



# Troop 81 E-Mail News

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## Troop Meeting

FEB 18, '10,

*flags will be done by*

**BLACKHAWK  
PATROL.**



**&**

## Troop Meeting

on FEB 25, '10,

*flags will be done by*

**EAGLE PATROL.**



## OLYMPIC SKIING THIS WEEKEND: TROOP 81 WILL WIN THE GOLD!

Ok, that got your attention...

February is our "Winter Sports" month. Yeah!



- Be sure your Scout reads the equipment list from the last newsletter (2/4/10) & email from Mr. Harrington.
- **Helmets are required** – they are **NOT** included in the rental price, so bring extra \$5 or you can bring your own (helmet, that is).
- Some folks haven't yet turned in their medical forms – contact Sherri Nagy to get this done.
- If you have troop equipment at home, bring it back this Thursday – we need it for the weekend.
- Have fun. Break records, not legs.



*CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN...forge every stream...follow every rainbow...* Each

month a different patrol will have an outing instead of attending the regular troop meeting.

Singing is optional. We're going in reverse order, starting with Wolverine Patrol.

- 2/18 = Wolverine to meet at Vertical Endeavors.
- Bring your signed waiver forms (see SPL Chris' email).
- March = Scorpion's turn.



## MTG. CALENDAR

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

**Feb 18:** Troop Mtg.  
(Blackhawk) **Note to  
Wolverine:** *meet at  
Vertical Endeavors  
instead of River Glen;* all  
other patrols meet at  
River Glen.

**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

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## WHAT DID I MISS?



Here are the many highlights from our 2/4 and 2/11 troop meetings:

- Mr. Loback presented T81 with a District Klondike participation ribbon for our Troop flag.
- Leftover rank advancements were distributed (if you missed 1/31 Court of Honor).
- Troop Librarian Michael G. asked that any leftover merit badge books be donated to our library. See him for details.
- Andrew B. is taking the new leadership position "Leave No Trace" for our Troop.
- We have a new scout, Michael, transferring from Philadelphia to T81.
- There was a hike on Sat 2/13 (thank you, Mrs. Draper).
- During the 2/4 meeting, there was a Committee Meeting – see more details elsewhere in this newsletter from Mr. Cronin.
- During the 2/11 meeting scouts worked on new merit badges: First Aid, Citizenship in the World, Winter Sports.
- SPL Chris would like to introduce a new set of merit badges to work on every month or so.
- Scout Account Balance letters were available from Mr. Simnick, including re-registration materials from Mr. Rypka. See details in this newsletter.
- Philmont 2011 kicked off with a mandatory meeting of participants 2/16.

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



## 2010 Troop Campout & Activity Info

- **February 19-21**– Skiing campout, Sundown Mtn. **Be prepared:** read clothing / gear info in previous newsletters – they're on our website...
- **March 19-21** – **NEW INFO!** "Pioneering" at White Pines. Listen for details.
- **April 16-18** – Illinois Caverns; camping at Camp Vandeventer.
- **NEW April 23-25** – Moose/Musky Basic Training Campout. Current scouts camp both April 23 and April 24; new scouts camp only April 24. Location is Blackwell Preserve. This is an important campout for scouts joining T81 and not to be missed!
- **May 14-16** – Note these dates are firmed up. "Pause for Patriotism" theme.
- **June 26<sup>th</sup> → July 3<sup>rd</sup>** = **SUMMER CAMP at Owasisippe**. See additional info in this newsletter and in the coming weeks. **Your "Count Me In" forms are due March 18th.**

## HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATES

The 2011 crew(s) for Philmont are being assembled. See either Mr. Gruman or Mr. Ginell for details. The first meeting (of many) was held Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.



The signup sheets for other 2010 HA trips have been misplaced – be sure to sign up (again) – these sheets are at the front table during Troop Meetings.

## EAGLES' CORNER



### **Reminding:**

**Matt M's** Eagle Court of Honor is Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 2.30 pm. RSVP by 2/25.

## **UPDATES From Your Committee Chair, Mr. Cronin**



We held a special Troop Committee Meeting during our regular troop meeting, February 4<sup>th</sup>. **It was standing room only!** Thanks to so many parents for participating in the running of our troop. I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again!

Many things were discussed, and the Committee approved the following:

- Based on Pancake Breakfast fundraising, each scout who participated in 4 qualifying sales sessions will receive \$75 into their Scout Accounts (SA's). Troop will also once again waive the \$150 re-registration fee (which has been increased to \$155 in 2010 due to a \$5 increase in BSA fees), for those qualifying scouts.
- 10% of each Scout's sales will also be deposited into SA's.
- Awards will once again be given to the top 5 pancake sellers – listen for this announcement at next troop meeting.
- Camping fees will increase from \$25 to \$30 for scouts (adults fees remain the same), effective March 2010.
- Troop budget will establish a 'capital' fund, specifically to pay for large, future expenditures such as a new trailer.

**Mr. Jim Simnick**, our Troop Treasurer, has prepared a balance sheet for each scout. If you missed picking yours up last week, please stop by the back table for your packet. My personal thanks to Jim – preparing these sheets for each and every scout is very time consuming and we appreciate his valuable contributions to our troop throughout the years.

I want to also highlight **SPL Chris'** work with the running of our troop. Each month at our Committee Meetings we receive a special presentation by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). On Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, Chris shared with the Committee his many new ideas and has already shown his dedication to continuing a great scouting program. Come hear his plans and updates each month at our Committee Meetings!



**Gossip?** Who doesn't love good 'gossip'? Well, in our troop, you'll always be the first to hear what's going on at our Committee Meetings. We meet the first Sunday of each month, from 7-8 pm at River Glen. YES, the meetings are only an hour long. YES, there is free food.

**Our next Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.**  
See you then!



- ★ To those who helped the Girl Scouts on 2/13, unloading cookies at Calvary Church!
- ★ To those who signed and returned their FOS (Friends of Scouting) cards!
- ★ To those who completed and returned their Class A and Class C medical forms!
- ★ To those who attended our Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting – come again on March 7<sup>th</sup>!
- ★ To those who are coordinating our 2010 and 2011 High Adventure programs!
- ★ To those merit badge counselors who help our scouts complete their requirements!
- ★ To those who remain loyal to Troop 81! → → →

## SUMMER CAMP 2010

"Count Me In" forms will be due March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 is planned – date and details coming soon.

## A SCOUT IS...LOYAL\*...

### **...Loyal to scouting!**



Be sure to return your loyal scout's RE-registration to Mr. Dave Rypka by March 25<sup>th</sup> to be included in (*and remain loyal to*) our Troop for 2010.

The re-registration form was in your Scout Account Letter packet. If you haven't yet picked this packet up, Mr. Simnick has them.

Remember to update ALL personal and insurance information. Make changes directly on the form.

**THANKS, Mr. Rypka** for remaining **loyal** to our troop by keeping track of our scouts each Spring!

\* as in 'man's best friend' loyal ☺



## SCOUTS...



...keep working on your merit badge requirements!

## PARENTS...

...keep involved in your son's scouting program!

Psst: Here's how you can do that, from Mr. Dan 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 (assisting Lisa Schweitzer)
- Assistant Treasurer (assisting Jim Simnick)
- Assistant Advancement Coordinator (assisting Chris Dubbins)
- Assistant Training Coordinator (assisting Chris Dubbins)
- Assistant Outdoor Activities Coordinator (assisting Marge Dunning and Beth Schwartz)
- Assistant Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator (assisting Dan Wycklendt)
- Assistant Summer Camp Coordinator (assisting Lisa Fosler)
- Assistant Friends of Scouting Coordinator (assisting Laura Bednar)
- NEW:** Assistant Hospitality Coordinator (assisting Sherri Nagy)
- NEW:** Assistant Health & Safety Coordinator (assisting Sherri Nagy)

"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."