



Troop 81 E-Mail News

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Troop Meeting FEB 4, '10



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



Troop Meeting FEB 11, '10



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

OUR ANNUAL SKI TRIP COMING UP

Yeah! This is always a favorite for our scouts – so don't miss out! A firm head count is needed this week.

SO, REMINDING:



**Your Skiing / Cabin campout permission slips
ARE DUE THIS THURSDAY!**

Click here to view: http://www.troop81.org/permission_slips.htm

Be sure to print **BOTH** slips.

See clothing and gear section, page 6 below. This will be discussed at a troop meeting as well.

THINGS I LEARNED AT THE COURT OF HONOR

- How to tell an experienced Scoutmaster's ringtone from an inexperienced Scoutmaster's ringtone.
- Why NOBODY is late.
- Why SOMEBODY assumes EVERYBODY will do everything and EVERYBODY assumes SOMEBODY will do something.
- That I like my soup hot and it's worth waiting for.
- Troop 81's rate of keeping boys in scouting all the way to Eagle rank is ~19% (BSA stats state only about 2-3% of scouts will continue that far.)
- There might be an additional 7 Eagles in 2010 – look for your part in assisting our scouts on their trail to Eagle Rank!





MTG. CALENDAR

**NEW INFO IS ALWAYS
IN RED – note the change
to Patrol rotations**

Feb 4: Troop Mtg
(Viking) Troop Committee
Mtg as well. All parents
welcome!

Feb 11: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Feb 18: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Feb 25: Troop Mtg.
(Eagle)

Mar 4: Troop Mtg.
(Scorpion)

Mar 11: Troop Mtg.
(Viking)

Mar 18: Troop Mtg.
(Wolverine)

Mar 25: Troop Mtg.
(Blackhawk)

Apr 1: **NO** Troop Mtg.
Enjoy your Spring Break!

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

WWW.TROOP81.ORG



WHAT DID I MISS?



Well, I hope you didn't miss TWO whole weeks of scouting! Here are the highlights from our 1/21 and 1/28 troop meetings:

- SPL Chris D announced his ASPL and troop leadership positions.
- SM Harrington presented our "Centennial Award" ribbon, to be placed on our troop flagpole.
- SM Harrington initiated the new ASPLs.
- We have had many Webelos from various packs visiting us: 643, 534, 988, 101, and 125.
- Merit Badge Part II night was 1/28 – contact your MB Counselor if you missed.
- Your skiing campout permission slips (there are 2 separate ones) are due Feb 4th. These are posted on our website.
- SM Harrington conducted Junior Leadership Training on 1/24 – see him if you are in a position of responsibility and missed this important event.
- Mrs. D has another hike planned - with another cool patch no doubt - on 2/13. See or listen to Jimmy D for details.
- **WHEW!!!**

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

COURT OF HONOR



Thanks to all who came to recognize the achievements of our scouts at last Sunday's Court of Honor.

A special 'salute' to Mrs. Sherri Nagy and her stupendous soup servers...for setting such a savory spread...and all who helped clean up...



2010 Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **February 19-21**– Skiing campout, Sundown Mtn. **Be prepared:** read clothing / gear info in this newsletter.
- **March** – 'Think Spring' at Governor Dodge State Park, WI.
- **April 16-18** – Illinois Caverns; camping at Camp Vandeventer.
- **May** – Pause for Patriotism
- **SUMMER CAMP!** Our Owasippe dates are **FIRM:** June 26th → July 3rd. See additional info in this newsletter.

UPDATES From Your Committee Chair, Mr. Cronin



As many of you heard at the Court of Honor, Everybody does Everything at Troop 81. When boys graduate from Scouting, their parents typically graduate with them. This year is no different than prior years and there are quite a few Committee positions opening up over the next year:

Assistant Newsletter Coordinator
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Advancement Coordinator
Assistant Training Coordinator
Assistant Outdoor Activities Coordinator
Assistant Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator
Assistant Summer Camp Coordinator
Assistant Friends of Scouting Coordinator

Did you see the similarity for all of these roles? No, they aren't all coordinators. That's right, they are all Assistants. Since we already have a volunteer in the primary positions, we are looking for someone to assist. As Assistant, our expectation is that you would learn the role over the next few months and then be prepared to take over the role if needed.

Please consider assisting the troop in one of these roles. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Also, if you are on the fence, please remember that there is free food at all committee meetings. **Our next committee meeting is during our regular troop meeting THIS THURSDAY, Feb 4th, 7 pm.** All adults are welcome, even if you're not a member of the committee.

SUMMER CAMP 2010

"Count Me In" forms will be due March 18th. Mrs. Lisa Fosler will have these at meetings.

What are those? "Count Me In" is a form that says you are interested in attending Owasippe this summer – it gives our coordinators a rough headcount. And...

Only those who turn in "Count Me In" will receive the full packet of summer camp info, to save paper. ☺

How much does summer camp cost? The 'base' price for a full week is \$415 per scout, \$185 per adult – this includes your transportation, all meals at camp, and most activities. A night on the Silversides submarine is an additional \$32. Some activities require an additional \$5 to \$35, depending on the materials involved (e.g., horseback riding, rifle shooting, some merit badges come to mind).

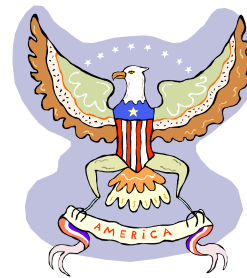
Need more information? A special meeting to discuss summer camp will be available – details coming soon!



EAGLE COURT DATES

FEB 6:

A special joint Eagle Court of Honor, **Saturday Feb 6th** for **Patrick F** (Scorpion) and former T81 scout **Jay H** (now in T140, Wisconsin). Ceremony is at 3 pm, River Glen Church.



FEB 13:

Eagle Court of Honor for **Kyle S.** will be held **Feb 13th, 4 pm** at River Glen. Invites have been sent – RSVP by Feb 8th – contact me if you need details.

Other Dates:

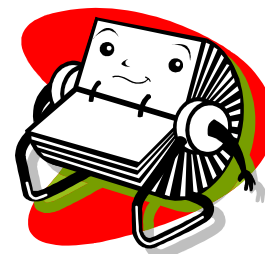
Matt M's will be Saturday Mar 6th; **Chris D's** will be Saturday Mar 27th .

NEW TROOP ROSTER AVAILABLE

* These were handed out at the Court of Honor – if you missed, pick your family's up at the next troop meeting. If you (parent) are not attending, please ask your son to do this.

* All of the new leadership positions are listed in this new roster.

* Thanks again to **Mr. Dave Rypka** for keeping our records straight – any errors or omissions, please contact him to include in his April edition....



MOTHER'S RIBBONS

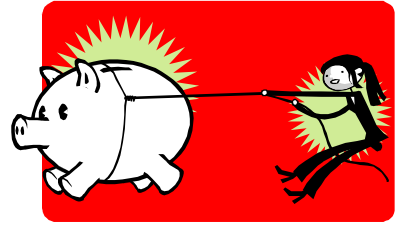


It is tradition to present a pin to a scout's parent upon his rank advancement, which is displayed on a red ribbon. This ribbon is then worn at special scouting events, including Courts of Honor. If you've misplaced your, replacements are available.

Families new to Troop 81 will receive their ribbon at our April Court of Honor.

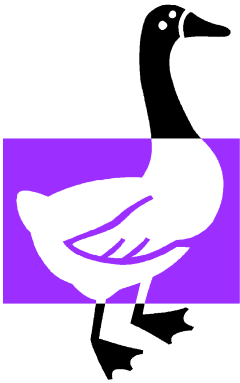
TAX EXEMPT LETTER

Our Troop Treasurer is Mr. Jim Simnick. If you need to purchase troop equipment or supplies, a tax-exemption letter is available, obviously saving the troop the applicable sales tax. See him at a Troop Meeting for a copy.



FLAME SUBSCRIPTION

Not yet a subscriber to our Council publication **The Flame**?! For shame!



'Cause it's chocka tunza duck's guts. (Try and say THAT* 3 times.)
(That's Aussie for 'full of tons of pertinent information'.)

Here's the link:

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

OR, [CLICK HERE](#) to view (maybe) the February 2010 Flame Newsletter directly.

SEWING 101

Scouts who:

- received their next rank badge
- received a leadership position badge
- received a 'Trained' strip
- or who otherwise have things attached to their shirts with a safety pin or duct tape ...

...should sew on these new items!



CARDS: KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM



Scouts should HOLD ONTO the cards which accompany their achievements in a safe place. This includes blue cards!

Hint: These can be useful come Eagle Board of Review time, to verify things, if records are lost or missing.

SKI STUFF

Some of this will be covered at the next troop meeting, but if you're like me and haven't been schussing any slopes yet this year, you'll need some extra time to start assembling a few things:

- Something to protect your eyes: goggles and/or sunglasses are a must – avoid snow blindness (even on cloudy days).
- Something to protect your skin from the sun, including ears and lips.
- Something to protect your skin from the wind – no raw hamburger meat faces, Mr. Marineau will tell you.
- Snow pants or similar – no jeans!
- Waterproof gloves – snow can stick to fleece/knits.
- Appropriate socks – no cotton!
- Layers, layers, layers.... Be prepared (and pack) for all kinds of conditions.
- Remind scouts to hydrate while outdoors – don't leave that water bottle back at the 'cabin'.
- Helmets will be available as part of the rental package – if you bring your own equipment, then you must also bring a helmet or be prepared to rent one.



SCOUTS...



...keep working on your merit badge requirements!