



# Troop 81 E-mail News

June 17, 2010

## Troop Meeting June 17, 2010

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



A **MANDATORY** meeting for parents or guardians of Scouts going to Owasippe for the first time, will be in the back room during tonight's meeting. **PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

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

[www.troop81.org](http://www.troop81.org)

## **TONIGHT, JUNE 17TH IS THE MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL 1ST TIME OWASIPPE CAMPERS**

**THERE WILL BE TONS OF INFORMATION. BRING YOUR PENS AND ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!**

## **YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING**

If you missed Mr. Marineau's training, last week. Please read the information from the BSA below and follow the steps for the on-line training. You must be certified to go to summer camp, be a merit badge counselor, be on the committee or become an Asst. Scoutmaster—ANY adult that has contact with our scouts **MUST** be certified. If you are in doubt about whether you need it, or if your current certificate is valid, please check with Mrs. Dubbins or Mr. Marineau. **DON'T ASSUME THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE AND THEN FIND OUT IT'S NOT WHEN YOU GET TO OWASIPPE.**

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the BSA. With that in mind, several important changes are being implemented to further enhance its Youth Protection policies, effective June 1, 2010:

- Youth Protection training is required for all registered volunteers.
- A certificate of completion must be submitted with a New Leader application and before service with youth begins.
- Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's training is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

### **Please.... take the following steps:**

- If you have not taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, log on to [MyScouting](http://www.scouting.org) and take the training. **Be sure to have your member ID number (found on your membership card).**
- If you don't know your number contact your unit leader or committee chairman. You can take the training without an ID# if you're not a registered volunteer.
- If you've taken the training but did not input your ID#, or you've taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, but not online, or if you're not sure what your status is, log on to:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

## MTG. CALENDAR

### **NEW INFO IS ALWAYS IN RED**

**June 24:** Troop Mtg.  
BLACKHAWK

ORIENTEERING  
SCAVENGER HUNTS!  
and any miscellaneous  
paperwork needed for  
summer camp merit  
badges.

**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

**August 19:** Troop Mtg.  
SCORPION

**Meetings begin  
promptly at  
7:00 p.m.  
Please arrive with  
enough time to  
find a seat.**

**It's summer now  
so enjoy wearing  
your Activity (Class  
B) uniform: T81 red  
T-shirt, T81 hat and  
appropriate Boy  
Scout belt.**

## ? WHAT DID I MISS LAST WEEK ?

- Viking patrol hosted a First Aid Competition. Eagle patrol won so. Obviously they weren't at Vertical Endeavors as planned.
- Tonight Blackhawk chooses it's activity.
- During patrol time summer campers will be picking tent mates.
- Mr. Bainbridge reminded everyone to sign up for the Naperville Township Flag Day ceremony on Sun. June 13th. Sign-up sheets are on the front table
- Chris D. announced that the next PLC will be held during summer camp.
- Mrs. See still has some T-shirts that need to be picked up.
- Mr. Marineau announced that there are quite a few bricks left so if there are any potential Eagle projects that could use them, contact him.

## 2010 TROOP CAMPOUT AND ACTIVITY INFO

- **June 26-July 3: SUMMER CAMP** at Owasippe!

### **Only 2 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. **Except for Moose and Muskies-See page 4!** 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>

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **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.) **IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP PLEASE SHOW UP!** --per Mr. Bainbridge
- **June 25:** Set-up for Special Needs picnic--more information to come.

# In case you missed any of the previous newsletters, everything you ever wanted to know is reprinted here in one handy special Owasippe issue:

## SUMMER CAMP PREPARATION

The key to avoiding the "crazies" is early preparation. This is a basic list to start laying out your stuff. There will be lots more info with more detailed explanation of starred (\*) items in upcoming newsletters, so don't panic if you're not sure about some of them. Start purchasing (if necessary) Try the Goodwill Store or Harbor Freight "Tools" (way more than tools!) in Aurora and definitely ask around. I have, and gotten some great tips! (Re-read the last sentence!)

### 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!**)

### CLOTHING

Field Uniform (Class A—Tan shirt, neckerchief, slide or bolo, Troop 81 hat, Scout belt, HIKING BOOTS—must wear on the bus, and an OA sash if applicable)

2—Troop 81 Activity (Class B) T-shirts

2—Pair long pants

2—pair shorts

6—pair socks

6—pair underwear

Swim trunks

Camp shoes—e.g., gym shoes

Rain gear

Sweatshirt or fleece

Jacket

### OPTIONAL CLOTHING

Extra T-shirt—but the Troop 81 Activity shirt must be worn outside of camp

Flip Flops for shower

Sleeping clothes

### CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping bag

Duffle bag/backpack

Mess kit, utensils and drinking mug

Water bottle—a MUST!—pack it empty!

Flashlight and extra batteries

Pillow (optional)

### PERSONAL

Fire'm Chit and Totin' Chip cards (remember to laminate!)

Non-aerosol insect repellent

Sunscreen

Personal first aid kit

Pocket knife (must have a Totin' Chip card)

Watch—important: Owasippe is on Eastern time

Scout handbook—a MUST!

Note pad—a MUST!

Pen and/or pencil—a MUST!

Merit Badge books & required pre-work\*

Spending money\*

### PERSONAL TOILETRIES

Shampoo and soap—wet Wednesday!\*

Washcloth

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Small box of kleenex

Comb or brush

Laundry bag (e.g., stuff sack, plastic bag)

2 Towels—1 for waterfront and 1 for shower

Medications\*

### OPTIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS

Fishing gear

Camera and film—disposables are great!

Foam pad to put under your sleeping bag

Compass

Mosquito netting and poles\*

Camp stool

Sleeping bag liner or sheet

**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!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Scouts sleep in army-style "campaign" tents at Owasippe. These are large canvas structures with a wooden floor (pallet), with flaps for sides which can be tied open/closed. They are NOT bug-proof! Scouts sleep on cots--not the floor. (remember the foam pad to put on the cot is listed as an "optional" item. Scouts rig up their own mosquito net tent over their cot. It looks like the boys will figure out how best to keep the poles up--as you can see, some methods work better than others (see above). You need 4 PVC pipes and mosquito netting which can be purchased at Hardware or camping supply stores. We just purchased two, 10 foot, 1/2" pvc pipes and the guy at Home Depot cut them in half. We purchased the packaged mosquito net (shown as a tie-up, but works the same with the poles) at Sports Authority for \$14.95. (I include this info to give you a place to start and an idea of price. I am in no way recommending one store over another). When you are packing, bind the 4 poles together with duct tape (and include some extra as the ones that seem to stay up have each pole threaded through the open corner of the cot and then duct taped around the leg of the cot) and be sure your son's name is on each pole and on the duct tape binding them all together. They are chucked into the trailer separate from your son's duffle and stuff. **LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

## CAMP PACKETS/SCHEDULE:

- All scouts will receive a packet at camp with their final camp schedule, a list of locations for merit badges and a map of camp.
- Moose/Musky do not need to print out their own merit badge worksheets—they will be in their camp packet. All other scouts are expected to arrive prepared with their paperwork.
- A swim test will be conducted at camp in the lake. The Moose and Musky scouts who pass the swim test will be working on the Swimming MB. If not, they will be working on the Nature MB. A scout needs to pass the BSA Swim Test in order to go tubing.

## DAILY SCHEDULE:

- Moose/Musky will spend the mornings working on three merit badges: Swimming or Nature, Leather work, and Mammal Study.
- "Lunch" lasts two hours for food and relaxation.
- The afternoon will be spent with a camp counselor doing various fun activities around camp.

## TRAIL RIDE:

- Thursday afternoon will be the trail ride for those moose/musky who signed up to do that.

## TUBING:

- Friday morning will be the tubing for those Moose/Musky who signed up to do that and passed the swimming test. Water shoes MUST BE WORN.

## SILVERSIDES:

- Monday evening will be the USS Silversides overnight for those who signed up to do that. A small overnight bag needs to be brought. Pizza and soda will be provided in the evening as a snack (not a replacement to dinner).

## LAST DAY:

- Friday afternoon and evening will be a fun ending to the week with camp-wide games, a huge (and I mean huge) bonfire, and the troop's famous fruit cobblers.

## TRANSPORTATION:

**Departure—Sat., June 26th:** Campers are expected at Hill Middle School at 7 a.m. in their Field (Class A) uniform (tan shirt, etc.) without the neckerchief/slide or bolo. **Hiking boots MUST be on their feet or they don't go!** Carry a water bottle for the ride. Buses will pull out at 8 a.m. sharp! Bring a good attitude, be prepared for a lot of fun, get a good night's sleep before you go, **eat a hearty breakfast BEFORE departure. Bring a sack lunch** to be packed into coolers and eaten once we arrive at camp. **No snacks on the bus!**

**Return—Sat., July 3:** The bus is expected to depart camp at 9 AM (MI time) for home. You will receive a phone call once the buses have departed the lunch location with the expected arrival time. Please arrive on the early side—just in case. Everyone, including the leaders are tired and want to get home.

**Just a "Heads Up":** Certain behaviors are not tolerated so remember to use your brain before you pull a prank or do something you pretty much know is a bad idea...remember, only your Mom loves you **that** much!

**ELECTRONICS: Electronic devices including cell phones are prohibited at Owasippe and will be confiscated.** Use on the bus (**must use a headset**) is at the scout's own risk and is not encouraged.

## **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST—KEEPING IN TOUCH:**

ALL scouts like to receive mail! Even if a parent is attending Owasippe, be sure to mail letters so ALL scouts receive something at mail call!

Here's how you should address your letter:

*your Scout's Name*, Troop 81  
Section Camp: Blackhawk  
Site Number: 2 & 3  
Owasippe Scout Reservation  
9900 Russell Road  
Twin Lake, MI 49457

DO NOT SEND CANDY OR FOOD OF ANY KIND (Remember those pesky critters...!)

Money should NOT be mailed to camp.

You can start mailing around the 22nd and probably through the 29th.

## **PARENTS:**

- You pack using the same method and same gear list.
- Label EVERYTHING, just like your scout did!
- You ride the bus with the scouts.
- You *will* be working—do not expect to sit in camp and read, etc.
- you are expected to wear your red T-81 shirts in/around camp.
- Showers are available. Flush toilets too!
- Be prepared to get dirty this week!
- There is no air conditioning at camp...and none on the busses either.
- Michigan is 1 hour ahead of Illinois time. Our day starts at 6 a.m. ( so 5 a.m. IL time). We have flag ceremony each morning...then breakfast @8:15. After lunch, from 1 to 2 p.m. is "shoes-off" time in the entire camp. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. is game time.
- Two adults rotate to sleep in a central tent in the middle of the camp site, and these 2 adults are on night duty for out site. Other adults sleep in tents separate to the boys' sleeping area.
- Be prepared for a great adventure and remember to download all those pictures as soon as you get home and send them to your friendly (unable to go) newsletter editor, so we can all have a look!
- HAVE FUN!