

Troop 81 Happenings

March / April 2023

Welcome to our new Moose / Muskie Scouts. We are happy that you have joined the troop and look forward to getting to know each of you.

Please read through this document as it will provide you with information on the Troop 81 activities and some valuable information that may or may not made it back to the Parents about those activities.

Troop Meetings:

- Thursday, March 30th
NO MEETING – Enjoy Spring Break
- Thursday, April 6th – Phoenix
Activity: MacGyver Night
- Thursday, April 13th - Badger
Activity: Summer Camp Presentation / Meal Planning
- Thursday, April 20th – Falcon
Activity: Fire Building Skills
- Thursday, April 27th - Phoenix
Activity: Instrument & Music night

Campouts:

- Moose / Muskie Training Campout
 - When: Friday April 14th to 16th
 - Where: Blackwell Forest Preserve, Sites 7&8
 - Moose & Muskie arrival with Parent to Camp on Saturday morning (time TBD)
 - Permission Slips are due on April 6th
- Patrol Choice Activity
 - When: Friday, April 21st to the 23rd
 - Where: Camp Lowden, Oregon Illinois
 - Departure: Hill Middle School 6pm
 - Return: Hill Middle School - expected in the early afternoon
 - Permission Slips due: Thursday April 13th meeting
- Skills and Sycamore Speedway
 - When: Friday, May 12th to 14th
 - Where: Big Timber – Elgin IL
 - Departure: Hill Middle School 6pm
 - Return: Hill Middle School - expected in the early afternoon
 - Permission Slips due on Thursday May 4th

Leadership Meetings:

- Committee Meeting
 - When: Sunday, April 2nd at 7pm
 - Where: River Glen Presbyterian Church
- Patrol Leadership Meeting
 - When: Thursday, April 13th 6pm to 7pm
 - Where: River Glen Presbyterian Church
 - Who: Troop Youth Leadership

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General Information:

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 6th

- If you are a new scout parent please plan on attending the Troop Meeting; we will be having a new parent meeting where we will discuss the Troop and Summer Camp.

Sunday, April 8th

- Troop 81 will again be supporting St. Thomas the Apostle Church with their Easter Vigil Fire. There will be signups at the troop meeting. Class A uniforms.

Tuesday, April 11th

- Troop 81 will be the Color Guard at the Naperville Township meeting at 5:30pm to 7:30pm for their annual town meeting. There will be signups at the troop meeting. Class A uniforms.

Saturday, May 6th

- River Glen Church Cleanup. We ask that everyone in the troop show up to participate. We will be starting at 8am! Please put this on your calendars.

Health Forms: If you have not turned in your health forms Part A & B these need to be completed prior to attending any overnight campout. Part C with a physicians signature is due at the beginning of May. Please turn them into Mrs. McCarthy at the troop meeting.

The Troop Committee needs your assistance!

- Please consider attending the committee meetings we need to hear your opinions and feedback from your scout. This group supports the Scoutmaster Corps and provides support for the program that the boys determine.
- Several key positions remain open that are vital to the operation of the troop, so we urgently need volunteers to step up to ensure a smooth transition
- Please take a moment to check them out below and contact me with your interest or questions
 - **Eagle Court of Honor Coordinator**
 - Assists families of new Eagle Scouts with accessing information and resources to set up their scout's court of honor
 - Stores Eagle court of honor materials in the troop closet at River Glen and providing Eagle parents access to them for their event
 - Maintains an archive of Troop 81 eagle scouts including announcements, photos, dates, and other relevant information
 - **Training Coordinator**
 - Assists the Committee at monitoring an informing our adults when their Youth Protection Training is preparing to expire.
- If you are new or relatively new to the Troop, we need your voice and help!

Summer Camp @ Camp Blackhawk, GO!:

The following email was sent to the troop regarding Summer Camp from Mrs Hall and Mrs Vega-Mitchell

 Hey Troop 81!

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It's that exciting time of year when we get to dream of camping at Owassippe in warmer weather, aquatics on Blue Lake, Merit Badge classes, and campfires with your friends and fellow Scouts!

Please come to the Troop meeting on **3/23**, with your questions and for more information. I'll make an announcement during the first and last part of the meeting.

The following week, **4/26**, we will be handing out Packets that include a Registration form and a worksheet to plan out Merit Badge class times. Please plan on picking up your packet!

And don't lose them! Myself and a few other Troop Leaders are committed to registering T81 Scouts when the Owassippe Online Registration opens. We will need you to return your Registration form and selections by a **deadline of April 13th**.

First year Scouts will be given information and a schedule of a pre-set program.

Second year and older scouts may pick their choices of Merit Badge classes to attend.

You can register late by May 15th, but the price goes up and you may not get your choice of MB class.

So you can be preparing for payment, the cost of camp is usually around \$450+. Scholarships are available, and funds in your Scout Account can be utilized. Please talk to Treasurer Jim Simnick should you be considering a request for scholarship funds. We never want the cost of camp to be the reason a Scout can't attend. **The fees for Camp will be due at the Troop meeting on May 4th**.

Health Form Part C must be handed in to attend camp and also requires a doctor's signature. Please make your appointments now. **Part C will also be due May 4th**.

This year the bus leaves from Hill Middle School early Saturday morning, June 24th, to travel up to Michigan together. Camp dates are **6/24 through Saturday, July 1st**. The bus usually returns in the afternoon upon return.

If you are new to the Troop, or this is your first time hearing about our Troop's annual Summer Camp to Owassippe, (or even if not!) please reach out! Silvia Vega Mitchell and I are more than happy to answer all of your questions! We will also have a "New Parent Meeting" with more information during a Thursday meeting TBD.

Camp Blackhawk! GO!

Yours in Scouting,

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T81 Summer Camp Coordinators

