



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting Dec 3rd 2009

Flags will be done by
SCORPION
PATROL.
Full Class A uniform.



REMINDING:

**Permission slip
for the Dec
campout is due
THIS Thurs,
12/3.**

**Download a
copy from our
website:**

www.troop81.org

TIME TO CATCH UP



After a short break, it's time to get back into the swing of things scouting related!

1. If you have troop equipment hanging around your house, please bring it THIS Thursday so we can get ready for #2.
2. Our December winter campout is coming up fast. Your permission slip is due THIS Thursday – download from the website. This campout will be a very unique experience on Mr. Harrington's timber farm. In fact, it's so unique, you'll have to see #3.
3. During the December campout, scouts have the opportunity to complete their Farm Mechanics Merit Badge. *Now, where else are you going to complete this badge in your lifetime?! ☺*
4. Our fun doesn't stop over the holiday break, no siree: Mrs. Draper has a 10 mile hike planned for Saturday, Dec 19th – so listen for details coming soon.
5. On the last page of this newsletter there is even more info on what's in store for a very special 2010.



Equipment due back CLEAN & DRY! It's been 4 weeks now...please check in all equipment with your Patrol QM THIS THURSDAY. Make a note of any broken/missing pieces. See the troop website for specific cleaning instructions.





MTG. CALENDAR

**NEW INFO IS ALWAYS
IN RED**

Dec 3: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion) CERT Training
at River Glen.

Dec 6: Troop Committee
Mtg. 7 pm River Glen.

Dec 10: Troop Mtg.
(Viking) CERT Drill at
Von Oven.

Dec 17: Troop Mtg
(Wolverine) & Annual
Holiday Party ☺

Dec 24: NO MEETING

Dec 31: NO MEETING

Jan 7: First Troop Mtg of
2010! (Blackhawk)

Jan 31: Winter Court of
Honor, Longwood School,
4 pm.

**TROOP 81
BOY SCOUTS**
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



YOUR WEEKLY F.A.Q.'s

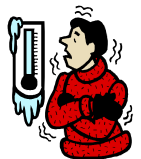
- **IS IT TOO LATE FOR GETTING BOARDS OF REVIEW?** NO! Mrs. Huston is your BoR contact – and her details are in the troop roster. She needs a day or two to arrange enough adults to help with these, so if it's too late for this Thursday, try for next! And, if you miss the December 17 deadline...there's always next year.
- **WHEN IS MY F&F \$ DUE?** What?! You didn't turn it in yet? Dude....
- **WHEN IS THE NEXT PLC MEETING?** PLC meetings are held the last Sunday of each month at Mr. Harrington's house. Not sure if we're having one on December 27th – stay tuned for details.
- **I NEED TO FILL A LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENT – WHEN ARE THE NEXT TROOP ELECTIONS?** Fortunate for you they are coming up. Elections are held in early-to-mid January and again in July. If you want to run for the SPL position, please contact Mr. Harrington.
- **I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING...** Is it about the Superbowl? **Yes. I'm worried I'll miss it this year...** Ok, the date for our next Court of Honor has been set for Sunday, January 31st. The Superbowl is on February 7th. So you see, there's no conflict, and we look forward to seeing you all at Longwood Elementary for another fantastic celebration.



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

FUTURE Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **Dec 11-13** – Wilderness survival/geocaching campout at Mr. Harrington's timber farm. AND don't forget you can earn the Farm Mechanics Merit Badge! **Be sure to re-read thru your 11/3/09 newsletter for cold-weather camping tips!**
- **January 15-17** – "Klondike" at Owasippe. This'll be a real Jack London experience: ice rescues, snow shoeing, first aiding, fire starting, breaking camp, changing sites, rifle demos, AND so much MORE!
- **DATE SET January 31 - Winter Court of Honor** – Longwood Elementary
- **February 19-21**– Skiing campout, Sundown Mtn.
- **March** – 'Think Spring' at Governor Dodge State Park, WI.
- **April 16-18 2010** – Illinois Caverns; camping at Camp Vandeventer.
- **May** – Pause for Patriotism
- **June** – Owasippe!



WHA'Z UP?

THIS THURS: We're having Part I of our CERT drill, as part of emergency preparedness.

NEXT THURS, Dec 10:
CERT Drill Part II at Von Oven - yes, in the dark!



EAGLES' CORNER

Join Brent N. on Sunday December 27th, at 3 pm, River Glen Church for his Eagle Court of Honor. Invitations were sent to you directly.

Another "T81" Eagle:
Jay H. - formerly of T81 - has completed his Eagle through Troop 140 out of Hudson, WI. Congrats!

UPDATES From Your Committee Chair



Parents, our next Troop Committee Meeting will be Sunday December 6th, 7 pm, River Glen Church. All adults welcome... and of course there's 'free food'.

There are a few key positions coming up within our Committee - contact me if you can help. Look around and see what role *you* can play in making T81 successful!

~ Dan Cronin

REMEMBER THE FLAME? *The Flame* is a regular publication of Three Fires Council. It is now offered in an electronic format only. I do not exaggerate when I say it is CHOCK full of interesting and useful information. If you're like me and hadn't checked it out in awhile, look up this link:



http://www.threefirescouncil.org/images/Council/Files/TFCNewsletter_December_09.pdf . You'll find upcoming events and dates, and it's always interesting to look 'over the fence' for ideas from what other troops and districts are doing. Here's how to subscribe, too, if you're not on their mailing list:

http://www.threefirescouncil.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=53&Itemid=99

PANCAKE BREAKFAST PHOTOS: If you haven't checked these out, they are archived on our website here: [Pancake Breakfast Pics 2009](#) . Thanks to Mrs. Nicki Sturdivant for organizing these, and to Mr. Mark Baker for posting them in our online scrapbook.

RECIPES NEEDED: Do you know what you can make with a half gallon of vegetable oil and 3 cases of frozen orange juice concentrate? Me neither. If you *can* use either of these on a future campout though, contact Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Schweitzer, respectively.



2010: ~ A YEAR OF CELEBRATION ~ A CENTURY OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Did you know that the year 2010 is when Boy Scouts will celebrate 100 years of scouting in the US?

Check out these links for more information.

Here's the main one: <http://scouting.org/100years/100years>

There's a special badge program – look here:

<http://scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeartofcelebration.aspx>

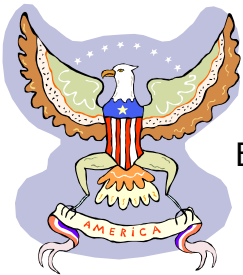
Troop 81 will definitely be participating in this.

For 2010 events organized locally, look here:

http://www.threefirescouncil.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=105&Itemid=257



EAGLES – DID YOU MISS THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?



TFC was looking for an outstanding Eagle Scout to represent the Class of 2009 at the Eagle Recognition Dinner being held on February 19, 2010. Only one Scout will be chosen to deliver a speech on behalf of all 2009 Eagle Scouts. This Scout must have had his Eagle Board of Review in the year 2009 to qualify for this honor. The Scout who is chosen will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.

TFC will hold auditions to select the class representative **on December 5, 2009** at Norris Scout Shop. Go to the Three Fires Council website to print a copy of the audition request form, and mail it per the instructions at the bottom of the form **by 11/25/09**. ACK!!!!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE: 2010 NESA Scholarship Applications DUE 1/31/10

This year the National Eagle Scout Association will award 149 scholarships to Eagle Scouts through various Eagle Scout scholarship funds.

The scholarships vary in size from \$1,000 to \$48,000. The scholarships are for tuition, room, board, and books only, and are limited to use at a four-year college/university that is accredited by recognized accreditation agencies and offers at least a bachelor's degree upon completion of the course of study offered. [The scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies. At these academies, expenses covered by NESA scholarships are already paid for by the United States government.]



Deadline for submissions is Jan. 31, 2010. See this link for more info:
<http://nesa.org/applications.html>