

2005 SUMMER CAMP TAPICO SUMMARY

Summer camp at Tapico was very successful for Troop 219 this year. The new block scheduling worked well for the boys. They spent less time traveling and more time working on their merit badges. The overall quality of the instruction seemed better in my survey of the boys. The boys earned 94 merit badges, 8 rank advancements, 2 mile swim awards and 3 BSA lifeguards, 6 totin' chips, 6 fire'n chits, a near perfect score on our inspection, and quality troop. We also won the 219 -212 football game and the Water Carnival. We got to know the other troops and make new friends. The new corner pole for dining fly's and tents gave all more room and camp looked really sharp! The new water tank, sink and gray water disposal worked great.

The boys ate well. Healthy food was available at all meals. Most of the added food was taken in coolers from Fenton. I made 2 quick trips to town for fresh produce. As it was hot our week -- the highlight of eating was frozen fruit and berries and ice cream. Mr. Hussar's tuna salad was great also. The trip to Hartwick Pines en route to Tapico was quite informative.

The boys were quite healthy this summer. Great thanks to Mr. Hussar our medical officer. The drop off, delivery and return of equipment and bikes went quite well. Many thanks go to Mr. Rybar and Mr. Brown. Setup and tear down of camp was more organized and faster than in the past. Great work boys. The combined 219-212 Campfire was well run by our able troops.

Devon Vaughn held leadership training for our troop throughout the week and was a GREAT help. Many thanks, Devon. Please join us next summer. Mr. King worked with our older boy patrol this year and did a great job. He also brought a few treats. Thanks for the help.

We had our beach open all week and the troop used it daily and played many great games there. Thanks to all our life guards and watchers. Mr. Cox and Dr. Congdon attended and helped a greatly with our troop program. Thanks.

On a negative note, one event of vandalism occurred and contraband was taken to camp. Please be on notice, these will not be tolerated.

Overall, John Cahoun and his leadership group of (ASPL), Matt Rybar (quartermaster), Kevin Humphries (JASM) and the patrol leaders ran a great summer camp for Troop 219. Congratulations. See you soon (and next summer).

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