



Troop 81 E-Mail News

April 15, 2010

Troop Meeting April 15, 2010

A Canine Officer from Naperville will be visiting us!

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



REMINDER!

MOOSE & MUSKY

Permission slips for the BASIC TRAINING CAMPOUT are due this Thursday!

"Caving" campers should bring \$10.00 for meals on the trip!

TROOP 81
River Glen Church
Naperville, IL

www.troop81.org



Hear Ye,
Hear Ye...

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF TROOP 81!

Plan on attending the 2010

"Everything you need to know about Troop 81" Meeting, Thursday, April 15th!

This is a very informative meeting for all "New to Troop 81" parents and a great refresher for **ALL** parents! It will start after the announcements and all your questions will be answered regarding:

- Summer camp
- Permission slips! Hill parking lot departures! Driving to/from campouts!
- Medical forms & Physicals. Finances and FUNdraising!
- Troop communications (the "chain of command")
- Parental commitments

? WHAT DID I MISS LAST WEEK ?

- There will be a cooking competition during the meeting on April 22. Contact your Patrol leader for more information.
- **Caving** is this coming weekend! There was a safety and gear talk. (More details found later in the newsletter.)
- All Moose/Musky **Basic Training** permission slips are due at the 4/15 meeting. Go to the Troop 81 website to download. Please note: This campout is for the moose/musky patrols. Older scouts are welcome on the campout to help instruct the scouts new to the Troop and their parents. Check with SPL Chris D for possible duties.
- **Garrett G** was (finally!) awarded the Krusteaz Kup for being the top pancake seller in 2009. His final sales total was \$415,000.00!?! Congratulations Garrett and move over Donald Trump!
- Advancements: Congratulations to **Peter R** for achieving Scout rank. **Cody S** and **Tommy D** are our latest Eagle Scouts! Check out their info in "Eagles Corner."

MTG. CALENDAR

**NEW INFO IS
ALWAYS IN RED**

Apr 15: Troop Mtg.
SCORPION

Apr 22: Troop Mtg.
VIKING

Apr 29: Troop Mtg.
WOLVERINE

May 1: Spring Service
Project-Work Day, 8am,
River Glen Church

May 6: Troop Mtg.
BLACKHAWK

May 13: Troop Mtg.
EAGLE

May 20: Troop Mtg.
MOOSE & MUSKIE

May 27: Troop Mtg.
SCORPION + COURT OF
HONOR

June 3: Troop Mtg.
VIKING

June 10: Troop Mtg.
WOLVERINE

**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.**



2010 TROOP CAMPOUT AND ACTIVITY INFO

- **April 16-18:** Caving Campout at Illinois Caverns; camping at Camp Vandeventer. A link with more info

about the caving:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r4/Ilc.htm>

Camping info here:

<http://lewisandclarkbsa.org/campvan.aspx>

- **April 23-25: Moose/Musky Basic Training Campout**

There is a "New Parent" campout as well. Current scouts camp both April 23 & 24. New scouts and parents camp only April 24. Location is Blackwell Preserve. This is an important campout for scouts new to T81.

- **May 1:** Service Project Work Day, a.m., River Glen Church.
- **May 14-16:** "Pause for Patriotism," Bourbonnais.
- **June 4-6:** Owasippe Service Project Weekend.
- **June 26-July 3: SUMMER CAMP** at Owasippe!



SUMMER CAMP 2010

T-MINUS 11...AND COUNTING!

Anyone going to summer camp or a High Adventure camp must turn in a current (w/in 1 yr.) Part B medical form. Parts A & C were due last week. Get those physicals scheduled ASAP! See Mrs. Nagy to make sure you have everything in. Forms can be downloaded from the Troop website. It's a great turnout for this summer—85 campers so far! Make sure your activities choices and \$\$ have been turned in to Mrs. Fosler.

There are still some openings for the **Boundary Waters High Adventure** trip, leaving July 10th and returning July 17th! See Mr. Ginell for details.





EAGLES' CORNER

A big **THANKS** from **Drew L.** to all the Scouts that came to River Glen for the start of his Eagle project. 183 man hours were logged in. "Pencil in" Sunday, April 25th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm for the next workday. Stay tuned to this column for final information.

Cody S passed his Eagle Board of Review. Save Saturday, May 8th for his Court of Honor. Details will come later.

Tommy D. passed his Eagle Board of Review with only 2 days to spare—
No pressure there!

"Yeah, you guys think you have all the time in the world to do your Eagle Projects..."

—Mr. Maurer

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

A Scout is helpful.... Don't forget to sign up for these important events! Sign-up sheets are at the front table at every troop meeting! **PAY IT FORWARD!**—help your fellow scouts now and they will help you when you need it!

- **Saturday, April 24:** The 40th anniversary of Earth Day

"bring green to your home"

Saturday, April 24 at North Central College
10:00 am – 2:00 pm, 440 S. Brainard St., Naperville 60540

- Free and open to the public
 - Expert presentations
 - Green products and services
 - Free electronics recycling
- **Saturday, May 1:** River Glen Work Day. This is an annual opportunity.

There are sign-up sheets at the troop meetings and see Mr. Bainbridge for more info.

A big **THANKS** to everyone who attended the Naperville Township meeting and presented the flags. They're always very appreciative!

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.

COMMITTEE NEWS

**Next Committee Mtg: Sunday, May 2,
7 pm at River Glen Church**

All troop parents are welcome to attend! Get involved! Find out what makes Troop 81 so great (besides all the FREE FOOD)! Meetings last approximately one hour.



USEFUL MOOSE NEWS!

Plan on attending the mandatory meeting for "Parents of new Scouts to Troop 81"

This meeting will start after the announcements at the regular Troop meeting this Thursday! Get all your questions answered and get ready for a terrific
Basic Training Campout!

A couple of things to remember:

- **Hiking boots** are a must! No one leaves the parking lot at departure time without these on their feet (i.e., they are not just packed—but actually **on your feet!**)
- **Label everything** with your name or initials!
- Make sure all your summer camp information is in to Mrs. Fosler and all **medical forms** are in to Mrs. Nagy.

Okay, so there's this burning question raging in Troop 81.

Is it spelled Musky? or Muskie? The dictionary is no help at all—supposedly either spelling is appropriate (although the first definition refers to a "musky? odor"....). I asked Mr. Ginnell, (he looked at me like it was a "no-brainer") and spelled M-U-S-K-I-E without even thinking about it. Others I asked were just as sure it was the other way. As the new editor, I'd like to put in a plug for Muskie. Sometimes we might refer to Blackhawks, or Vikings, or Scorpions but what happens when we pluralize Musky(s)? You see the problem? It really needs to be spelled Muskie(s). But with that said, I think the new Musky/Muskie patrol should decide this as soon as possible and the definitive answer will be published in a future issue of this newsletter. Some might suggest polling the entire troop, but just to let you know...from personal experience....it might get ugly....

Caving Equipment Checklist

- Three (3) sources of light (headlamp counts as one)
- Extra batteries for light sources
- Change of clothes (will be left in cars for afterwards)
- Helmet (bike helmet will do)
- Old clothes that can get wet (and that can get dirty and possibly even be thrown away)
- Clothes worn in caves must be polypro (or similar) –NO COTTON!!! (Will never dry!)
- Water bottle (filled with drinking water)
- Empty wide-mouth plastic bottle for waste (e.g., a Gatorade bottle): what goes in the cave, comes out of the cave (that includes bodily fluids!)
- Carabiners: lightweight ones to hook small tools/bottles to packs/belt loops
- Whistle
- Knee pads
- Gloves (so we leave no oil from our hands on the walls)
- Waterproof bags for anything that can't get wet
- Large garbage bag for all wet gear after you're done
- Small day pack to carry your gear in

EXTRA TIPS

Caves are dark: make sure you have easy access to 3 sources of light

Caves are wet: do NOT wear jeans –you must have polypro or similar long underwear. Cotton clothes/socks can cause hypothermia because they stay wet next to your skin.

Caves are cold: wear layers – some caves will be warmer than the outside temp and some will be the same temp as the outside. We will be wandering in and out of many of the 30+ caves there, so dress warmly.

Caves are slippery: make sure you watch your step and GO SLOW.

Caves can be scary: make sure you have a buddy and that you both can see people in front of you and/or behind you at all times.

Go slow, do not panic, take a deep breath.

Bats: leave them alone!

Leave no trace: what goes into the cave comes out of the cave!

If you think you are lost: STAY PUT and blow your whistle 3 times, repeatedly. **STAY PUT**–do not wander further in or try to find your way back out.

STAY PUT!!

