



Troop 81 E-Mail News

May 6, 2010

Troop Meeting May 6, 2010

Tonight Officer Chris Sherman, Naperville Police Dept. will give a presentation on his K-9 unit. Following that, Ryan Novak will give a presentation on his Air Rifle Team (Schroeder's Snipers) from Marmion Academy.

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



REMINDER!

Plan on attending the Spring Court of Honor, May 27th, 7:00 pm at River Glen Church.

TROOP 81
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL
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SUMMER CAMP 2010

T-MINUS 8...AND COUNTING!

It's getting "down to the wire." All packets with activities and merit badge choices AND payment for summer camp IN FULL must be turned in by May 13th!

Going to summer camp or a High Adventure camp? You must turn in a current (w/in 1 yr.) Part B medical form in addition to Parts A and C which you've already turned in. **Get those physicals scheduled ASAP!** See Mrs. Nagy to make sure you have everything in. Forms can be downloaded from the Troop website.

Camp payment is due in full by May 13th!

Indian Prairie District Annual Awards

Troop 81 received many honors Friday night at the annual District Awards dinner. Each Troop gets to award one Silver Acorn—presented to one adult, uniformed or non-uniformed Scouter who does outstanding work within the unit to help make it successful. With so many dedicated volunteers in Troop 81, it was difficult to single out and recognize that one special person. So...for the first time, T81 was able to award two **Silver Acorns!** Mr. Maurer introduced them with these words:

"Our two recipients work together—tirelessly—as Troop 81's "Activities Coordinators," and have done so as a team for several years. Each month, we are assured that all arrangements have been made for successful camping activities:"



- they make our reservations and arrange tour permits
- they prepare permission slips and collect payments
- they assemble sufficient drivers to our campouts
- they create campout rosters and so much more!

"Not only is our troop assured of successful campouts from the start, somehow at the end of each campout, every single scout is accounted for, and parents are waiting for us in the parking lot to pick up their scouts, all thanks to these two volunteers." Congratulations to **Mrs. Marge Dunning and Mrs. Beth Schwartz!**

MTG. CALENDAR

NEW INFO IS ALWAYS IN RED

May 13: Troop Mtg.
Order of the Arrow-
Tapout Ceremony
EAGLE

May 20: Troop Mtg.
MOOSE

May 27: Troop Mtg.
SCORPION + COURT OF
HONOR

June 3: Troop Mtg.
VIKING

June 10: Troop Mtg.
WOLVERINE

June 17: Troop Mtg.
BLACKHAWK

June 24: Troop Mtg.
EAGLE

**Meetings begin
promptly at
7:00 pm.**

**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.**

Mr. Harrington announced one of the recipients (there were 3) of this year's **District Award of Merit**: "**Tim Maurer** began serving the scouting youth about 15 years ago....Tim is dedicated and truly believes in the scouting program and as a leader has impacted 100's of boys positively...This continuous commitment to the program and the Scouts as well as his encouragement to support district programs has made a significant and lasting impact on the Indian Prairie District and the scouts it serves. **Congratulations Mr. Maurer!**

Ray Loback was awarded the **District Silver Acorn** for his work planning the district activities. Other units recognized 3 T81 adults: **Sue Simpson** (P534), **Mike Smith** (P643), and **Jim Clair** (P988). **Julie Rypka** was awarded a **District Oil Can** award for her work organizing and producing the silver acorns and her work on the district Advancement Committee. **Bill Marineau** will be awarded the council **Silver Beaver Award** on June 17th. **Congratulations and thank you to everyone who works so hard to make scouting the success it is!**

? WHAT DID I MISS LAST WEEK ?

- Mrs. Fosler reminded everyone to turn in their Merit Badge and activities choices sheet and payment in full for summer camp. Release forms and Leader forms are due as well.
- Mr. Harrington announced that **Mr. Hartwig** and **Mr. Mason** had such a good time on the Moose/Musky campout that they're going to be our newest Assistant Scoutmasters! Terrific!

Thanks for answering the Call!

Troop 81 now has 8 scouts and 4 adults who completed the Video Training last Saturday, May 1st. Now with trained personnel, we can continue to use the Church's equipment for our special events.

Also, it was a terrific turnout for the work day at River Glen Church. Church volunteers were there as well and knew they could never have accomplished so much without our help. They couldn't say "THANK YOU" enough. Great job guys!

A Scout is helpful!

Order of the Arrow "Tapout" Ceremony

This special ceremony is usually held far away at a campout, so this is a rare occasion and will be held at the meeting on May 13th. It begins with the legend of how the Order of the Arrow was formed. It is an induction ceremony for candidates to join the Order. The "Chief" taps the scouts on the shoulder, thus the word "tapout." You can learn more here: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/misc/basics/>



EAGLES' CORNER

Please join
Cody Schlaht at his Eagle Court of Honor, Sat., May 8th at 12 noon. It will be held at the River Glen Church with a luncheon after the ceremony. There will also be a "totally awesome cake!" Please RSVP to nsturdivant@comcast.net

Invitations have gone out for **Mike H.** His Eagle Court of Honor will be on Saturday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.

If anyone is looking for an Eagle Project, see **Mr. Stuart Katz.**

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.

2010 TROOP CAMPOUT AND ACTIVITY INFO

- **May 14-16: Pause for Patriotism** –Will be camping at Perry Farm, Bourbonnais, IL.
- **May 27:** The Spring **Court of Honor** will be held. at 7:00 pm at River Glen Church.
- **June 4-6:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- **June 26-July 3: SUMMER CAMP** at Owasippe!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **June 4-6:** Service project weekend at Owasippe. Great opportunity for parents to see the camp!
- **June 25:** Set-up for Alhambra Order Special Needs picnic –more information to come

"Caving" has some bad news

"After a lone bat was found in Missouri last week with a mysterious fungus, Illinois authorities closed all six state-owned caves enjoyed by the public and asked that the owners of private caves in the state stop all public access. The "white nose syndrome" (the bats' faces and portions of the wings are white with a fungus new to scientists) is a lethal disease and has been spreading west across the US since it was discovered in upstate New York in 2006. With a mortality rate of up to 100%, it has killed more than a million bats from Canada to Tennessee. They don't know, but it is likely the fungus is transferred from cave to cave by visitors. **Mr. Maurer** was quoted in the Tribune on Sunday in reference to the closing of the Illinois Caverns State Park due to the potential for "White Nose" disease. Here is a link to the complete article:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-met-bat-illness-cave-20100501,0,6298311.story>

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS:

Scoutmaster training is being offered May 5, 12th and 19th from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. You must attend all 3 sessions to be fully trained. RSVP to Dave Bruns, 630-536-8942 or dmbruns@comcast.net. NOTE: Training will be mandatory for all youth contact leaders in the next year or two, so you will want to get this taken care of now if you can.



Useful Moose and Musky Info



! Spring Court of Honor ! May 27th, 7:00 p.m.

If you are new to Boy Scouts, you can think of this event as a mini-Blue & Gold. Courts are held 3 to 4 times a year, and recognize the rank advancements and other achievements of our Scouts. Once your son receives his first rank of "Scout," at his first Court of Honor 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. **Have you reserved this date?** It is important that each Scout has a parent with him to receive these awards.

Summer Camp

The deadline is fast approaching for Summer Camp at Owasppe. Not only will this be the best week of the summer for all the boys, but first year scouts make such advancements—with skills, merit badges and self esteem as they learn to work as a patrol, learn to take care of themselves, keep track of their belongings and get by without the TV, DS, Wii and OMG—MOM! If you haven't signed up yet there's still time. But see Mrs. Fosler ASAP! Packets and \$\$ need to be in by May 13th.



**HELP!
I'M LOST!**

Lost and Found

Okay, I've received my first question from one reader! It's about the location of the lost and found. Well....I did some investigating—because I'm new to the troop as well—and I wish I could tell you that lost items are as safe and well taken care of as our boys—but I can't. It seems that new items (items picked up from the ground as the last campers and adults leave the site) get thrown into a car or trailer and are displayed at the next meeting on a table at the front. After that—they're on their own. I was directed to various bins in the storage area where lost items may be kept but no one knew which bin "for certain" was the right one. I'm going to attempt to rectify this situation—lost items are a certainty with boys—by labeling one of the bins as "Lost and Found" at the least and if there isn't a designated bin, I will provide one. As I'm sitting here thinking about it "Lost and Found" is really a misnomer—I'll just label that bin: LOST ITEMS and I'll take this opportunity with camp fast approaching to remind parents to **LABEL EVERYTHING!** And don't try and do that the night before when you're packing. Get a Sharpie now because it's a real challenge with many of the items he'll be taking to find a place to put his name. Oh, and by the way, those new T-shirts with the label printed right on the shirt—that Sharpie WILL bleed right through and that shirt is toast...after camp is over.

