



Troop 81 E-mail News

May 27, 2010

**Troop Meeting
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SPRING COURT OF HONOR!

Flags, meeting set-up, and take-down will be done by **MUSKY PATROL**



MUSKY PATROL—REMEMBER TO ARRIVE EARLY TO SET-UP AND PLAN ON STAYING TO CLEAN UP AND PUT THE CHAIRS AWAY.

TROOP 81
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

www.troop81.org

SPRING COURT OF HONOR

Thursday, May 27th, 7:00 p.m.

It's here! That special night when the Scouts, new and old, are awarded their new rank, merit badges earned and other achievements. If you are new to Boy Scouts, you can think of this event as a mini-Blue & Gold. If this is your son's first rank advancement he will also receive a special pin to present to his mother. With each subsequent rank advancement, the Scout receives a new badge for his uniform, and his mother receives another pin to wear on a special red ribbon. Many of our new Scouts will be receiving their 1st rank awards at this event. **Parents and Guardians—plan on attending this Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. at River Glen Church!**



This past Saturday Mike H. joined the ranks of Troop 81's Eagle Scouts. His parents, friends and fellow Scouts are very proud of him. The inspiration and example that older Scouts provide is what makes Troop 81 so great. CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!

Congratulations to Moose Patrol for a fine job on their first rotation with the meeting set-up, flags, and clean-up!

Can you guess the weight of the trailer?

Fill out an entry form at the meeting this Thursday with your information and your estimated weight. The person who comes closest to the actual weight of the trailer will win a prize. There are two categories: Scout and Non-Scout (ASM's, parents, siblings). You are limited to one guess. Good luck!

MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS ALWAYS IN RED

May 27: Troop Mtg.
**MUSKY + COURT OF
HONOR**

June 3: Troop Mtg.
SCORPION

June 10: Troop Mtg.
VIKING

June 17: Troop Mtg.
WOLVERINE

June 24: Troop Mtg.
BLACKHAWK

**After Summer Camp
meetings will be
every other week
through the end of
August.**

July 8: Troop Mtg.
EAGLE

July 22: Troop Mtg.
MOOSE

August 5: Troop Mtg.
MUSKY

**Meetings begin
promptly at
7:00 p.m.**

**Please arrive with
enough time to
take off your coat
and find a seat.**

**Remember a Class
A uniform includes
a T81 hat, a neck-
erchief or bolo (for
Star and above),
and a tucked in
shirt.**

? WHAT DID I MISS LAST WEEK ?

- SPL Chris D. demonstrated the correct stance for "at attention" and explained that during a salute, the fingers of the Scout sign should be touching the hat brim.
- Mr. Harrington was looking for the lucky winner who used tent 505 at the campout the prior weekend.
- Mr. Marineau had a special Thank You for Mike H., Joey M., Kevin D., Tommy D. and Ryan N. for their planning, costuming, and all they did to make the OA Tapout so special.
- Eddie S. thanked everyone for their help on his first Eagle Project work day and announced that Sunday, May 23rd would be the final work day at Caruso Park, where the benches and birdhouses would be installed.
- Mrs. Schwartz is looking for permission slips for the Owasippe work/fun weekend.
- Mrs. See has hats and neckerchiefs for anyone that needs them.
- Mr. Ginell called meetings for those signed up for the Boundary Waters trip this year and Philmont next year.
- It was a busy night for last minute BOR's and Laura Cosenza did a great job stepping in for Mrs. Huston who was unable to attend. Thank you Mrs. Cosenza!
- And last but not least, Mr. Loback had a "Beyond Leave No Trace" presentation and talked about the William T. Horriday Award. See Mr. Loback for more details.

2010 TROOP CAMPOUT AND ACTIVITY INFO

- **May 27:** The Spring **Court of Honor** will be held at 7:00 p.m. at River Glen Church.
- **June 4-6:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend. *(See below)
- **June 26-July 3:** **SUMMER CAMP** at Owasippe!

Only 5 weeks to SUMMER CAMP 2010!

- Are you getting your stuff together?
- Are you labeling everything?
- Remember that you need to purchase or borrow the necessary merit badge books for Owasippe. Print out the worksheets for each merit badge you've requested. **NO worksheets will be available up there: you must bring your own!** For the merit badge books, check out the Troop library or the Public Library. One of many web sites with the worksheet info is:

<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>





EAGLES' CORNER

**Congratulations
Mike H.-Troop
81's newest Eagle
Scout!**

This weekend, May 29 & 30th, **Joey M.** will be working on his Eagle project at River Glen Church. The project is building a brick walkway along the curb from the sidewalk to the brick patio. On Saturday work will go from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and helpers should bring shovels, pickaxes, and spades and wear work gloves.

Work continues on Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. and rubber mallets and shovels are needed. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting this Thurs. and of course-FREE FOOD!

COMMITTEE NEWS

Next Committee Mtg: Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m. at River Glen Church, in the room at the back of our meeting area. All troop parents are welcome to attend! Meetings last approximately 1 hour.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*** June 4-6: SERVICE PROJECT WEEKEND AT OWASIPPE!**
This weekend the focus is on fun, with just a bit of "service." There will be lots to do, like **fishing, boating, hiking and exploring the camp before it opens.** Owasippe is a truly awesome place. There's so much to see that even "old-timers" still find new thrills. Great opportunity for parents to see the camp!

"Owasippe is truly an awesome place. There is so much to see and do that you won't be able to scratch the surface of what is there." You'll find something new every time you visit!
-Mr. Cronin

Owasippe Hymn

All the wealth of Earth and Heaven,
Bless thy woods and dales.

Over all thy lakes and forests
Happy youth prevails

So may Scouting's bonds
of friendship seal our loyalty

To the camp so dear to memory.
Hail Owasippe!

- **June 13:** Naperville Township is asking for help with their flag ceremony on Sunday, June 13th, in honor of Flag Day which is Monday June 14th. The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Hill near the Carillon (Aurora Rd. & Eagle St.) See Mr. Bainbridge for more info and sign up on the sheet at the front table.
- **June 25:** Set-up for Special Needs picnic-more information to come.

**HAVE
YOU LABELED
EVERYTHING?**



Useful Moose and Musky Info, AND if this is your first time going to camp:

SUMMER CAMP PREPARATION

Last week was the general gear list. Some info will be a repeat because it's pretty important....Plus, look for those little red *'s on last week's list and we'll go through them one by one...but first and **THIS IS A REPEAT:**

PACKING:

Gear must fit within a pack/duffle (or two, if small) and weigh less than 50 lbs. Nothing should be hanging from, or be attached to the pack/duffle—all shoes, sleeping bags, water bottles, etc., hanging loose will probably be lost! Sleeping bags may be packed separately (either in another small duffle, or left loose—**you must have your name on the exterior of everything!**)

Merit badge books and required pre-work: Please check the summer camp note on the second page. None of these materials are available at camp so you MUST bring them with you. I'm seeing some of the older Scouts with nice 3-ring binders where they keep all the worksheets and info. It doesn't take the place of the Scout handbook (which must go to camp for signoffs) but is a terrific way to capture all those loose papers so they're not lost at camp. For the Merit Badge books, again, check the Libraries, the Chalkboard (around \$4.00 ea.) and the Internet—There's still time to order online! Read over the requirements and see if there are any pre-requisites that need to be done ahead of time!

Spending Money: It is up to you and your son as to how much money he will want to take to camp. \$8.-10.00 will be needed for lunch on the return trip. Otherwise there is a "local" trading post in camp and then a larger, main trading post that the boys will visit on Friday. An adult "Banker" will keep all the Scouts' money, so label one envelope for lunch and then another for general spending money during the week. Put those two envelopes in a larger one labeled with your son's name and patrol. You can write restrictions/suggestions on the outside of the envelope to **remind your son** how much and for what, he can spend his money on. The "Banker" will not be responsible for how the money is spent. Remember this is your son's chance to show responsibility and learn to manage his own money. Each day Scouts can pick up their money from him and return unused funds to him. Scouts should not keep money in their pockets or in their tents.

Medications: Everyone who wants/must take any kind of medication to camp (prescription or OTC) must have a medication card on file: (Troop 81 website – Troop Documents – under Parents Information – Medication Form). Keep all medications (even over-the-counter) in ORIGINAL packaging and place in a Ziplock bag with the medication card. Include any instructions. Put your son's name on the outside of the bag. Give the bag to the designated leader in the parking lot before departure. The only medications scouts may self-administer and keep with themselves are inhalers. Refrigeration is available—contact a Scoutmaster if you require this. A leader will be at camp to administer medications per the instructions on the medication card. Please let Mr. Harrington know (in confidence) of any medical and/or behavioral issues. It is best to know beforehand and not be surprised at camp!

To Be Continued Next Week..