



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting September 3, 2009

Flags will be done by **MOOSE 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.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH ADVENTURE CREWS



Remember to wear your HA Crew shirts to our Troop Meeting THIS Thursday 9/3.



PANCAKE TICKET SALES KICK OFF THIS WEEKEND!

Mrs. Lisa Fosler is our first Parking Lot Captain. ***YEAH!***

Drivers: Make sure your insurance + license details are on file with our Activity Chairs (Mrs. Dunning or Mrs. Schwartz). If you're not sure, please check.

Scouts: FULL Class A uniform – look sharp!

Retail Sales Parents: Pick up your ticket packets on the Thurs prior to your event, but turn your \$\$\$ into the Parking Lot Captain by noon and/or 4 pm on your sales day.

Parents: If you missed our Pancake 101 meeting last week, look for full details at the end of this newsletter.

REMINDER TO PARENTS & SCOUTS! Bring your calendars to our meetings – we have all selling session sign-up sheets at the back tables.

LOOK WHAT'S AHEAD IN T81's SCOUTING FUTURE

- Be sure to check out our calendar to see the many new campouts planned for 2009-2010, pg 2, below. We'll fill in the specific dates and details as soon as they are confirmed.
- Monthly campouts not quite enough? Then check out our new High Adventure opportunities for 2010, pg 3, below!
- Seek out any scout or adult wearing his HA crew shirt on Thursday for details on the various opportunities. High Adventures are often the highlight of one's scouting 'career'.





MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

Sept 3: Troop Mtg.
(Moose)

Sept 5 & 6: Weekend
#1 Pancake Breakfast
Ticket Sales Begin! (Mrs.
Fosler is your Parking Lot
Captain)

Sept 10: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) Class A's!

Sept 12-13: Pancake
Ticket Sales Weekend#2
(Parking Lot Captain is
Mrs. Harrington)

Sept 17: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

Sept 19-20: Pancake
Weekend #3

Sept 24: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Sept 26-27: Campout +
Pancake Weekend #4

Sept 27: Webelos Open
House, Von Oven

Oct 1: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Oct 10: River Glen
workday! Weekend #5.

TROOP 81 BOY SCOUTS

River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

- **PANCAKE "101"** Scouts demonstrated the "how-to's" of pancake ticket selling and answered common questions about this event – Scouts, please see your Patrol Mentor if you missed this info session. We also held our Pancake Breakfast info meeting for parents. Much of the info is reprinted in this newsletter, but if you have questions, please come ask for help at our Troop Meetings.
- **PERMISSION SLIPS** The September campout permission slip is due September 10th, and is available at meetings, and soon will be online. Take special note of the departure time.
- **ADVANCEMENT NIGHT** Last Troop Meeting scouts worked on their advancements. We regularly set aside the last Thursday of each month for this purpose. Scouts are broken into groups, based on what they're working on; older scouts help with sign-offs.
- **GOT AWARDS?** If you missed our Court of Honor and are due some awards, patches, photos, etc., check the side table at Troop Meetings.

All previous newsletters are archived here:

<http://www.troop81.org/information.htm>

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **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. There will be merit badges, climbing towers, shooting sports, robot clubs, pumpkin chuckin', guitar hero competitions, aircraft demos, + fireworks show. ***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. Be sure to click on the 360' interactive look! This is going to be fun ☺
- **November 14 2009:** Annual Pancake Breakfast! There are 10 weekends of sales. See specific dates to the ← left.

NEW: December – Wilderness survival/geocaching campout

January – Klondike at Owasippe (ice rescue, low cope, sled race, obstacle course, etc.) ☺

February – Skiing campout, Sundown Mountain

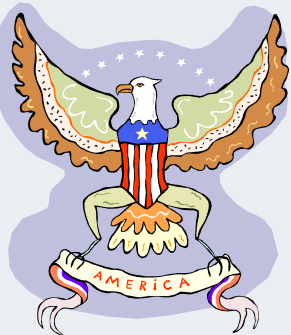
March – Governor Dodge State Park, Wisconsin

April – Illinois Caverns

May – Pause for Patriotism

June – Owasippe Service Project Weekend

EAGLES' CORNER



YOUR HELP NEEDED

There are sign-up sheets at Troop Mtgs or contact each Scout (below) directly.

Chris D's Eagle Project continues **Sat 9/5**, at River Glen. You'll be building a replica of a wooden Haitian hut to promote awareness of poverty. Bring hammers and work gloves.

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Patrick F needs help with stenciling storm drains in the Longwood and White Eagle subdivisions on **Sat Sept 12th**. See him for details.

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Matt M needs your help on **Sept 18, 19, and/or 20** – come any or all days - painting and assembling shelves for Good Shephard Lutheran Church.

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

NEW! **2010 High Adventures**

T81 Scouts met last month to select a short-list of High Adventures for next year.

There's the National Jamboree, of course ... and 3 new water-based adventures within Troop 81:

- Florida Sea Base (sailing)
- White-water Rafting
- Northern Tier (canoeing the Boundary Waters), Ely, Minnesota



Get involved! This Thursday, all previous HA Crew Members can discuss their personal experiences with your scout. Look for any scout or adult in his special HA crew shirt. *In general*, High Adventure events are for older scouts (13 or 14+ years, depending on the program). These scouts are actively involved in the planning of their own adventure.



We are in need of someone to write *Thank You* letters for our Troop.

The job is an easy one: Messrs. Maurer, Harrington, Simnick, or Cronin will pass along a name and address to send the letter; you would write the letter for one of these gentlemen to sign; and then mail the letter on the Troop's behalf.

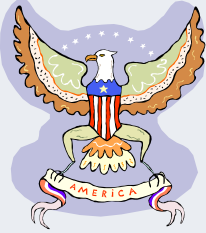
Examples of letters needed would be to our:

- Pancake Breakfast sponsors and retail outlets
- Friends of Scouting silent auction donors
- Businesses and community leaders hosting T81 events

If you've done this in the past and are interested in resurrecting this important task, or you're new and want to help out, please contact Mr. Dan Cronin, with our *THANKS!*



EAGLES' CORNER CONT....



Please reserve
October 3rd for
Aaron M's Eagle
Court of Honor.
Details are coming!

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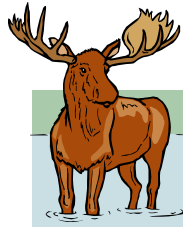
STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP COMMITTEE

Our next Troop
Committee Meeting
will be Sunday,
October 4th, 7 pm,
River Glen Church.

We are back on a
regular schedule now,
meeting – in general –
the first Sunday
evening of each
month.

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!



Thank you for coming to the Pancake 101 meeting last Thursday. If you missed, please read through the details below and on pages 4-6 of this newsletter.

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 Nov 14th event. Scouts also can earn 10% of their total sales (credit to their Scout Account) + other incentives along the way.

Helpful Reminders:

- **Be safe!** When you're the driver, keep all Scouts in line-of-sight at all times. If a Scout needs to use a bathroom, gather up all Scouts and head to a public restroom. Scouts NEVER enter a house for ANY reason.
- **Be encouraging!** Have a 1st year Scout shadow an older Scout for a few houses to learn great sales technique.
- **Be frogs!** The Scouts ***leap-frog*** each other along the street, usually in pairs: a Scout goes to the very next house beyond where his partner is selling. He does not skip or alternate houses. If you don't know how this is done, ask the Parking Lot Captain.
- **Be popular!** Have a few snacks for your Scouts when you're the driver. Scouts should bring a water bottle – selling is thirsty work!
- **Look sharp!** ALL Scouts are expected to be in full Class A uniforms, including hats, belts, scarves/bolos, and carry a pen.
- **Be respectful!** Scouts acting respectfully while selling at a retail location, will be asked back next year.



As always, if you have any questions about our Pancake Breakfast ticket sales (for the next 10 weekends!) or the event itself (Nov 14th!), reach out to any 'older' parent – we're here to help you!

Boy Scout Troop 81

2009 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

FAQs



When	Saturday, November 14 Serving from 7am-noon
Where	Naperville North High School Cafeteria
What	Troop 81's only major fundraiser
Ticket Price	\$5/single or \$15/family



Ticket Sales:

Q: What are the expectations of the boys?

A: Door-to-door ticket sales in pre-determined neighborhoods. This year, all boys are expected to sell at least 4 selling sessions. They are also expected to work at the breakfast on November 14th.

Q: What is a regular selling session?

A: It is scouts going door-to-door selling pancake breakfast tickets for a 3-hour block of time on the weekend, or selling tickets at a retail location, per our sign-up sheets.

Q: When are selling sessions?

A: Selling sessions are during the 10 weekends from September 5th to November 7th. They run 9:00am – noon and 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturdays, and 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Sundays.

Q: How do I sign up for selling sessions?

A: All sign-up sheets are available at our troop meetings for scouts and parents to sign up. Bring your calendars!

Q: Can I sell to family and friends?

A: Yes! Contact Mr. Charlie Lupsha for tickets. If you sell at least \$50 worth of tickets, or get donations of that amount, you can count it as one and only one selling session alternative. This money and any unsold tickets are due at the November 12th troop meeting (in other words, before the Breakfast Event).

Q: When can I start selling tickets to my neighbors?

A: Once our door-to-door sales have finished in a particular neighborhood, scouts are welcome to sell in that territory. Listen for announcements at our meetings – generally F&F tickets sales do not start until mid-October.

Parent Volunteers:



Q: What work is involved at the breakfast?

A: At least one parent is expected to work a shift at the pancake breakfast, either 6-10am or 9-noon.

Q: What are the driving expectations of the parents?

A: Parents are expected to drive for 2 selling sessions. Drivers will accompany the scouts and be given maps of the designated area in which to sell during that session. The parent drivers will watch the scouts from their cars as the scouts are selling tickets in a designated area. They may also work a retail location as the responsible parent for overseeing the boys at our designated retail location.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Feel free to call Charlie Lupsha or the Parking Lot Captain for each applicable weekend.

Scout Benefits:

Q: Are there financial benefits to the individual scouts for participation in this fundraiser?

A: The troop returns some money to the scouts as follows based on the scout's participation in the fundraiser.

If you participate in...		Y O U G E T:		
Middle School Boys	4 or more regular selling sessions <i>or</i> 3 regular selling sessions + 1 Family & Friends of at least \$50	®	\$	10 %
High School Boys	4 or more regular selling sessions <i>or</i> 3 regular selling sessions + 1 alternate selling session <i>or</i>	®	\$	10 %
	2 regular selling sessions + 2 alternate selling sessions, but note the difference →	®		10 %
Eagle Scouts = Same as H.S.	<i>Plus this option:</i> 4 alternate selling sessions, but note →	®		10 %
All boys with	Less than 4 total selling sessions, you will still be expected to work at the breakfast, and pay your \$150 registration fee.			10 %
NOTE: Please contact Mr. Lupsha for details on all alternate selling sessions!				

Key:

- ® Your yearly Scout registration fee or re-charter fee of \$150.
- 10% 10% of your sales credited to your Scout account.
- \$ A fixed dollar allocation (amount TBD) to your Scout account.

Q: What is the fixed dollar amount the scouts receive?

A: The actual amounts are determined during our Troop Committee's budgeting process in January/February. In Feb 2009 the boys who earned the fixed dollar amount received an \$85 deposit into their scouting account.

Q: What is a scout account?

A: It is an account set up by the troop for each individual scout to use for any troop camping fees or personal camping equipment. Contact our Troop Treasurer Mr. Simnick with questions regarding scout accounts.

Q: What is an alternate selling session?

A: Scouts who are in high school can volunteer to do other jobs that are related to the pancake breakfast that don't involve door-to-door selling. These alternatives include working the entire day of the pancake breakfast (5 am setup through 1 pm cleanup), selling advertising space, or Friends and Family tickets totaling at least \$50.00. Attending regular selling sessions still reap the most benefit to the scout. Middle School boys may sell 1 alternative friends and family totaling at least \$50.00 in lieu of 1 selling session.

Pancake Breakfast Day:



Q: What do we do at the pancake breakfast?

A: Parents work in the kitchen or help supervise on the floor, while scouts serve the customers. A training session will take place at NNHS on Thursday, November 12th. While some folks will be needed during the hours 5am-1pm, most parents and boys will be able to work a 4-hour shift from 6:00am to 10:00am or 9:00am to 12noon. Specific duties and shifts will be assigned in early November. High school boys will be able to earn an alternate selling session by working the entire time from 5am-1pm.

~ **A special note to new families, from your Committee Chair, Mr. Dan Cronin** ~



"This is Troop 81's only fundraiser for the entire year of scouting. I can't stress enough how much fun the process is for parents – truly, it is!

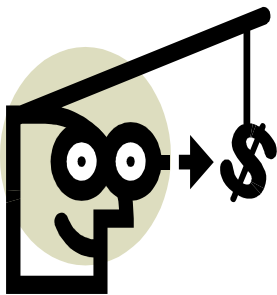
"Mr. Maurer has often said that our Owasippe summer camping experience is the event that brings together our youngest scouts with the older scouts into one cohesive Troop. There, often for the first time, the "Moose" are working side-by-side with the more established Patrols to accomplish tasks, regardless of age or experience. Two troops meld into one.

"Similarly, our Pancake Breakfast event is where two sets of troop parents come together as one to accomplish a common task, often for the first time – the new parents learn from the experienced; the shirted leaders work alongside the non-camping parents. We even have parents come and help who no longer have scouts in our Troop!

"We will have hundreds of families come through the doors for this event, from all over our community. It is an important opportunity to show the public how scouting is thriving not only in Troop 81, but throughout our neighborhoods.

"After the event itself, in the evening, we hold our 5-P, as it's come to be called: Post Pancake Parent Pizza Party. It's always a great social event that caps off yet another successful breakfast. I hope to see each of you there."

Still Need Further Motivation?



By completing just 4 selling sessions, your Scout's annual \$150 registration fee is entirely paid for – yes, entirely! Each qualifying Scout will also receive a to-be-determined amount into his Scout account (last year it was \$85), depending on the entire Troop's sales, PLUS 10% of his individual sales also go into that account. Scout Account funds can be used for anything Scout-related: summer camp, monthly campouts, gear (check with Mr. Simnick first, please), merit badge clinics, High Adventure trips, etc. Your scout's entire year of scouting can be earned. *By him!*

Did you know that your Scout "earns" about \$20 per hour for selling Pancake Tickets?!

We've calculated that for the 12 hours we obligate the Scouts to sell Pancake Tickets (4 sessions of 3 hours each), the Scout makes at least \$235 (\$150 for his registration fees and \$85 for his Scout account, based on last year's figures).

We challenge you as parents to find an easier way for your son's to earn \$20 per hour raising money for all that we do in Scouting in Troop 81!