



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting **September 10,** **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, please.



YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS ARE DUE

Slips are due **THIS Thursday** for the September campout. Don't miss out!

Print one from our website.

COOKING COMPETITION **THIS THURSDAY**



- **Patrol Leaders**, you are responsible for making arrangements to purchase ingredients, etc. Please contact your scouts asap.
- **The trailer will be available.**
- **Scouts**, look for a call/email from your Patrol Leader about this.
- **Parents**, we'll need a few adult 'judges' for this tasty event, so stick around if you're interested.

AND...THEY'RE OFF AND FLIPPIN'! (flippin' those tickets, that is)

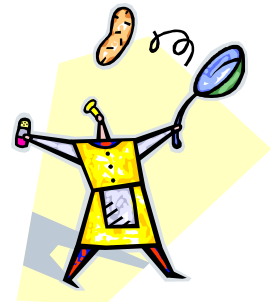
Mr. Lupsha will update us this Thursday on our 1st weekend's success.

Mrs. Harrington is our Parking Lot Captain for September 12 & 13. ***THANK YOU!***

Parents: Full details are in the August 31st newsletter.

REMINDER: selling session sign-up sheets are on the back tables.

NOTE: We still need Parking Lot 'Captains' – see how you can help on page 5, below, then contact Charlie Lupsha to see what weekends are still open.





MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS IN RED

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 8: Troop Meeting
(Moose)

Oct 10: River Glen
workday! Weekend #5.

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River Glen Church
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THIS PAST WEEK'S Troop Announcements

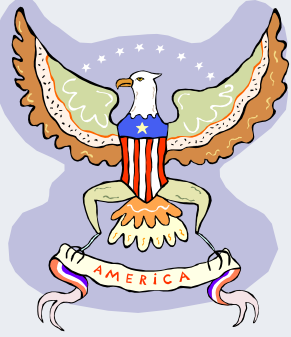
- **OA FALL FELLOWSHIP** Scouts attending this event Sept 11-13, please give a headcount to Mr. Marineau. Details are in the August 24th newsletter.
- **PANCAKE BAND** If you want to contribute to the sizzlin' sounds of our own pancake band, which will play at the Nov 14th event, see Mr. Pappas. Next Thurs (9/17) there will be a short meeting of potential band members to discuss the commitment required and the music selection.
- **AVIATION MERIT BADGE** The airport session has now been postponed until much later in the year. See Jackson M. for details.
- **LAST MEETING** We held a knot tying competition, had High Adventure discussions, and an outdoor game. We welcomed David M. as our newest scout.
- **75th ANNIVERSARY** Anyone with items from our 75th Anniversary event, please give them to our Troop Historian, Ryan A. Contact details in roster.

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 weekend dates to the ← left.
- **December** – Wilderness survival/geocaching campout
- **January** – Klondike at Owasippe (ice rescue, low cope, sled race, obstacle course, etc.)
- **February** – Skiing campout, Sundown Mtn.
- **March** – Governor Dodge State Park, WI
- **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.

Patrick F needs help with stenciling storm drains in the Longwood and White Eagle subdivisions on **Sat Sept 12th**. See him for details. Note there is an additional waiver form to sign for this project.

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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!"**

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

YOUR 2010 HIGH ADVENTURE GUIDE

Here are brief details of the 3 proposed HA trips for 2010. (Prices and itineraries are subject to change, so these notes are just a guide to 'wet' your appetite for adventure.)



WHITEWATER RAFTING: This is a full week of adventure in West Virginia, along the New and the Gauley Rivers. A.C.E. is the trip outfitter. You'll spend ~3 days on the water, both in single inflatable "duckies" and 6-person guided rafts, for the calm and the Class 3-4 water, respectively. A further 2 days are spent with a choice of activities including mountain biking, rock climbing, rappelling, caving, and high ropes course. Meals are buffet style (no cooking!). Cost in 2009 was ~\$600.

BOUNDARY WATERS: Based out of Ely, Minnesota, you're up on the border between Canada and the US in an extremely remote area of lakes and rivers. If you like getting away from it all, with fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities, this trip is for you. Cost in 2008 was ~\$500.

SAILING: Spending 5 days in/around Key West, Florida on a yacht sounds nice. Learn to sail and navigate, as well as snorkel, kayak, and dive. Sleep on deck under the stars. Last trip was in 2005 – the cost was ~\$1000.



We still need 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!*

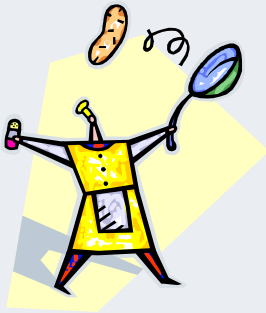




STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR TROOP COMMITTEE

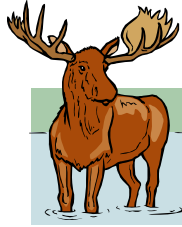
Our next Troop
Committee Meeting
will be Sunday,
October 4th, 7 pm,
River Glen Church.

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!



Looking forward, over the next 2 or 3 campouts and months, the Moose Scouts will be starting to decide which of the 'older' Patrols they want to be placed in, come January. (Our next Troop Elections will be held in January.) Hard to believe that nearly 8 months have passed since some of you joined us! Pretty soon we'll have Webelos visit us...and the cycle will start all over again.

Soon we will have a special sign-up sheet for the Nov 14th parent jobs at our Pancake Breakfast event. Only 1 parent is obligated, but 2 are always welcome!

Finally, here's a question for you: How is the Pancake FUNdraiser going for your Scout? Give us some feedback if you have any questions so we can provide help for all parents. Usually other people have the same questions as you, and we'll put the info here.



As always, reach out to any 'older' parent for assistance – we're here to help you!

PANCAKE SELLING REMINDERS

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 the weekend, but turn your \$\$\$ into the Parking Lot Captain by noon and/or 4 pm on your sales day.

Parents: Full details are in the August 31st newsletter. This is archived on our Troop website: www.troop81.org.

**KEEP READING (below) FOR DETAILS
ON HOW TO BE A PARKING LOT
'CAPTAIN'** – it's easier than you think, AND it
counts for your 2-session driving obligation as a
parent!

Troop 81 Parking Lot Attendant Tasks 2009

Thursday before your selling weekend:

1. Get the sales coordinator file box from the previous week's sales coordinator.
2. Attend the Troop meeting and have the Scouts signup to sell + the parents signup to drive. Announce that you are the Parking Lot 'Captain' for that week.
3. Make sure you have enough drivers for the boys who plan to sell. Arrange for extra drivers if not. (There should be 2 to 4 boys selling per car.)
4. Get the \$300 starter/change money from Bill or Carrie Novack.
5. Study maps and plan where you are going to send the drivers. No Sundays in incorporated Naperville; Aurora is OK on Sundays.
6. Sometime before the weekend selling sessions: Make up envelopes containing 9 tickets (3 family, six single), approx 20 "Leave Behinds" and \$10 change (fives and/or ones).

Saturday am, Saturday pm, and Sunday pm:

1. Arrive 15 minutes early.
2. Hand envelopes to Scouts. Make sure they fill in their envelope out completely. Marking 'Morning'/'Afternoon' is important.
3. Hand driver's packets to drivers (map, instructions, highlighter, pens, extra leave behinds, and extra tickets).
4. Have drivers fill out form with their cell phone and the Scouts that they have with them.
5. Have the older Scouts coach the younger Scouts on how to sell.
6. Upon return, double check the money in each seller's envelope. Other parents can help too. Write and circle the total dollars turned in – be sure to add in the initial \$10. Initial the dollar amount. Remove the unsold tickets. Only seal the envelopes if they hold coins.
7. Bundle together the envelopes and drive sheets for each session for Carrie. She will use the driver sheets if she has questions. If you use the Ziplocs she will return them.
8. If needed, take money out of the envelopes to use as change for the next selling group (i.e., afternoon session). Write the amount removed on the envelope and initial it.

When it's all over:

1. On Sunday after 4 pm, collect all the envelopes, and check for extra (change) money in envelopes that you may have prepared.
2. The Store Front Parents will drop their envelopes off with you at the parking lot in the afternoon.
3. Contact Bill or Carrie Novack (details in the Troop Roster) and give the envelopes and money to them. The sooner you can get them the money, the sooner it is accounted for and deposited. Their address is listed in the Troop Roster. Make sure both sets of maps are in order and the neighborhood areas covered are in sync, streets highlighted between both sets).
4. Give signup sheet, sales envelopes, maps, tickets, and "Leave Behinds" to next week's sales coordinator. This must be done by Thursday's Scout Meeting.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for helping!!!

Boy Scout Troop 81 2009 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser FAQs

Please see the August 31st newsletter for full details.
Because below are only excerpts.



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



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!

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.

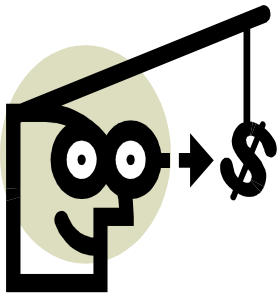
Pancake Breakfast Day:



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.

Still Need Further Motivation?



By completing just 4 qualifying 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!