: See Mr. Marineau.



THANK YOU

TO ALL who came and helped at the River Glen Workday last Saturday. The weather cooperated and the mulch got spread. The grounds look great!

TO River Glen Church for providing us with our venue each week. ☺

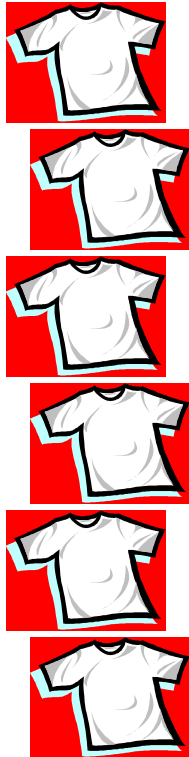
TO Mrs. Marcia Huston for organizing and coordinating the many Boards of Review at the last Advancement Night! She marshaled several parent volunteers to ensure the boys had adequate opportunity to participate. **Thanks also to all parents** who came forward to help Marcia. Couldn't have done it without you all!

TO Mr. Dave Rypka for finalizing our recharter with the District. We have 98 registered scouts, plus 25 Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, plus many many other adults in various roles. **Thank you Adult Volunteers!!!!**



THANK YOU

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 May 7th! Shirts will be available 2-3 weeks after that. Payment due on delivery.

TROOP 81 ADULT VOLUNTEERS

RECEIVE DISTRICT AWARDS



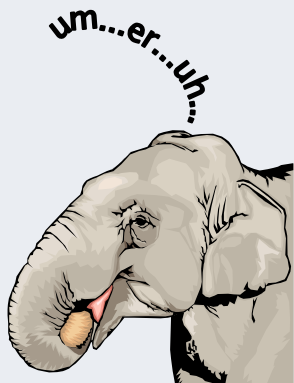
Early in our Council's history a Scoutmaster by the name of Ed Rotollow was very active in helping scouts at both the unit and district level. When he passed away in 1985, the Cub Scout Roundtable of Illinois District collected funds in honor of his work, and purchased silver acorns. This special recognition is presented to one adult uniformed or non-uniformed Scouter in each unit, who does outstanding work within the unit to help make it successful. Each unit should honor the person who plants the seeds that helps the unit grow and bloom. The "acorn" represents the "seed" that when planted grows into a mighty oak tree. We recognize that the oak tree has hard and durable wood. The adult recipient's efforts will affect their unit's growth and make it as sturdy as the mighty oak tree.

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KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP COMMITTEE



Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **May 31, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. All adults are welcome ... and there's always FREE FOOD served. (Also, Committee Members and ASMs: **please reserve July 12th** for our annual post-Owasippe celebration.)



Forget something?

Forget something that you've either read or heard about? Check out the archived newsletters on our Troop website:

www.troop81.org

There's a whole section set aside called "Newsletters" going back to ...gulp... 2006 or so.

There's 108 newsletters so far to keep you busy!

Adults from our Troop received a number of awards at the District Awards Dinner, held May 1st.

For Troop 163, Silver Acorn: **Mr. Bill Marineau**
For Ship 2501, Silver Acorn: **Mr. Joe Harrington**



A special additional award – **The Spark Plug Award** – is presented usually to newer individuals throughout the district who bring a great deal of energy to the district and to the entire scouting program. As the name suggests, these members generate the necessary "sparks" to ignite our scouting engine. **Mr. Ray Loback** was one of three who received this award.

Another special award – **The Oil Can Award** – is presented to three individuals throughout the district who provide the "grease" to make our scouting wheels turn smoothly. Our Scoutmaster **Mr. Tim Maurer** was presented with this award.

The District Award of Merit is given to 3 individuals who represent the ideals of scouting and is the highest award given. Our own **Mr. Stuart Katz** received this honorable award.

In addition to his Troop 163 Silver Acorn award, **Mr. Marineau** also received a **District Silver Acorn** – there is only 1 of these awards given each year within our district – this is also quite an honor!

And, as most of you know, **Mr. Harrington** was also presented with the **Woods Service Award** from the National BSA – there is at most only 1 of these awards given each year in the entire nation. This award is presented for exceptional service and leadership in the field of Scouting for youth with disabilities. At the last Eagle Court of Honor for Ryan, there was a clear theme of giving back more to scouting than it has given to you. I highly recommend you read the press release about Mr. Harrington's service to the community throughout his entire life if you are wondering what "giving back more" might entail. ☺

<http://www.scouting.org/Media/PressReleases/2009/20080424.aspx>

Troop 81 is indeed fortunate to have *so many* volunteers from which to draw! Please join in congratulating these scouters on their awards.



Troop 81's own recipient of the '09 Silver Acorn Award will be announced at our Spring Court of Honor, May 28.

Here in **Mr. Greg Pronger's** own words is a summary of the **Moose Basic Training** held in early April. Thank you, Greg for taking time to recognize these scouts.

"The Moose Scout Basic Training happened a few weekends ago, and by my measure, was a great success. The scouts were divided into teams and rotated between 7 stations throughout the day.

"The Attending Moose Scouts were:

Sanjay A	Santan K	Shayan C	Alex K	Luke D
Daniel R	Alexander H	Zach R	Austin H	Blake Y

Felix R, a recent transferee, also attended the training.

"The older scouts organizing and performing the training were:

Supervisors.....Chris D. and Rajeev U.
Totin' Chip.....Tommy D. and Ben M.
Fireman Chit.....Alex P. and Dylan S.
Tents.....Garret G. and Michael B.
Trailer and Kitchen.....Aaron C. and Pat F.
1st Aid.....Jordan S.
Knots.....Alex K.
Flags.....Kevin S. and Cody S.

"Adults present on the camp-out (with little to do because the older scouts ran it so well) were Mr. Bainbridge (they ask him for a some "extra" cooking equipment and get delivered 4 huge bins overflowing, king), Mr. Dubbins (king of Dutch Oven cobblers), Mr. Ginell ("Greg, If things go much smoother, we're nearly out of a job.") Mr. Maurer ("Another hike up Mount Trashmore?"), and I ("I believe so, yes, Steve.").

"All attending Moose scouts completed their Tot'n Chit and Fireman's Chit tests, as well as their "Cooking Over an Open Fire" requirement for Second Class. Also, in cooking their meal over an open fire, with a bit of discussion with a guide or instructor would also complete the Tenderfoot requirement #3.

"The scouts also had their patrol election:

Alexander H - Patrol Leader

Luke D - Assistant Patrol Leader

Austin H - Patrol Cook

Daniel R - Patrol Quartermaster

"Finally, Chris D., did an outstanding job putting together a detailed plan for the event, including the training materials and tests for the "Fireman's Chit" and "Tot'n Chit" tests, a solid schedule for the entire weekend, and ensuring that as any hic-up in the plan occurred, adjusting his plan to the situation. Chris truly took ownership of the event, planned it out, communicated his plan, and then ensured that it was delivered."



**Moose Scouts will be presented
with their first awards at the May Court of Honor, May 28th.**

