



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting **June 18th, 2009**

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

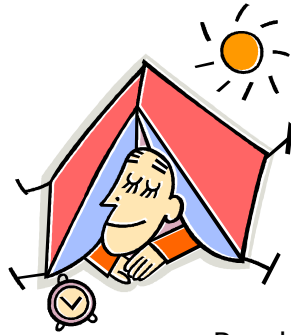
Class B Uniforms are worn for the summer. Hats & belts are still part of the uniform.



REMINDER:

Have you found/bought the parts for your mosquito net yet? See Moose News for further details.

THIS THURSDAY

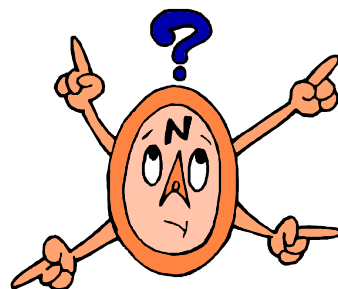
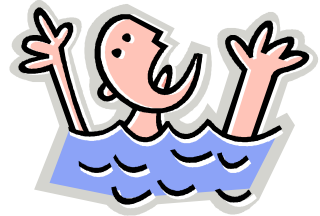


We're gearing up for Summer Camp, with less than 2 weeks to go. We'll be working on:

- Tent assignments
- Merit badge paperwork
- Readyng the trailers
- Answering your questions!

PRACTICE SWIM TEST THIS WED JUNE 17th

Any Scout who wants to practice for his Owasippe swim test, please meet at the Brookdale Pool (no. side of Brookdale Rd, between Preston and Tudor Dr.) at 6.30 pm. Please bring \$3 to cover the guest swim fee. Contact Mr. Pronger for details. Pray for warmer, dryer weather!



GET LOST: Mr. Bainbridge is on the war path about this – please check our Lost & Found bins – often you don't know you've lost something until you've found it, right?

And, get out those Sharpie markers and label EVERYthing for summer camp and your high adventure trips. Yes, EVERYthing. Bring it all on Thursday and we'll have a special marking session just for YOU!



MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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!

July 2: NO meeting!

July 9: Troop Mtg. Troop
+ Patrol Elections.
(Scorpion)

July 12: Troop Com-
mittee Mtg/BBQ 4.30 pm

July 16: NO meeting!

July 23: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

July 30: NO meeting!

Aug 6: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Aug 8: 75th Anniversary
Celebration @ Von Oven

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BOY SCOUTS**
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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LAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **Take a Hike:** There is a 5 miler + fishing trip on Saturday July 11th. See Mrs. Draper for details. We bet you can do this in the morning **AND** go to the Eagle Ceremony in the afternoon!
- **Class B Uniforms:** There are a few extras, so see Mesdames See & Wycklendt to buy last minute items. If you haven't picked up your order, please come do so at this Troop Meeting.
- **Medical Forms:** Mrs. Nagy has sent out several emails with information specific to those who have not completed their medical forms. PLEASE attend to this – this is like the 12th reminder to do so. Parents, you will be called to pick up your son from Owasippe if he does not have these forms in order. Please check Mrs. Nagy's list.
- **Thanks!** Aaron C as acting SPL would like to thank all scouts who helped at the Owasippe Service Project weekend.

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

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **June 27-July 4 2009:** Summer Camp at Owasippe!
- **July 9 2009:** SPL and Patrol Elections – plan ahead!
- **Summer Schedule:** After the July 9 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.)
- **July 12 2009:** Troop Committee BBQ. Details coming.
- **August 8 2009:** Troop 81's 75th Anniversary Celebrations! Come join us at Von Oven Scout Reservation, downtown Naperville.
- **August 23:** Summer Court of Honor – River Glen Church.
- **September 25-26-27:** Regional Jamboree at Oshkosh, WI, experimental aircraft grounds.
- **November 14 2009:** Annual Pancake Breakfast!



EAGLES CORNER

Not 1, but 2 Eagle Ceremonies to announce:

Saturday July 11th, 3 pm @ River Glen Church, for Patrick O'; and
Sunday July 12th, 2 pm @ River Glen Church, for Christopher B.

Invitations have been (or are being) sent out – RSVP to the appropriate contacts.





SUMMER CAMP COUNTDOWN

Only 2 more meetings until we depart for Summer Camp.

THAT'S just over 1 more week!



**NO CELL PHONES
ALLOWED AT
OWASIPPE – SEND
LETTERS INSTEAD!**

Start sending letters to Owasippe this weekend!

Start mailing your letters and cards to your Scout ~June 20th so he will get his at the first mail call. Mail *no later than* June 29th to be safe. See details here:

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

USEFUL NEWS FOR MOOSE SCOUTS



Ready for Summer Camp?! We have had a few questions about tenting situations.

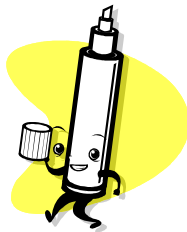
Scouts sleep in army-style 'campaign' tents at Owasippe. These are large canvas structures with a wooden floor (pallet), with flaps for sides which can be tied open/closed. They are not bug-proof! Scouts sleep on cots – not the floor. Scouts rig up their own mosquito net tent over their cots/beds. Do you know how to do this? You'll need 4 poles (small pvc pipe, dowels, or driveway markers) + netting (available at camping stores).

Look on our Troop website for archived pics of summer camp – look under "Scrapbook". Year 2004 has some good ones, starting from image 2940. The poles fit into the ends of the cots; the netting drapes over the poles. Here's what one of the leader's tents look like, complete with satellite dish:

<http://www.troop81.org/Pictures/2008/Owasippe%202008/slides/DSC01132.html> . And here's another great image of how these mosquito nets usually, um, er "work":
<http://www.troop81.org/Pictures/2008/Owasippe%202008/slides/DSC01106.html> .

When you are packing, bind the 4 poles for this mossie 'tent' together with duct tape AND be sure your son's name/initials are on ALL FOUR POLES! Every scout brings these poles, and they will be chucked into the trailer separate to their packs/duffles. Many will look alike – save headache and be sure they are bound together securely...and have names displayed prominently!

If you haven't done so yet, have your scout lay out EVERYthing he knows he needs for camp out on the floor. When you have EVERYthing together, have him label EVERYthing with a Sharpie marker. And did I mention EVERYthing?!...yes, underwear, too!



FULL CLASS A UNIFORM NEEDED FOR OWASIPPE



the appropriate uniform for our summer Troop Meetings is now the Class "B" red shirt, hat and belt.

This gives your son a chance to wash his Class "A" before summer camp. Yes, he will need his Class A at Owasippe – read about this, below.

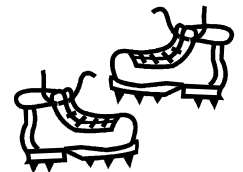
Are your new patches and badges sewn on yet? ☺

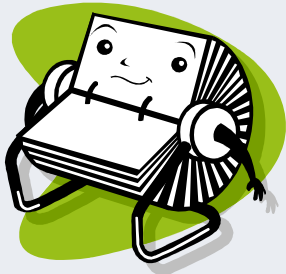
CAMPOUT TRAVEL & CAMPING UNIFORM

As a reminder, the Class "A" uniform shirt, hat, belt and **hiking boots** (WEARING them, on your FEET!) are always required to travel to and from a campout.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Usually we do not require the neckerchief/slide/bolo for travel, **but!!!**

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SAVE \$\$\$ – LAST CHANCE!

This is your LAST reminder to pick up your NEW Troop Roster (now a month old already).

Please save us some \$\$\$ in postage by picking this up at Troop Meetings.

If you cannot do this yourself, please remind your scout to pick this up, or ask a neighbor or friend.

There's a box at the back table, or see Mr. Mangefrida or Mr. Rypka.

UNIFORM INFO – CONT:

... but your neckerchief and slide/bolo **ARE** required up at Owasippe, so no one will be allowed to leave the Hill parking lot for Owasippe if they do not have their complete Class A uniform, and this includes the neckerchief and slide/bolo this time.

Class "B" uniforms and hats are required if the scout wants to leave our campsite. This is for the scouts' safety, because the leadership can easily see the Troop 81 "red" in the woods while keeping track of a large number of scouts. We will be enforcing this.

At Owasippe, we use the "buddy system" – scouts sign out on a board to leave camp to go to their merit badge locations, swimming, KYBO, etc., with a buddy.

*** * *** Again, you WILL need your neckerchief/bolo at summer camp: FULL Class A uniforms are worn in the dining hall for dinner at Owasippe ...and at flag ceremonies. Someone recommended packing a hanger to remind your scout to keep that Class A shirt fresh in the tents? ☺



KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR COMMITTEE

Committee Members and ASMs: please reserve **July 12th** for our annual post-Owasippe celebration. 4.30 pm start – details coming. Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be on July 12th as well. (All other business over the summer will be handled at regular Troop meetings.)

Our 75th Anniversary Plans Take Shape

Mrs. Schwartz is heading up this important Troop 81 milestone: our 75th Anniversary Celebration on August 8th. She's already gathered input from the SPL, from our Troop Historian and Librarian, and she has many adult volunteers stepping forward to help already.

**1934-2009
75th
Anniversary**

Scouts: Mrs. Schwartz will visit each Patrol for your input. If you have any ideas for activities during our celebration at Von Oven, please discuss them with other scouts. Ideas so far have been: hold a flag retirement ceremony; show off your pioneering skills by erecting a monkey bridge or tower; a COPE station; an Eagle Scout memorabilia station; and geocaching/treasure hunts.

Adults: If you can help with publicity, food prep, decorations, set-up/take-down, the invitations, the program, or the activities in any way, please contact Beth directly.

Scrap-bookers: If you are handy with scrap-booking, we will be preparing one for this event. It is so interesting to look through the 50th, the 60th, the 65th, and the 70th anniversary albums!