



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting May 21st, 2009

Flags will be done by **SCORPION PATROL**, who should arrive early and stay late for set-up/take-down duties.

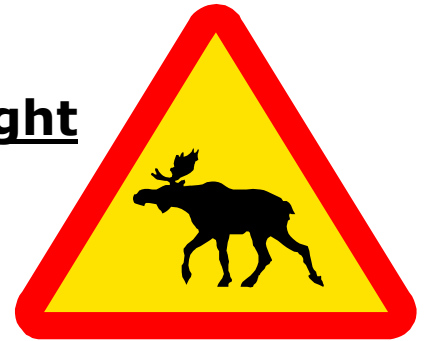
Full Class A Uniforms, Gentlemen!



Bring back all troop equipment CLEAN & DRY from the campout!

PARENTS! It's our Summer Camp Info Night This Thursday

Come hear firsthand the tips that will make your son's experience at summer camp a successful one. This is not just for Moose parents – this meeting is for anyone who has questions.



We'll discuss:

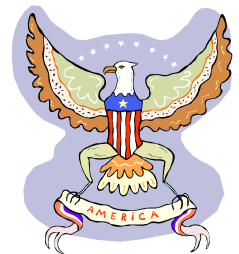
- what to bring (and *not* to bring)
- our first-aid and medications procedures
- how you can contact your scout (and when to do so)
- transportation...sack lunches...spending money...the Buddy System...mosquito nets...electronics...downtime...
- Wet Wednesday...the KYBO boogie man...and other hygiene issues! It's fun – it's informative – C U there!

SCOUTS! It's Advancements Night

Come prepared to work...or to help other scouts...and complete rank advancements and/or merit badges.

EAGLES' CORNER

We have a *flurry* of Eagle activity this week!



- Please join **Aaron M** on Sat May 23 (8-12) and again Sun May 24 (1-5 pm) as he completes (with your help!) a patio for the River Glen Church. Sign-up sheet is at Troop Meeting, along with a tool list – wear Class B's + hat. The best part: the **FREE FOOD!**
- Please join us at River Glen, 3 pm May 23rd, to present an Eagle Court of Honor for **Dan B**. Full Class A uniform. Dessert reception will follow.
- On May 30th, join us again at River Glen at 2 pm, to present an Eagle Court of Honor for **Colin McG**.



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

May 21: Troop Mtg. Advancements!
(Scorpion) Summer camp info meeting.

May 28: Court Of Honor, River Glen Church.
(Viking)

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

June 11: Troop Mtg. Open fire cooking competition. (Blackhawk)

June 18: Troop Mtg. Tent assignments for Owasippe. (Eagle)

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

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **The Amazing Race:** Blackhawk took 3rd; Scorpion 2nd; and Wolverine was a speedy 1st place in our troop-wide relay race last week. Scouts completed 6 stations.
- **Class B T-Shirt Orders:** These were due way back when. Contact Mrs. Wycklendt if you missed—she MAY be able to accommodate you....
- **Extra-Curriculars:** Hiking folk met with Mrs. Draper. Horsemanship met with Mr. Pronger and turned in permission slips. Philmont crews met to discuss crew shirts and pack inspection. Contact your respective leader if you missed these meetings.
- **Summer Camp:** The deadline was LAST Thursday.
- **Health & Medication Forms:** ENUF said! Turn these in to Mrs. Nagy. Please attend to this so you can attend camping! ☺

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



Merit Badges for Summer Camp: **Remember** that you need to purchase or borrow the necessary merit badge books for Owasippe. Print out and bring with you the appropriate worksheet for each merit badge. **NO worksheets will be available up there: you must bring your own!** There are many places on-line to get merit badge worksheets – here is but one:

<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

Also, **check out our Troop Library** – you can borrow most of these merit badge booklets. There is a merit badge book sign-out sheet at the front table at each troop meeting. Our Troop Librarian is Garrett G. – see him if you have ?'s.

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **May 28 2009:** Court of Honor! Full details coming next issue.
- **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 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.



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.)



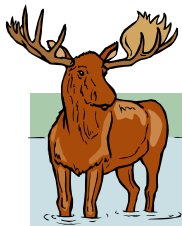
Ok, we got your attention!

We still need at least 2 shoppers to purchase the Troop's food for the Saturday night we arrive at summer camp, and the first Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Contact Dan Cronin or Tim Maurer if you can help with this.

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.



GREAT JOB! Your Moose Scouts did a fabulous job on their first (of many) rotations with our meeting set-up, flags, and clean-up! (I overheard a seasoned older Scout approach the flags "caller" and compliment him on a job well done.) There will be many more opportunities for you to be proud of your Scout in Troop 81.

Our **Spring Court of Honor** is coming up on May 28th - Have you reserved this date? If you are new to Boy Scouts, you can think of this event as a mini-Blue&Gold. Courts are held 3-4 times a year, and recognize the rank advancements and other achievements of our Scouts.



Once your Scout receives his 1st rank of "Scout", at his first Court of Honor he will also receive a special pin to present to his mother. With each subsequent rank advancement, the Scout receives a new badge for his uniform, and his mother receives another pin to wear on a special red ribbon. Many of our new Scouts will be receiving their 1st rank badge on May 28th - this is a special Court of Honor for them, so please plan on attending!



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

MAIL CALL! Mark **June 20th** and **June 29th** on your calendars now! **WHY?** Come hear the mail procedures and get tips at our Summer Camp info night, **THIS THURS May 21st**. Start mailing your letters and cards ~June 20th so your scout will get his at the first mail call. Mail *no later than* June 29th. See details here:

http://www.troop81.org/documents/2009_Owasippe.pdf



SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Only 6 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp.

THAT'S FIVE weeks!

Are YOUR affairs in order?! There was a bright orange checklist inside your packet from Mrs. Fosler - please take another look at this!

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.



Scouts! Here's a chance to earn your Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge on June 12, 2009

At last year's picnic Mr. Joe Harrington completed 55 Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge Blue Cards! So, by request he will once again, in conjunction with the annual picnic for the disabled (**see info next page**), be hosting a Disability Awareness Merit Badge Clinic on site **Friday only June 12th at approx 7:00 pm.** (There will NOT be sufficient time on Sat to conduct another Clinic – just Friday.) So, Scouts should come prepared by completing pre-requisites 4 and one from 5, (if you choose option 5b, the 8 hour volunteer time can be achieved by helping Fri &/or Sat) facilities and personnel will be present both Friday & Saturday to fulfill ALL of the other requirements. **Bring your blue cards properly filled out.**

Contact Mr. Harrington, joe@hbscomputers.com or 630-707-0200 for more information.

Some of you mentioned that the PDF for last week's newsletter was missing the first page – here again is the column if you missed it:

A FEW WORDS FROM SCOUTMASTER MAURER



Some Patrols spend a great deal of time and effort on their cooking, and food is important to them, while other Patrols spend a great deal of time on their other activities, and food takes a back seat to these other things. Neither is better than the other – the Patrols are just different.

But I've noticed a general deterioration in the cooking skills within our Troop! So I'd like to outline a few guidelines for future campouts.

- Scouts should plan on cooking all meals (unless activities call for sack lunches) – this means preparing hot, cooked meals from 'scratch', not eating them already prepared out of a packet (donuts comes to mind) or a can.
- Scouts should get actively involved in the meal planning at troop meetings – this will guarantee there is something that you like to eat on the campout!
- Scouts should eat within their own Patrols.
- Other patrols have not accounted for you as a guest in their meal planning and they will run out of food for their own scouts if you eat their food.
- If you don't like what is being served in your patrol, see point #2, above.
- Some months ago, scouts contributed recipes to a Patrol Cookbook. Let's get these out and have another look at them. Soon, we'll be having our open fire cooking competition – this is a fun annual event, and I'm looking forward to it.



Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend!





**Annual Three Fires Council /
Alhambra
Picnic for the disabled
Wants Troop 81
Friday June 12th &
Saturday June 13th 2009**

Troop 81 made a great showing at this event last year with many of our boys earning their Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge along with earning those required service hours for their next rank advancement.

Once again Three Fires Council and the International Order of Alhambra have teamed up to put on this spectacular event. We anticipate once again that attendance will be in excess of 1000+. That is where **Troop 81** comes in. In order to put on an event of this magnitude, we need help. In 2007 we had about 80 Boy Scouts and leader volunteers. In 2008 we had just over 200 Scouts and leaders from 7 different Councils lending a hand. Every year we have several Troops camp over night and even more helping for the day.

We desperately need help setting up Friday June 12th from 10:00am to 5:00pm. As in years past, we need help setting up 100s of chairs, moving tons of charcoal, moving pallets of bottled water, etc. Then on Saturday June 13th, 8:00am 5:00pm to we need help working games, serving food, making popcorn, passing out prizes and take down. I **guarantee** you will be touched by this experience not to mention all the fun you will have.

**Anyone from Troop 81 is welcome to camp overnight for FREE.
Free food for all on Saturday.**

**That's FREE FOOD and FREE Camping!
You can't get both of those at a Committee Meeting. ☺**

Uniform will be Class A with Troop 81 hat.

Location: Montalbano Furniture Company
3000 St. Charles Rd.
Bellwood, IL 60104



Let us know if you would like to be part of this or another one of these memorable events in the future by emailing Joe at joe@hbscomputers.com or calling him directly at 630-707-0200.