

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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Committee Chairman: Mr. Dennis Cox

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Upcoming Events

May 3 and May 5-Silver Lake Park Service Day to repair a bridge and refurbish the trails

May 5 - FINAL SUMMER CAMP PAYMENT

May 9 through 11-Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee, London, Ontario, Canada

May 16 through 18-OA Spring Conclave at Camp Tapico, Grayling

May 26-MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & FLAG RAISING AT THE CEMETERY

May 26 through 31-Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop (Mr. Hussar and Mr. Zimbler will be there)

June 7-First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive Service Hours

June 13 & 14-Relay for Life Volunteers Needed

June 23-Court of Honor and Summer Camp Parent/Participant Meeting

July 2 and July 3-Summer Camp gear and bike drop off

July 4-Fenton Freedom Festival Parade

July 6-Depart for summer camp

July 12-Return from summer camp

● **Summer Camp Health Forms and Troop 219 Child ID Forms**

The most current 4 Page Health Form that I have on file for each Scout has been placed into your mail folders. A new one has been placed there also. Please complete the new Health Form, including dates of immunizations, and either attach the old forms page three with the doctor's signature or have the doctor complete the new forms page 3 if you get a new physical this year. To be used again this year a Scout must have had a physical exam after July 12, 2005. Include the date of the last tetanus shot if you know it or can find it out.

Adults over age 40 need to complete a new physical form each year. These are also new so make sure you get one from me if you are attending summer camp this year.

You should make a copy of the Health Form and turn in both of them to the unit. One will be given to the camp when we check in and it will be kept by the camp. I will keep the original and give them a copy.

CHILD ID FORMS: We are asking for a new CHILD ID FORM each year now. Please complete and return this form by our last meeting in June, with a current photograph attached.

● **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2008. These are held at the church and start at 7:00 P.M. and are over by 8:30 P.M.

● **Whitewater Rafting Trip**

A great time was had by the adults and Scouts who made this trip. Mr. Adams has a video of their "rubber ducky" trip down the Gauley River in West Virginia. Several of the people went for a rough and tumble swim when they parted ways with their ducky part of the way down a rapids. No one was injured and all had a great time.

- **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee**

Mr. Miller distributed permission slips on Monday, April 21, 2008. More forms are available. I will repeat parts of Mr. Miller's email to me again for everyone:

This will be our troop's 13th year of attending this international camporee. Beginning this year we will have a new requirement of a valid passport, the previous requirement of a State ID and birth certificate will NO longer be acceptable. There still is enough time to get an expedited passport in time for the camporee if you apply soon - contact the post office for passport information. The permission slip will be due on Monday, April 28th and if you have any questions regarding the camporee, please see Mr. Miller, who will be our tour leader again this year.

- **Silver Lake Park Service Project**

Parents and Scouts are needed for a weekend of service opportunities the weekend of May 3 and May 4. The Saturday work session will run from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. There will be two main work areas. The first is the repair of a foot bridge which was damaged by a tree which fell on during the tornado. This will be done by mostly adults due to the power tools needed to perform the work. The second area will be clearing and cleaning the nature trails and then re-mulching them. Wheel barrows and shovels and rakes along with work gloves are the main items needed for this work. Lunch will be provided. A permission slip is available on the troop web site. Sign in when you arrive and sign out when you leave for the day. A Sunday work session will be held if necessary -- by adults only due to the use of power tools for the work involved.

- **Meeting Location Change**

The meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008, will be held at Silver Lake Park. Part of the meeting will be parade practice and flag ceremonies but part of the meeting may well be to continue working on the nature trails to wrap up the work to get them ready for Memorial Day when the park officially reopens.

- **Star Seminar**

The next Star Seminar will be hosted by New Horizons District. You must be a Star or Life Scout before you are able to attend one but you must attend one before you start anything on your Eagle Scout Service Leadership Work Project. The Star Seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. You must call the Council Service Center at 235-2531 to make a reservation AND to find out where and at what time it will be held.

- **Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave**

The Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave will be held the weekend of May 16-May 18, 2008. If you were nominated and elected into the Order of the Arrow you have one of two conclaves to seal your Ordeal Membership. This is the first opportunity and the second one will be in September during the Fall Conclave. Ordeal Members should receive an information package soon from the Lodge so that you will know how to prepare. A good resource in Troop 219 would be Matt Rybar if you have questions. We usually try to carpool as much as possible for this trip due to the long distance.

- **Memorial Day**

The Fenton Memorial Day Parade takes place at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 26, 2008. We will participate as a marching unit again and this year it is our responsibility, and honor, to perform the flag ceremony at the Cemetery. We will meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. in full uniform, hat down to the socks with everything between included. About 9:25 A.M. we will walk over to the Fenton Community Center so that we can get our place in the parade and be ready to step off when they are ready to start.

- **Fenton Relay for Life**

LOCATION: Lake Fenton Middle School. As stated several times in the recent past the Fenton Relay for Life Committee has asked for help on Friday, June 13 with an official flag raising ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance. We have also been asked to be available throughout the evening and then on Saturday until 2:00 P.M. when the relay ends.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: We have been invited to spend the night on Friday, June 13, 2008. Arrival time is noon on Friday. There are activities planned for all night so bed could be optional. I personally think I will choose that option.

The official flag ceremony opening will be performed by the Scouts at 2:00 P.M. I am looking for 6-8 Scouts who would be willing to do whatever is asked of us during the time we are there. This will be a tent campout for as and a pancake breakfast will be provided. As the events wind down on Saturday we may well be helping with clean up and possibly taking down tents and equipment. SPL Andrew Weston has told me that he will not be available that weekend. ASPL Jordan Dagenais will be attending NYLT beginning on Sunday and may not be available. I have not yet discussed this with him. I also have not talked with ASPL Max McDonald yet about his availability.

- **Summer Camp Parent/Participant Meeting and Court of Honor**

There will be a Parent and Participant meeting for all Scouts attending summer camp with us this summer. We will also have our third formal Court of Honor for this Scout Year. This will be held at the church in the Sanctuary on Monday, June 23, 2008, and will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. Even if you are not attending summer camp you and your family are invited and encouraged to this meeting as this will be our final Court of Honor for the 2007-2008 Scout year.

- **Summer Camp Equipment Drop-Off**

This year we will be dropping off personal equipment and bicycles, with helmets, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 2 and July 3. This will take place at the Fenton Collision Parking Lot from 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on each day. See me if you will not be able to drop off your gear on either of those two dates.

- **Fenton Freedom Festival Parade and Pancake Breakfast**

In past years we have helped with the Fenton Community Center Pancake Breakfast clean up and also marched in the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade. If you are in town during that period of time please make this part of your plans for the holiday. I believe I will include the Pontiac again this year so that we can distribute candy along the route. That was fun for everyone last year.

- **Summer Camp 2008**

WE DEPART FOR CAMP TAPICO ON SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008 AT **7:30 P.M.** I will be assembling a package of information for Scouts attending summer camp with us this year. Some of it will be time sensitive so please review it carefully.

We will need to determine our menu for our week in camp in time for me to turn it in at the next Summer Camp Leader Meeting on May 7, 2008.

You should have made your first two payments by now with the third and final payment due to Mr. Miller on or before Monday, May 5, 2008.

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