



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Flags will be done by **SCORPION 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:**

**Bring back ALL Troop equipment this Thurs!**

**QuarterMasters to attend at 6.00 (or find a substitute).**

## WELCOME HOME, SCOUTS!

This Thursday:

- Bring all Troop camping equipment back – trailers will be available. 
- We are holding Troop and Patrol elections! Come elect your Senior Patrol Leader...and/or be prepared to participate in leading your Patrol. 
- Look through the Lost & Found bin after Summer Camp...if you dare...usually you don't know you've lost it 'til you "find" IT....
- Contact your Merit Badge Counselor(s) if you need requirements signed off: deadline for Boards of Review before the August Court of Honor is looming – see details next page.

## OWASIPPE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

THANKS to ALL of the many many volunteers who helped make this year's camp so successful. We are indeed a fortunate Troop to have so many involved, willing parents and helpers. See Mr. Harrington's messages, last 2 pgs, below.





## **MTG. CALENDAR**

**NEW INFO IS IN RED**

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

**July 12:** Troop Committee Mtg/BBQ

**July 16:** NO meeting!

**July 23:** Troop Mtg. (Viking)

**July 30:** NO meeting!

**Aug 6:** Troop Mtg. (Wolverine)

**Aug 8:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration @ Von Oven

**Aug 13:** NO meeting!

**Aug 20:** Troop Mtg. (Blackhawk)

**Aug 23:** Court of Honor

**Aug 27:** Troop Mtg?

## **TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS**

River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

[WWW.TROOP81.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP81.ORG)



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

- **Take a Hike:** There is a 5 miler + fishing trip in Shabbona State Park on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Draper for details. Your permission slip is DUE.
- **Summer Meetings:** Check the calendar – we meet every other week now. Plan accordingly for getting your requirements signed off. There is NO August campout, but join us at our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary instead on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Von Oven! (Details next page.)
- **Planning Meeting:** The Troop's annual planning meeting will be held after the Troop Elections. This meeting is attended by Scouts interested in planning our next full year's activities. Details to come from Mr. Maurer.

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

## **EAGLES CORNER**

**THIS WEEKEND!** 2 Eagle Ceremonies to attend!

**Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>,** 3 pm @ River Glen Church, for Patrick O'; and

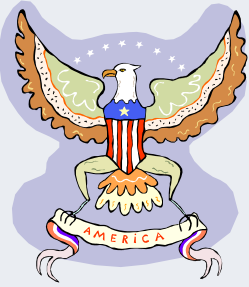
**Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>,** 2 pm @ River Glen Church, for Christopher B.



Invitations have been sent out – RSVP to the appropriate contacts.

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

- **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. @ 4 or 4.30 pm - details coming via separate email.
- **August 8 2009:** Troop 81's 75<sup>th</sup> 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! See further info, below.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Another Eagle Project is in the ...er...'Wings'.

**WHAT:** Cody S. (Blackhawk) is creating a garden area with a retaining wall to help enhance the property at Little Friends, a private, nonprofit organization, founded in 1965, that serves children with autism and developmental disabilities.

**WHEN:** 9am to 6pm Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> and 11.30am to 6pm Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MEET:** The actual location is the corner of E. Franklin Avenue & N. Columbia Street on the Little Friend's grounds.

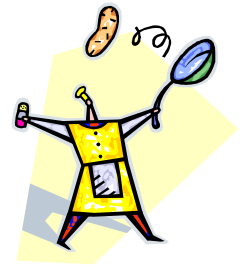
**TOOLS:** Bring shovels, rakes, hand tampers, small digging trowels, levelers, work gloves and safety glasses.

**SIGN UP THIS THURS:** Please sign up THIS THURS because we have no meeting the following week. Or contact Cody directly. Remember, "A Scout Is...HELPFUL."

## PANCAKE NEWS

By now you've probably noticed our Pancake Breakfast date is set for the morning of **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Yes, it's rolling around already. Please mark this on your calendars.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers already lined up to help with this annual event. Mr. Charlie Lupsha will again lead our fundraising efforts. Mr. Overton is handling our retail sales outlets. Ticket sales kick off early September. Watch for details!



We are in need of a few more volunteers. In the next few weeks we will detail exactly the help we need. Please contact Mr. Dan Cronin, our Committee Chair, or Charlie, if you want to get in on the ground floor. ☺



## KEEP CURRENT WITH YOUR COMMITTEE

Committee Members and ASMs: please reserve **July 12<sup>th</sup>** for our annual post-Owasippe celebration. 4.30 pm start – details coming.

Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> as well. (All other business over the summer will be handled at regular Troop meetings.)

## Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans Take Shape

Mrs. Schwartz is heading up this important Troop 81 milestone: our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**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 50<sup>th</sup>, the 60<sup>th</sup>, the 65<sup>th</sup>, and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary albums!

## OUR 'THANK YOU' PAGES ARE BELOW



A GREAT BIG

**THANK YOU**

FROM MR. HARRINGTON

A great big thank you goes out to all the parents and leaders who were instrumental in a very successful summer camp for our boys. Summer camp is a big undertaking for any troop and without the help of you as parents and leaders, it is just not possible. Once again, the boys had a great time with the opportunity to have fun, experience new things, and earn some merit badges. Our summer camp SPL Tommy D. kept everything running exceptionally smooth and was a great help. I'm also happy to report that once again this year the boys from Troop 81 earned the highly coveted "Baden Powell Award" presented from Owasippe Scout Reservation for outstanding camp condition and readiness.

Thank you to **Mrs. Fosler** and **Mr. Fosler** for the amount of time in taking care of all the behind the scenes things that need to be done prior to our even attending summer camp. Their work started a year before summer camp, which is a huge undertaking. **Mrs. Nagy** for the many hours of dredging through all the new medical forms and making sure our Troop was in compliance. **Mrs. Groeber**, the "boss" while at summer camp, very well organized in keeping all the boys schedules and me, along with all the adult assignments and driving schedules in order; **Mrs. Dubbins** for the many hours of time she *will* put in processing the 100's of merit badges earned at summer camp and **Mrs. Emanuel** for her time spent assembling all the awards for our boys. **Dr. O'Brien** and **Mr. Smith** for their professional expertise in the time of need, **Mr. Baker**, **Mr. Choudhury**, **Mr. Clair**, **Mrs. Cosenza**, **Mr. Dubbins**, **Mr. Ginell**, **Mr. Gruman**, **Mr. Haraus**, **Mr. Hartwig**, **Mr. Loback**, **Mr. Nave**, **Mr. Pittard**, **Mr. Pronger**, **Mr. Ruvarac**, **Mr. Sandy**, **Mr. Cronin**, and **Mr. Maurer** for their leadership and support for the boys throughout the week. Words cannot convey their dedication to the boys of Troop 81.

**When you see the above noted parents and leaders, please take a moment to say 'Thank You!'**

## Owasippe Trail Marker Award



I'm not sure exactly when this tradition began within Troop 81, but once again our adult leadership selected a few boys to receive this coveted honor. A little bit of history that I learned regarding these trail makers, I learned that the markers presented to the boys for their outstanding attitude and contribution are the real deal "old school" trail markers originally purchased by Owasippe Scout Reservation back in the 1940's or so, that's almost 70 years old. These are not used markers that are rusted and bent that have been "removed" from the trail and sold on EBay for \$40.00 or more, these are new original markers with the word Owasippe embossed on the metal Fleur De Lis. This is a true honor for the boys to receive this. These are not just a symbol, but a part of history from the oldest Boy Scout Camp in the United States which this year turns 98 years old. This year's recipients are:

**Tommy D.** Summer camp SPL --- for his outstanding leadership and guidance of the boys and keeping me and the other adults in line. ☺

**Ben M. and Bradford W.** --- for their leadership displayed during the course of the week aiding other scouts and our troop during the time of need and the positive encouragement they provided to our boys.

**Mike B.** --- for his positive attitude, his helping hand and the encouragement he displayed throughout the week to many of our younger scouts.

**Mrs. Groeber** was also presented a trail marker for the many hours of schedule planning before camp, and at camp once we arrived and found ourselves with all those last second schedule/location changes presented to us at the start of camp, and of course for keeping us adults in line. Thank you Mrs. Groeber.

**I look forward to many more summer camps to come!**

**~ Mr. Harrington**

Last, but certainly NOT least...  
500 Individuals with Special Needs THANK  
For coming out and braving the rain,  
to help with the annual picnic for the disabled.



YOU!!!!!!

**Troop 81** made another great showing this year with 12 boys spending a better part of a day and more lending a hand. Nine of our Scouts also earned their Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge. I will forward your service hours worked to Mrs. Dubbins. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

**Special thanks goes out to these Scouts:**

**Jordan S.  
Ben M.  
Andrew N.  
Jarod L.**

**Garrett G.  
Daniel R.  
Brad F.  
Kevin H.**

**Alex N.  
Dan C.  
Kevin D.  
Thomas C.**

**And the following Leaders:**

**Mr. Cronin & Mr. Loback**

**Thank you again,**

**~ Mr. Harrington**