

Troop 219 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP TAPICO-2007

(www.troop219.org)

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF:

Please drop off all of your equipment for summer camp on Tuesday evening, July 2 or Wednesday evening, July 3, 2007 at Fenton Collision. This is on the corner of N. LeRoy St. and Silver Lake Rd. The parking lot is across from River St. on Silver Lake Rd. The drop off times are between 6:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. Scouts, and adults attending with us, should drop off all of their gear, their bike, helmet and any MISSING paperwork. If these dates do not work for you please make arrangements to get the stuff to us before that date-if possible.

TRAVEL TO CAMP:

We will meet at 7:00 A.M. and depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot at 7:30 A.M. on Sunday, July 6, 2008. Everyone going with us should have eaten breakfast before arriving by 7:00 A.M.

Each Scout should have a small backpack with a sack lunch, beverage, medications as described below and entertainment for the ride. However, all electronics will be locked up upon arrival at camp and may melt in a sun-baked vehicle. Electronics might be locked up by the Scoutmaster in the campsite but you are still responsible ultimately for them.

Those who have not completed a swim test might like to pack their swim trunks and a towel also.

RETURN FROM CAMP:

We PLAN to return to the Fenton Collision parking lot at about 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, July 12, 2008. Please make sure we have a GOOD contact number with us so that we may reach you if we are going to arrive earlier or later than the stated time. We will finish any paperwork while the trailers are being unloaded and there will be an informal Court of Honor presenting any merit badges, rank patches and awards which were earned AT summer camp.

SCOUTS should have money for lunch during our return trip.

MEDICATIONS:

All medications, including over-the-counter drugs, must be in their original container labeled with the number of doses or pills or ounces along with the patients name and directions. Over-the-counter medications must have a signed note from the Parent/Guardian with both permission to administer and directions for doing so.

SEND only the amount needed for six and one-half days and mark that amount on the container.

Medications are best carried in their backpack in transit to and from camp. INHALERS and EPIPENS will stay with the Scout or adult.

PLEASE place all medications in a Ziploc bag labeled with:

SCOUT or ADULT'S NAME

Troop 219

Pioneer Campsite

One adult leader, currently Mr. Hussar, will administer and record all medications. All medications given must be listed on the Scouts (or adults) Health Form (this includes over the counter medications). The primary responsibility for taking prescribed medication lies with the individual Scout or adult.

EQUIPMENT:

Scouts will sleep in canvas Tapico tents and MAY NOT bring their own tents. Adults may use Tapico tents or bring their own. Army style canvas cots are also provided for the Scouts. A metal bed with mattress is available for adults. Equipment is best stored under the cot in a plastic foot locker. Wal-Mart or Target have had the foot lockers in the past for about \$30.00.

Mosquito netting is also quite helpful and may be tied to the inside of the tent wall, on the one side and supported by two wooden dowels, or supported by 2-36" and 2-48" wooden dowels tied to the cot. Some participants have also been known to bring a folding chair. An 8' by 10' ground cloth is best for the floor of the tents. As Pioneer is essentially a peninsula surrounded by swamp and lake we must be fully prepared for mosquitoes.

CONTRABAND:

CELL PHONES/PAGERS/TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR SCOUTS

TOBACCO

ALCOHOL (DRINKING) {authorities will be contacted}

ILLEGAL DRUGS {authorities will be contacted}

FIREARMS, IMITATION GUNS

AMMUNITION

FIREWORKS, SPARKLERS, SMOKE BOMBS, ETC. Parents will be contacted and you will be sent home at your own expense-at the very least-authorities might also have to be contacted.

AEROSOL SPRAYS-INCLUDING INSECT REPELLANTS

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS (including lighters)

KNIVES WITH BLADES GREATER THAN 3 INCHES

LASER POINTERS

ANYTHING FRAGILE OR EXPENSIVE

ELECTRONICS (except for in transit use or by the approval of the Scoutmaster)

Any camp or Troop Junior Leader or adult leader will confiscate contraband on sight without warning. If this should happen the item(s) should be given to the Scoutmaster. There will be no exceptions. It may be given to a parent/guardian upon return from camp or disposed of or given to authorities as appropriate. Any use of tools, supplies, gear or food that places anyone's health or safety at risk or which represents a disregard for the principles of Scouting will be dealt with as a behavior issue and could result in being sent home from camp. Neither the camp nor the Troop is responsible for loss or damage to personal gear. Only two vehicles with trailers will be allowed to drive to Pioneer Campsite. Any personal gear not packed into them will have to be carried the 1.25 miles to the campsite.

SWIM CHECKS:

Swim checks have already been performed. If you did not attend this you will have to arrange for a swim check after arrival at our campsite.

MONEY:

Bring enough money to pay for lunch on the way home (at least \$10.00) plus whatever is needed for purchases at the trading post or program materials.

BICYCLES:

In the past all Scouts and most adults have brought bicycles to camp subject to Camp Policy on the use (see the Bike Safety Rules which are being distributed as part of this handout). **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED UNDER ALL CONDITIONS** and must be identified with the Scouts or adults last name and Troop 219. Wide tired mountain bicycles work best in the sandy soil at Camp. The 20" stunt bikes make for hard travel at times due to their size.

HELPFUL HINT: The roads are mainly sandy soil. It is best to continue pedaling when you approach the loose sand and not to try to build up speed and then coast through it. Wipeouts may occur when you hit the sand and powering through usually works better than trying to blow through it. The camp has tagged bicycles in past years and will provide tags again this year. Bicycles must be operated in a safe manner and kept in designated areas. Violations may result in the loss of biking privileges. Scouts must leave their bicycles outside of camp in the designated area.

PATROL METHOD:

The Troop is divided into 3 patrols while attending camp. The patrols are arranged as close to their natural patrols as possible.

Patrol Leaders are in charge of, and responsible for, their patrol's campsite area, use of Troop and camp equipments and the activities of the Scouts in their patrol. Each patrol is responsible for the preparation of their own meals, cleanup after meals, proper recycling practices, policing their patrol site and providing for their Troop assigned duties. Each patrol and Troop will have a duty roster. The senior youth leadership, Andrew Weston, Jordan Dagenais, Max McDonald, Kyle Hanson and Matt Rybar, and adults will be guests of the patrols for meals. Check the meal rotation roster ahead of time and have a patrol member invite their guests and apprise them of the meal time. A patrol yell and flag are required **BUT** materials for a flag **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE** at camp. Scouts are responsible for their gear, tents and the duties assigned to them individually, to their patrol and to the Troop.

BEHAVIOR:

The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are the behavior rules at all times. These will be strictly enforced. Scouts should be capable of regulating their own behavior to meet this standard. Violations will be dealt with appropriate to their nature, severity, and the overall goals of our Troop. Behavior which places anyone's health or safety at risk or which represents a severe disregard for the principles of Scouting will place the Scout at the risk of being sent home at their parents/guardians expense. Damaging bikes and knocking down tents is not acceptable behavior.

Only those Scouts assigned to a tent should be in that tent. If you wish to gather to visit or work on something then do it at one of the patrol site picnic tables or other open area. Respect other peoples areas and property.

UNIFORM:

The complete official Scout Uniform is required for transportation to and return from camp, at camp wide flag ceremonies opening and closing camp fires and at dinner EVERY day. This includes the official Scout Hat, troop neckerchief and an appropriate neckerchief slide of some sort, Scout shirt (with patches correctly displayed), official Scout shorts or pants, Scout belt and Scout or white socks.

Uniforms inspections will be held and will count toward patrol competitions. Advancement is an important part of summer camp and Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review will be held. The official Scout uniform is required for both.

Any reasonable dress is acceptable for daily activities. The Scout uniform is always acceptable. Any clothing deemed unacceptable to a Camp Staff Member or to any adult leader attending camp will not be permitted.

The size of camp makes comfortable shoes essential. Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times except when you are in your tent, swimming or showering and flip flops are encouraged for the showerer.. Shoes are not required if you are in bed. **Open toes shoes, sandals and flip flops (except in the shower rooms) are not allowed.**

FOOD:

Camp Tapico provides ample food for all at camp (yes, even growing boys). If you wish to send additional food or have special dietary requirements, it must be placed in Zip-Lock bags labeled with the Scout's name and will be stored by the troop in our coolers and trailers. This keeps it safe from chipmunks, ground squirrels and raccoons.

It will be available upon request and by adult approval.

Non-perishables should be sent on the Equipment Drop Off dates. Perishables should be brought on Sunday morning but please let the Scoutmaster know you will be do so.

LEAVE THE POWER DRINKS AT HOME. THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED.

CLEANLINESS:

Cleanliness is expected and required at camp. Regular (daily) showering is highly recommended. Additionally, personal gear, tents, patrol areas, troop areas and OUR actions should be clean as well. Throwing of food, improper disposal of food, garbage, trash or recyclables will not be permitted. Discipline will be provided for infractions.

Patrol sites will be inspected after each meal and must be approved before any member may leave the campsite.

ANIMALS:

In past years a bear has been a passing guest at Camp Tapico. Raccoons, coyotes, chipmunks and other critters are always present. Animals can smell food in your tent, your pack, your footlocker and bunk and have no qualms about digging and chewing their way in to it.

NEVER TAKE OR KEEP ANY FOOD OR DRINK IN YOUR TENT (except water). This will be strictly enforced. Inspections will be made. There will be no exceptions. Do not even ask. Any food or drink brought to camp must be in a bag, labeled with your name and given to the Quartermaster for appropriate storage.

OPEN TENT POLICY:

Patrols will maintain campsites in such condition as to invoke pride in self, patrol and Troop. Tents will have flaps tied open except when occupants are changing clothes, a storm is in progress or possibly when sleeping. All gear and tents are open to inspection. Adults will secure the camp while Scouts are at activities. Camp will be inspected daily and spot checks during meal preparation and cleanup may be frequent.

WEATHER:

A wide range of weather can be experienced during our week at camp. You should plan on temperatures from the 40's to the 90's as well as rain. **Rain gear and a warm windbreaker or jacket are a must.** Pack so that your gear and clothes stay dry (the plastic foot locker and ZipLock bags are essential).

BUDDY SYSTEM:

The buddy system is practiced throughout our Scout year and no place more so than at summer camp. Due to the distances involved it is **essential that all Scouts stay with their buddy (usually their tent partner but not necessarily)**. Permission is required for Scouts to leave Pioneer campsite.

Patrol sites will be inspected and approved before any Scouts leave Pioneer.

We may be establishing a swimming area and the buddy system will be strictly enforced by our lifeguards-IF WE HAVE ANY AT CAMP THIS WEEK.

TRADING POST:

The Trading Post offers Tapico clothing, merit badge pamphlets, supplies and candies for sale. Scouts need to bring enough money to be able to utilize these (as their parent's/guardians desire). If any parent does not wish their sons to have access to sugary or caffeinated foods and drinks please state so on the Health Form or speak directly with the Scoutmaster. Adult leaders reserve the right to restrict times during which the Trading Post may be visited and to restrict the use or ingestion of purchased items when the Scout's health or safety may be placed at risk or interferes with the Troop program. Do not bring cases of soda or power drinks to camp. We do not have the space to transport it and you do not need it.

COMMUNICATION:

Scouts are not permitted telephone access at camp. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Phoning home only exacerbates homesickness. Adults will maintain several phones at camp for their personal and professional needs AND for true emergencies. We have no immediate access to electricity as our "current" bushes have not yet reached mature voltage yet. **So, please call only for true emergencies (an event requiring you to remove your son from camp).**

The Camp Tapico telephone number is 231-258-9302. Phone messages will be hand carried out to us if urgent or placed in our daily mailbox. My cell phone number is 810-569-4091 and I seemed to have decent service while at Camp Tapico for the Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave.

US Mail should be sent to your son starting three days before he leaves for camp, but not after Tuesday of that week, at the following address:

SCOUT's Name
Troop 219
Camp Tapico
2408 Camp Tapico Rd.
Kalkaska, Mi., 49646

ADULTS AT CAMP:

Adults at camp are Troop and camp staff FIRST, and parents second. Each adult will have an assigned responsibility at camp and must follow Troop and Camp policy, the Scout Oath and Scout Law and support the Scoutmaster's Program. Experience shows that troop discipline works best if **parents do not discipline their own children at camp**. Every adult at camp must have a valid 4 page TPC Health with a currently dated physicians signature. Adults must have 3 reference forms on file and a signed behavior management form. These forms are available online at our website. Youth Protection Training is required and available online at www.tpcbsa.org or you may spend Monday morning in the class. The cards for all training will be required. Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense are now available at the National Website and may be reached through the Council website. **Adult Leader Basic Training** is available at camp for adults and is highly recommended.

EQUIPMENT CHECK-IN:

Please bring the following unless it has already been submitted:

FOOT LOCKER-OR HOWEVER YOU PACK YOUR STUFF BUT NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS.

BICYCLE AND HELMET

HEALTH FORM

SPECIAL DIETS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (pack it as you will need it but SM will have one also)

MERIT BADGE APPLICATIONS (will be available to you on Monday morning)

HOW YOU ARE GETTING TO CAMP-if not traveling with the Troop

HOW YOU ARE GETTING HOME FROM CAMP-if not traveling with the troop

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR SATURDAY PICKUP (in case we are ahead of or behind schedule)

Adults also need the following unless already submitted:

TPC HEALTH FORM

REFERENCE FORMS-3 completed by people who know you

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FORM-signed

YOUTH PROTECTION CARD, OTHER CERTIFICATION CARDS

I believe that this covers the important information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at scoutmaster@troop219.org or mhussar219@aol.com. My home number is 810-629-1172 and my cell phone number is 810-569-4091.

EQUIPMENT LIST FOR SUMMER CAMP-from Camp Tapico Leaders Guide

- Beach Towel
- Canteen
- Complete Scout Uniform (minimum two recommended: shirt, neckerchief, pants/shorts, socks, belt and hat)
- Eating utensils
- Extra pants (long and short)
- Extra shorts
- Fishing gear
- Flashlight with extra batteries (and possibly an extra bulb)
- Heavy jacket
- Hiking shoes
- Merit Badge pamphlets
- Merit Badge pre-requisite paperwork
- Mess kit
- **MONEY FOR ANY PROGRAM AREA MATERIALS**
- Notebook and pencils
- Nylon Cord
- Pack
- Postcards and stamps
- Raingear (**yes, they said raingear-make sure you have it**)
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Six pairs socks
- Six pairs of underwear (short and t-shirts if you wear them)
- Sleeping bag or two heavy blankets
- Small pillow
- Spending money
- Sweater
- Swim Trunks
- Tennis shoes
- Toilet kit (soap, washcloth, towel, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)

Other Equipment-again from the Camp Tapico Leader's Guide

- Bible or prayer book
- camera with extra film
- Compass
- CPR/Lifeguard BSA Card
- First Aid Kit
- **NON AEROSOL** Insect Repellant
- Pocket Knife
- Sewing Kit
- Suntan Lotion
- Watch
- **MOSQUITO NETTING** and supports for it

BIKE SAFETY RULES:

- Bikes are not to be used during any camp wide events. Bikes may be parked at the bike racks located in the Program Area or designated bike lots.
- Bike Safety Orientation must be completed prior to renting a bike or using a personal bike in camp.
- Bikes must have the owner's name and troop number affixed to the bike, preferably attached to the center bar of the bike.
- Approved helmets are required to be worn at all times by all those riding bikes. Troop Number must be affixed to the helmet in two inch high numbers. You should have your name on the helmet also.
- Bikes are limited to camp roads only.
- Bikes are not operated during hours of darkness.
- Bikes cannot be riding off camp unless the Camp Director or his designated representative grants permission
- Bike riders must insure that they park their bikes in designated areas only.
- Do not operate bikes in program areas or campsites.
- Bike riders must announce their presence when approaching walkers.
- The Tall Pine Council, and this Boy Scout Troop, are not responsible for damage or loss of personal bikes and helmets. **LOCK YOUR BIKE!**
- Tapico bikes are considered camp equipment. **Any damage to a bike will be considered the responsibility of the troop.**
- **Violations of bike safety rules will be grounds for loss of biking privileges.**

Thank You,

Michael L. Hussar, Scoutmaster
Boy Scout Troop 219
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810-629-1172 (home)