

Troop 219 Informational Mailing

• Summer Camp Wrap-up and Other Stuff

This mailing is to summarize Summer Camp 2010 and to preview some of the 2010-2011 Scout Year upcoming events and activities.

This year we had 38 Scout 18 Adults attend summer camp in 2010 (up from 29 Scouts and 14 adults register for summer camp for this year. Mr. Hussar, Mr. Adams, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Dagenais, Mr. Gorelick, Mr. MacPhail-Fausey and Mr. Ken Laetz spent the entire week at camp this year. Mr. John Cohoon, Mr. Gornick, Mr. Kyle Hanson, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Pilarski, Mr. AMatt Rybar, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Trecha and Mr. Wolf spent anyplace from 2 nights to five nights at camp helping out. Mr. Galvin arrived for Thursday evening unexpectedly and spend Thursday and Friday evenings with us. Mr. Ron Rybar drove John, Kyle and Matt up on Sunday with the trailer he allows us to use to haul the bikes to and from camp and he and Matt returned home Sunday afternoon. Matt, John Kyle and Mr. Rybar unloaded the bikes and set up the bike parking are.. Mr. Gorelick pulled up the big trailer with the troop gear and some of the personal gear. Mr. Bauer towed the medium trailer to and from camp. Derek Trecha was picked up from camp on Friday afternoon so that he could repack his gear and head for a high-adventure hike with his cousin's Troop in Virginia. I believe they are in the Blue Ridge Mountains for this trip.

The Scouts all appeared to have a good time at camp. I think the weather was spectacular with a light rain on Sunday night and a rain that lasted most of the night on Wednesday. Mosquitoes were really not a problem this year until Friday evening. Temperatures during the day were in the 80's and by morning they may have dropped to the low 60's. It was in the low 40's Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and only rained once this week.

I turned in advancement paperwork for 144 (+) merit badges and 6 rank advancements but later found some errors which I will correct when I can get the blue cards back from District as we ended up with 178 Merit Badges and we have 10 partially completed merit badges. A partial completion simply means that one or more requirements were not completed. A Scout need only contact a merit badge counselor in his home council to complete the requirement(s) remaining and will not have to redo those which were signed off at summer camp.

When we arrived back at the Fenton Collision parking lot on Saturday afternoon we conducted an informal Court of Honor recognized advancements from summer camp. We still need to prepare some Totin/Chip cards which we did not receive from camp and some merit badges which were unavailable at the Trading Post. All cards for Merit Badges and Rank and any other formal recognitions will be distributed at our formal **Court of Honor in October**.

• Missing Personal Items

The trailers were pretty much cleaned out upon our return from Summer Camp. We did not end up with personal gear that I am aware of. If, while you were unpacking you found items which do not belong to you please bring them to the Troop picnic in August or to our first Troop meeting in September. Better yet, please contact me so that I might try to connect the FOUND item with it's proper owner.

** Jonathan Nolkemper is missing a black Reebok backpack but that had been turned in to Lost and Found at the Administration Building and then was "claimed" by someone before he got there to claim it.

** Cullen Breece is missing a black Lake Fenton backpack. It is shows up at someone else's place please let me know as soon as possible.

I have acquired a dark green chair with it's bag as well as a nice beach towel.

• **Advancements and Recognitions**

The following is a summary of advancements, merit badges and other recognitions from (and maybe just before) summer camp.

Vincent Barbaretta-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Leatherwork and Swimming plus Second Class Scout Rank

Noah Bauer-Art, Indian Lore, Metalwork, Music, Personal Management and Photography

Jordan Bond-Astronomy, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science and Smallboat Sailing

Cullen Breece-Cit in the Nation, First Aid and Leatherwork

Jordan Dagenais-Pathfinding and Tracking

Parker Dagenais-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Mammal Study and Photography plus Second Class Scout Rank (+Firem'n Chit)

Lucas Demchik-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Leatherwork (+Firem'n Chit)

Adam Eggleston-Art, Astronomy, Bird Study, Cit. in the Community, Cooking, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Pathfinding, Photography, Pulp and Paper, Signaling, Space Exploration, Tracking and Woodcarving

Ethan Fegan-Canoeing, Climbing, Fishing, Lifesaving and Rowing

John Galvin-Art, Indian Lore, Mammal Study, Metalwork, Photography and Reptile and Amphibian Study

Gavin Godlewski-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Swimming

Nick Gorelick-Lifesaving, Personal Fitness and Smallboat Sailing

Ryan Gorelick-Oceanography and Weather

Adam Gornick-Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Indian Lore, Mammal Study, Photography and Swimming (+Firem'n Chit)

Asa Green-Indian Lore, Metalwork, Music and Wordcarving

David Hall-Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting and Rifleshooting

Alex Hamady-Art, Indian Lore, Mammal Study, Metalwork and Photography

Chase Hanson-Nature, Oceanography and Weather

Matt Hommer-Climbing and Weather

Randy Kinne-Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Leatherwork

Christopher Koenigsknecht-Cit. in the World, Nature and Weather

Michael Laetz-Indian Lore, Metalworking, Oceanography and Reptile and Amphibian Study

Nicholus Locascio-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Photography, Rifleshooting and Swimming

Ian MacPhail-Fausey-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Leatherwork, Photography, Swimming and Second Class Scout Rank (+Firem'n Chit)

Joshua Morgan-Archery, Art, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Leatherwork plus First Class Scout Rank

Justin Morrow-Archery, Canoeing and Emergency Preparedness

Jonathan Nolkemper-Indian Lore, Metalworking, Photography and Rifleshooting

Travis Nolkemper-Nature, Oceanography and Weather

Ryan Paull-Fingerprinting, First Aid, Leatherwork and Swimming

Thomas Pilarski-Astronomy, Canoeing and Emergency Preparedness

Shannon Schiess-Personal Management and Pulp and Paper

Jacob Seavey-Camping, Climbing and Weather plus Life Scout Rank

Christopher Shaw-Art, Indian Lore, Metalwork, Mammal Study, Photography and Reptile and Amphibian Study

Christopher Stephens-Art, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Swimming

Tyler Stewart-Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Swimming

Derek Trecha-Cooking and Woodcarving

John Trecha-Art, Athletics, Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Mammal Study, Photography, Swimming and Weather plus Second Class Scout Rand (+Firem'n Chit)

Alec Wilhoite-Personal Fitness and Weather

Michael Wisniewski-Cooking and Weather

Jackson Wolf-Cit. in the Nation, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Indian Lore, Leatherwork and Woodcarving (+Firem'n Chit)

Two Scouts (Jordan Dagenais and Adam Eggleston) submitted completed Merit Badge Applications for the Geocaching Merit Badge but it is not yet available from National to be earned so I will hold those applications until they can be processed and badges purchased.

The Scouts for whom we have partial completions on Merit Badges and which I am not pursuing for completion, unless otherwise noted, at this time are:

Vincent Barbaretta-Woodcarving

Noah Bauer-Reptile and Amphibian Study

Cullen Breece-Swimming

Jordan Bond-Shotgun Shooting

Jordan Dagenais-Bird Study, Pulp and Paper and Woodcarving

Lucas Demchik-Swimming and Woodcarving

Adam Eggleston-Basketry

Gavin Godlewski-Rifle Shooting and Woodcarving

Davin Hall-First Aid, Leatherwork, Swimming

Nick Gorelick-Climbing

Ryan Gorelick-Nature

Randy Kinne-Rifleshooting

Michael Laetz-Rifleshooting

Nicholas Locascio-Reptile and Amphibian Study

Christopher Koenigs knecht-Personal Fitness

Maxwell McDonald-Nature, Personal Fitness and Woodcarving

Joshua Morgan-Fishing—I am checking with Camp Staff on this item. I believe it to be complete as long as the note I signed for you was turned in by you.

Jonathan Nolkemper- Reptile and Amphibian Study

Ryan Paull-Citizenship in the Nation

Christopher Stevens-Woodcarving

Tyler Stewart-Leatherwork

John Trecha-Basketry==already working on completing this partial

Derek Trecha-Personal Fitness and Communication

Michael Wisniewski-Personal Fitness

Jackson W. Wolf-Swimming

• Upcoming events and activities

The 2010-2011 Troop Calendar is not yet ready for publication but is getting close. There will be a meeting for adults/parents as announced by Mr. McDonald on Monday, August 2, 2010. It will be for the purpose of assigning proposed activities or outings to a responsible (and willing) adults to help formalize the plan and work with the Scouts to make them successful and (sometimes even) meaningful.

Tents for Fenton Presbyterian Church/St. Jude's Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School Committee has once more requested the use of our 4 wall tents and the one baker tent for Vacation Bible School. Mr. McDonald had been in contact with Lisa Demchik about this. I will be in New Hampshire when we set them up and take them down so we need to have someone who can make sure that this happens to fit the program schedule. Vacation Bible School runs from Monday evening, August 9-Friday evening, August 13, 2010.

Monday, August 16, 2010

There will be a meeting of the PLC and some adults to formalize and finalize the 2010-2011 Calendar to be presented to the full committee on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave

The Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave will be held at Camp Holaka in Lapeer beginning on Friday evening, August 20 and ending at about noon on Sunday, August 22, 2010. If you were elected into the OA in 2010 this is your second and last opportunity to go through the ordeal to seal your membership, otherwise you will have to be nominated and elected again to be eligible in 2011.

Saturday, August 21, 2010

The First Presbyterian Church of Fenton will be conducting a blood drive to make up for the one which was canceled in June. Help will be needed as follows:

** 3-4 Scouts and 1-2 adults to unload the Red Cross van at 7:30 A.M. and to set up the Social Room and Library/Conference Room for the blood drive.

**** 3-4 Scouts and 1-2 adults at 2:15 P.M. to work with the Red Cross personnel to take down and pack their equipment and reload the Red Cross van and then reset the Social Room and Library/Conference Room for church and the coffee hour after the service.

Monday, August 23, 2010

This will be our annual Troop 219 Potluck Picnic at Bush Park to begin the kickoff of the new Scout year. This will be a potluck with families bringing whatever their specialty is. The troop will provide hot dogs and sloppy joes or hamburgers with buns and fixings and a beverage but each family is on their own for plates, bowls, cups, silverware and napkins. This will start at 6:00 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M. There is a volleyball court set up and basketball hoops are not far away BUT the balls for soccer, volleyball and basketball will have to be provided by the Scouts.

Saturday, September 11, 2010 Podunk House Flag Ceremony

We were approached in June to once again provide 4 Scouts at 8:30 A.M. to perform a flag raising ceremony for their annual fundraiser. We will have final details at the Troop picnic as well as a sign up sheet.

Monday, September 13, 2010

This will be our first Scout meeting for the 2010-2011 Scout year. The meeting location and times has been changed. We will meet at Silver Lake Park from 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. to work on cleaning up the nature trail and preplanning some of the areas for the 2010 Skill-O-Rama.

Dress to work. Your uniform is probably not a good idea. Bring shovels, yard and leaf rakes, work gloves and dress in long pants/long sleeved shirt/shoes/socks as there may still be some active poison ivy along the edges of the trails we will work on.

If you have been inactive but were considering coming back into the program this is the

beginning of the new Scout year and would be an excellent time to start attending meetings again.

- **Junior Leader Elections**

On October 4 at 8:10 P.M. we will have nomination of candidates for Senior Patrol Leader and will have elections on October 11 for a new SPL and new Patrol Leaders. The ASPL(s) and APL's are selected by the new SPL and PL's. JASM, Scribe, Historian, Chaplain Aide, Bugler and all other leadership positions are by appointment and must be approved by the Scoutmaster.

- **Dropping Out or Transferring**

Each year we lose a Scout or two for various reasons.

If you will not be returning for the 2010-2011 Scout year, or if you have transferred to another Scout Troop, please call Mr. Hussar 810-569-4091 or Mr. McDonald 810-845-5495 and let one or both of us know. Before just dropping out of Scouting altogether perhaps you should try another Boy Scout Troop. We are all Boy Scouts but Troops have different ideas for Troop program and meetings. It would be nice if you could tell us why you are not returning but it is not necessary that you do so. If you have dropped out and would like to turn in your uniform you may stop in at any Scout meeting and see either Mr. McDonald or Mr. Hussar to do so or call either of us. If you are moving to another Boy Scout Troop I can provide a printed copy of your advancements, leadership, activities and Troop meeting attendance. I can also send this information to you're a new unit electronically.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

I need each Scout to review their advancements from Summer Camp 2010 as listed earlier in this handout and verify that what they received at the informal Court of Honor is what they should have received; Please let me know if you received something which does not belong to you or did not receive something which you should have received. IF I do not hear from you then I will know that everything is correct as listed and distributed.

Several Scouts (Lucas Demchik, Christopher Shaw and Derek Trecha that I can remember) were not at the informal Court of Honor so I will review what was in your zip lock bag to make sure it is correct.

A zip lock bag for David Hall was found at Fenton Collision on Sunday so I will make sure that it is correct also and that he receives his material.

Thank You to all and I hope to see you all in September for the new 2010-2011 Scout year.

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