



Troop 81 E-mail News

June 24, 2010

Troop Meeting June 24, 2010

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

BLACKHAWK PATROL



This Thursday at the beginning of the meeting is the **last chance** to get hats, t-shirts, and neckerchiefs for summer camp!

Also, if anyone has "out-grown" t-shirts, please bring them to the meeting as well. A Pair of **brand new** (tags still on!) official BSA Switchback Uniform Zipoff Pants in a Men's Large (32) were also generously donated!

RECYCLE/REUSE!

TROOP 81
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

www.troop81.org

IT'S HERE! SUMMER CAMP 2010! DEPARTING THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH!

- IS YOUR STUFF TOGETHER?
- IS EVERYTHING LABELED?
- DO YOU HAVE THE MERIT BADGE BOOKS FOR THE BADGES ON YOUR SCHEDULE?
– **Except for Moose and Muskies!** Also, print out the worksheets for each merit badge you've requested. 3-hole punch all of them and get a binder! Again, **NO worksheets will be available up there: you must bring your own!**

OKAY, THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER! PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE OR AN HOUR OR EVEN A DAY, AND MAKE CERTAIN ALL YOUR MEDICAL DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER FOR YOUR SON AND YOURSELF IF YOU ARE COMING TO CAMP FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME!

- Check with Mrs. Nagy—she recently sent an email with a long list of Scouts and adults with missing or incomplete medical information. The leaders must have this information if something were to happen during camp. **UNSURE? ASK HER!**
- When arriving at summer camp, each scout and adult leader sits down with the camp nurse and reviews the medical form and history with each scout. The information **MUST BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE** with the doctor's signature and date on the form.
- **It must be dated within one year of the day we return from summer camp. Which means it must be dated after July 4, 2009.**
- You may think you have everything on file from last year, but Please review the list Mrs. Nagy sent out because there is a **NEW** form which replaces former Class 1, 2, and 3 forms, which were phased out in 2009. **The use of the new form, No. 34605, is required effective January 1, 2010.** The new BSA form can be found here: http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf
- **ALL MISSING FORMS AND CORRECTIONS MUST BE IN TO MRS. NAGY BY 8:30 AT THURSDAY NIGHT'S MEETING OR YOUR SON WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO TO CAMP! YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL FROM MR. HARRINGTON ON FRIDAY MORNING GIVING YOU THE BAD NEWS AND THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AT THIS LATE DATE!**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

On **Friday, June 25th** setup will begin for the annual carnival for youth and adults with special needs. They plan on having over 1,000 people attending for a day of fun. Activities will include: an Interactive DJ, Train Rides, Petting Zoo, Moon Jumps, Games, Prizes, Gifts, Crafts and plenty of dancing. While the actual picnic is on Saturday, setting up the chairs, tables, etc. will be taking place on Friday from 10:00 am until finished (probably mid-afternoon). If you can give a couple hours of help, it will be greatly appreciated.

WHERE:

1805 High Point Dr., Naperville, on the grounds of Harvest Bible Chapel - Naperville.

AND ONCE AGAIN....

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 Mr. Hartwig 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!

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.) WITH 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.

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.

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

September 2:
Troop Mtg.
VIKING

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

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!

**I'M
READY!**



HAVE FUN!