



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## **Troop Meeting** **Aug 27, 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 thru 9/3 only. **Starting 9/10, we're back in Class A's.**



1934-2009  
75th  
Anniversary



## **PANCAKE** **BREAKFAST TICKET** **SALES DATES**

**REMINDER TO BOTH PARENTS & SCOUTS!**

**FULL details of the Pancake Breakfast ticket selling process will be explained to Scouts & Parents at this Thursday's Troop Meeting.**

**Be sure to bring your calendars to our meetings – we will have Pancake selling session sign-up sheets at the back tables.**

**Weekend #1 Sales begin September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> already!**

**In general**, Scouts sign up to work at least 4 selling sessions as well as work at the event itself; Adults sign up to drive/supervise sales for at least 2 sessions and assist at the event itself. Scouts also can earn 10% of their total sales (credit to their Scout Account) + other incentives along the way.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST = SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> !!!**

## **COURT OF HONOR RECAP**

Full details of our Sunday Court of Honor can be found on the last few pages of this newsletter. Even if you attended, have a read – the accomplishments of our Scouts are amazing!





## **MTG. CALENDAR**

### ***NEW INFO IS IN RED***

**Aug 27:** Troop Mtg  
(Eagle) + Pancake 101

**Sept 3:** Troop Mtg.  
(Moose) Last mtg with  
Class B's. If applicable,  
wear your High Adventure  
Class B to promote our  
HA programs this night.

**Sept 5 & 6:** Weekend  
#1 Pancake Breakfast  
Ticket Sales Begin!

**Sept 10:** Troop Mtg.  
(Scorpion) Class A  
Uniform required.

**Sept 12-13:** Weekend  
#2 Pancake Ticket Sales

**Sept 17:** Troop Mtg.  
(Viking)

**Sept 19-20:** Weekend  
#3 Pancake Ticket Sales

**Sept 24:** Troop Mtg.  
(Wolverine)

**Sept 26-27:** Campout +  
Weekend #4 Pancake Tix

**Oct 1:** Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk)

**Oct 3-4:** Weekend #5

## **TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS**

River Glen Church  
Naperville, IL

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



## **THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements**

- **PAY IT FORWARD** In the coming weeks, you will receive information about *several* Eagle Scout projects – we have about 10 scouts needing to finish their projects. This is a very busy time in our Troop, with Pancake Breakfast ticket sales ... exciting campouts ... and of course school. This is your chance, however, to “pay it forward” – by helping scouts now on their projects, you’ll guarantee that scouts will be willing to help on yours.
- **LOST & FOUND** The statute of limitations has evidently been reached for the L&F bin. Unless you label your stuff (so it can be returned to you), items will be donated or thrown out.
- **LOW COPE CHALLENGE** Scouts rotated through 5 stations last Thursday to complete Low Cope team-building exercises. There are evidently *many different ways* to balance “ants-on-a-log”. ☺
- **ARGONNE LAB OPEN HOUSE** Mr. Ginell invites you all to this cosmic event. Details here: [http://www.anl.gov/Community\\_and\\_Environment/Open\\_House.html](http://www.anl.gov/Community_and_Environment/Open_House.html)
- **LIBRARY BOOKS** If you borrowed Merit Badge books for summer camp, please return them to our Troop Librarian – and who is that? – find out in your NEW Troop Roster (handed out at Court of Honor).

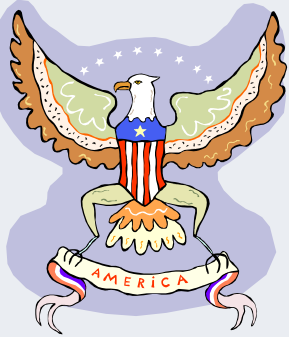
All previous newsletters are archived here:  
<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>

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

- **Meeting + Uniform Schedule:** Troop is back to meeting every week. Class B uniform 8/27 and 9/3. Starting 9/10, it’s back to Class A’s everyone! Note a special Class B night on 9/3 (← see side bar to the left).
- **September 25-26-27:** Regional Midwest Jamboree at Oshkosh, WI, experimental aircraft grounds. *I highly recommend you catch the excitement by clicking on this website:* <http://www.glcj.org>. Twelve councils have joined together to hold a regional event worthy of a “once in a lifetime” anniversary, celebrating 100 years of Scouting in America, and on par with the 2010 National Jamboree. *Not to be missed!*
- **October 16-18:** Indian Prairie Camporee at Morris (Rainbow Council Camp)
- **November 6-7-8:** **The Silo’s indoor climbing event, Bloomington, IL.** Camping is at Camp Peairs. Climbing info at [www.upperlimits.com](http://www.upperlimits.com). Be sure to click on the 360’ interactive look! This is going to be fun ☺
- **November 14 2009:** Don’t forget our Annual Pancake Breakfast! There are 10 weekends of sales. See specific dates to the ← left.



## EAGLES CORNER



### RESERVE THE DATE

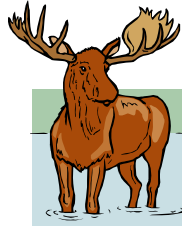
**Chris D's Eagle Project** starts Sun 8/30 (1-5pm) and continues Sat 9/5, at River Glen. You'll be building a replica of a wooden Haitian hut to promote awareness of poverty. This project is for S.T.E.P. (steps to eliminate poverty), a nonprofit organization. The hut will be used for their annual event known as the S.T.E.P. Walk. It will be an exhibit that shows an example of a shelter, which a Haitian might live in. Bring hammers and work gloves. There are sign-up sheets at Troop Meetings or contact Chris directly.

**Remember:**  
"A Scout Is . . .  
**HELPFUL!"**

Also, reminding you that **Kevin D's Eagle Court of Honor** will be held Sat Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. Details in the last newsletter.

## USEFUL MOOSE NEWS

Each issue we'll highlight something just for new Families. **BUT** – other parents might find an antler tip or two in here, too!



If your Scout received a rank advancement at the Court of Honor, you notice that it was pinned upside down – your Scout may turn it right side up after he has done his 1<sup>st</sup> "good turn" towards others. (Then he can sew it on his uniform properly, of course.)

The cards you receive with your rank advancements and merit badges should be kept! This is your son's record of completing these important accomplishments.

For many of you, this summer's Merit Badges are the first your Scout has earned. These are sewn on a special diagonal green sash (available at the Scout store or The Chalkboard), usually in rows of 3 across. Ensure your Scout sews his MBs on the **FRONT** of the sash, as it is worn over the **RIGHT** shoulder. Some Scouts prefer to wear their sash folded and then tucked over their belts.

Missing an item from your Scouting uniform? Mesdames See and Wycklendt manage our uniform exchange program. Perhaps there is something gently used in their stash you can buy – nominal fee of \$1 per item. They also have for sale new hats, scarfs, slides, and a few Class B shirts if your Scout lost these things at Owassippe!

### **NEW TROOP ROSTERS AVAILABLE!**

Get yours at the next Troop Meeting. Thanks to Messrs Rypka and Mangefrida for organizing this.



### **TROOP MTG ETIQUETTE**

Just a reminder to all Scouts: Please sit with your assigned Patrol at Troop Meetings. And to all Adult Leaders: Please sit with your Patrols, too! Jackets off. We start our meetings promptly at 7 pm.

### **OA FALL FELLOWSHIP**

Scouts' last opportunity to complete their Ordeal is September 11-12-13. Registration form is here:

<http://www.oalodge41.org/forms/2009%20Fall%20Fellowship%20Registration%20Form.pdf>. Other info is on the 3FC website under "Programs", then click on OA. And, if any of you Scouts have an OA sash, you are encouraged and welcome to join in this event. BSA's Order of the Arrow is "the brotherhood of cheerful service."

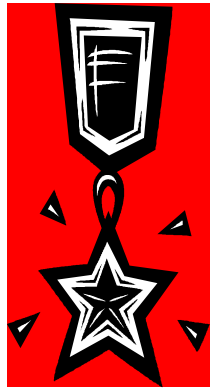


### **KEEPING CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP**



Our **next Troop Committee Meeting** will be **Sun, August 30, 7 pm** at River Glen Church. We keep this meeting strictly to an hour (or less). All adults are welcome...and there's always **FREE FOOD** served.

# COURT OF HONOR RECAP



First and foremost, the food was delicious! **Thanks** to Mrs. Sherri Nagy and her many helpers for organizing a fantastic feast.

- The Ceremony opened with a special invocation by Mr. Bill O'Brien, our Troop Chaplain. *The messages conveyed were important and I've republished this in its entirety – please see next pg.*
- Your new SPL is Tommy D, who announced his leadership team and the Patrol Leaders in turn announced theirs.
- Details of leadership positions can be found in the new Troop Roster – this was handed out in the foyer – pick up your copy at the next Troop meeting if you missed.
- Scoutmaster Maurer formally thanked Ryan N for his year of prior service as your T81 Senior Patrol Leader.
- Scoutmaster Maurer also announced two new Junior Assistant Scoutmasters, Kevin D and Ryan N. They will remain in these positions until they turn 18.
- There were 24 rank advancements: 1 new Scout, 4 Tenderfoot, 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 2 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 4 Star, and 4 Life rank achievements awarded.
- Adam B received his Eagle Bronze Palm and Ryan N received both his Eagle Bronze and Gold Palms. Each Eagle Palm is earned with 5 additional merit badges, 90 days active service in the troop, and continued development of leadership skills.
- Scouts earned and were awarded 212 individual Merit Badges.
- 8 Scouts received their national "100 Nights of Camping" award.
- Numerous Scouts and Leaders earned their "Miles Hiked" awards, ranging from 50 all the way to 700 (!) miles.
- Wolverine was awarded their Honor Patrol star. Patrols earn this star for their uniform by completing a community service project and meeting additional requirements outside of Troop meetings. Wolverine assisted at Naper Settlement Days.
- Mr. Harrington recognized Lisa Fosler and Carol Groeber for their assistance with Owasippe. He recognized Tommy D, Aaron C, and Kris P for their High Cope achievements, which earned themselves a Owasippe Cope T-shirt. He also recognized Tommy D for his assistance as Senior Patrol Leader at Owasippe.
- Owasippe photos and patches and Silversides certificates are available for each Scout who attended. These will be available at the next Troop Meeting.



- Four different High Adventure Crews (made up of 24 scouts and 13 adults total) each took a turn reminiscing about sitting on a horse (the Buffalo Trails Cavalcade), sitting on a boat (Whitewater Rafting), and not sitting at all (Philmont!). Numerous patches, DVDs, photos, and memorabilia were handed out – if you missed, please see your adult crew leader. *Interestingly*, for the Philmont crews, your arrowhead patch is *the only* patch in scouting which cannot be purchased but earned only through the completion of a Philmont backcountry trek, so “hang” onto it!



- Scoutmaster Maurer read off names of Scouts who have earned 50, 75, even 100+ hours of service for the Troop. With numerous Eagle Projects coming up, now is the time to reflect on ‘paying it forward’. Remember, a Scout is...helpful.



- Scoutmaster Maurer made a formal announcement of his retirement effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. He handed off the leadership of the troop by introducing Mr. Joe Harrington as the new Scoutmaster, and presenting Joe with his official Scoutmaster hat.

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REPRINT OF SPECIAL INVOCATION BY MR. BILL O’BRIEN, TROOP 81 CHAPLAIN  
 Court of Honor, Sunday August 23, 2009

*In place of a traditional invocation, I would like to offer a few reflections and some words of thanks. The August Court of Honor is always a good time to reflect on the past year. This year with the Troop’s 75th anniversary, it has added significance. Today we will see and hear about the many accomplishments of our sons: at camp, at meetings, and during high adventures.*

*How fortunate we are to be part of this Troop. How very blessed this Troop is and has been. Generations of boys have become young men in this Troop. They have been exposed to and hopefully taken to heart the Scout Oath and Law. When you hear the boys tell stories about their camp outs and see the awards they have earned, think about how far they have come and how they have grown. Each year new boys join, new parents donate their time, and older boys assume the Troop’s leadership roles.*

*Our Troop’s good fortune begins with our charter organization, River Glenn Church. We are so very thankful for their support. I find it refreshing that in today’s world, religious organizations are the main chartering organizations of the Boy Scouts and ask nothing in return as it relates to their own spiritual views. The values the Boy Scouts instill in young men are enough for them.*

*Our Troop is also blessed with many so many adults who give their time and of themselves to our sons. To them I thank you. Not only do these individuals give, but to their spouses and families, I would also like to say a word of thanks. To those who are not sure about going camping or getting involved, I would encourage you to do so. Campouts can be hot, cold, rainy, and muddy - but as my oldest and his friends are turning 18, I find that I am so very fortunate to have been able to spend time with them, see them grow, and share these experiences. You will build memories and experiences with your sons for both of you to share.*

*Lastly, we as a Troop are blessed to have boys and young men who hear the call of the outdoors, learn the Scout Oath and Law, and want to assume leadership roles. I would like to thank the boys for the opportunity to be involved with them and go along on their scout journey. To them, I would encourage them to continue to aim high. I would also like to suggest that they thank their parents and leaders for the time and effort they put in on their behalf.*

*Father, thank you for our many blessings; Continue to find favor with this Troop. Be here with us today and on our many outings. Keep us safe and let us realize how truly fortunate we are. Let us do a Good Turn each day.*