

Troop 219 Informational Handout

- **Troop 219 Webpage and Troop Communications**

We now have a web page, www.troop-219.org, which, while under construction, has some neat links to other sites and should have Handout #13 on it for your use. If you have an email address please send your email address to Mr. Hussar at mhussar219@aol.com. It may be a parent's but this will allow for better communications without having to make a lot of phone calls. These will not be published, any correspondence will be sent BCC.

- **Camp Tapico Cabin Campout and (possible) Polar Bear Campout**

We have rented the new Scout Cabin at Camp Tapico, Kalkaska, for the weekend of February 16th, 17th and 18th. Scouts may bring cross country skis and snowshoes. Snowshoes and cross-country skis and ski shoes are also available for rent at Camp Tapico. Cross country skis with boots rent for \$3.00 per hours or \$10.00 for the day (ski shoe sizes up to 10 1/2). Snow shoes rent for \$3.00 per hours or \$10.00 for the day. Ice fishing is also a possibility but you must bring your own equipment for that.

- **Polar Bear Campout**-same weekend as the Camp Tapico Cabin Campout

Mr. Hussar received a call from Mr. Cohoon who will be the second adult for the Polar Bear campout. He only knows of one Scout who will be doing the Polar Bear Campout. There will to be a mandatory training session for those who would be attending this and it is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 27, 2001. The time will be from 9:00 A.M. to approximately noon and the location will be the First Presbyterian Church-Fenton. Scouts participating in the Polar Bear Campout will spend Friday night in the cabin and then we will go out on Saturday morning, after breakfast, and set up a winter campsite at Orion. We will stay out until after breakfast on Sunday and will return home with the Troop. Again, only one Scout has expressed a positive interest in participating in the Polar Bear Campout.

The cost for the Cabin Campout/Polar Bear Campout is \$25.00. We will depart at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, February 16th from the southwest corner of the K-Mart parking lot. Scouts should have dinner before we depart for Camp Tapico, Kalkaska, Michigan.

- **OA Elections**

Each year new members may be elected into the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is an association of Honor Campers whose purpose and goal is to promote camping and the outdoors in Scouting programs and activities. It also provides significant service to the Scout camps. You do not join the Order of the Arrow but rather are elected by your fellow Scouts who may or may not already be Arrowmen.

To be eligible a Scout must be at least a First Class Scout and have at least 15 nights of camping, not including cabin campouts, with at one long-term camp accounting for 6 of those nights. He must also have his Scoutmaster's recommendation. The adult leaders are reviewing the list of Scouts who meet these requirements and will develop a ballot with those names on it to help in the election process. Any Scout included on that ballot who would rather not be considered for membership at the time of the election may have their name removed on the night of the election. Also, if you feel you have met the requirements and your name is not on the ballot see the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters to find out why.

This year's Order of the Arrow election will take place during the Scout meeting on Monday, January 29, 2001. An election team from the Lodge will run this election for the Troop.

• **Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop (MISST)**

A previous handout talked about the MISST. Troop 127 in Lapeer once again has a spot for Memorial Day Week as the Service Troop. Mr. Hussar still has copies of the application and the requirements if someone would like to fill an opening. It requires taking time off from school but most school districts have allowed a Scout to take this time off as long as they make up any work they might miss. The Service Troop is forming now and getting ready for their meetings so if you might be interested get the paperwork from Mr. Hussar and discuss this with your parents/guardians-**immediately**.

Mr. Mike Witzgall
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

Troop 219 Cabin Campout-Camp Tapico
Friday, February 16th and Sunday, February 18th, 2001
(Camp Holaka, Lapeer, Michigan)

EQUIPMENT LIST

SUGGESTIONS ONLY=check your Boy Scout Handbook for more information. Bring outer wear and clothing appropriate for the weather. This will be a cabin campout -but there will be outdoor activities

- Official Scout Uniform--optional
- Personal First Aid Kit-see 2nd Class Requirement for first aid
- Poncho / Rain gear
- 1 Complete Change of Clothing
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Pajamas or something to change into for bed
- **Slippers or comfortable shoes for when you are not outdoors. You will be required to remove your boots at the front door each time you come into the cabin.**
- Sleeping Bag and 1 blanket or 2-3 blankets
- Flashlight-extra batteries
- Toilet Articles-soap, towel, washcloth, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste and whatever else you might need.
- Canteen or water bottle with holder
- Scout Knife-if you have your Totin'Chip Card,
- Compass
- Cross Country Skis/with ski shoes
- Snow Shoes
- Sled or other personal toys-there **may** be a place to sled or snowboard-no snowmobiles or other motorized craft may be brought on this activity.
- Personal eating utensils (knife, fork, spoon, insulated cup or mug, plate, bowl)
- **Additional equipment and materials will be required for any Scout participating in the Polar Bear portion of this weekend but those requirements will be covered at a mandatory training session on Saturday, January 27th, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 A.M. to noon.**

**Troop 219 Cabin Campout-Camp Tapico
February 16th through February 18th, 2001**

PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

(RETURN-with \$25.00 Payment -by or before the FEBRUARY 5th Scout Meeting)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name _____

Method of Payment: Individual's Account _____

Check Amount and Number _____

Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to attend the Troop 219 Cabin Campout/Polar Bear Campout from 6:00 P.M. Friday, February 16th through 10:00 A.M. Sunday, February 18th, 2001 at Camp Tapico, Kalkaska, Michigan. Transportation arrangements will be made by the Troop. Scouts should be dropped off with their equipment prior to the 6:00 P.M. departure from the K-Mart parking lot. Scouts **may be picked up** at this same location **at 2:30** P.M. on Sunday.

You should have dinner prior to our Friday evening departure.

In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be reached by telephone or other reasonable means, I hereby (DO/DO NOT) give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injections, surgery and do whatever appears medically necessary for my child.

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Medical Insurance Numbers: _____

Allergies or other medical information: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date- _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _ Zip Code: _____

Home Tel. No: () _____ Alternate Tel. No: () _____

Person to contact in an emergency if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Relationship to Scout: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

SPECIAL HEALTH OR DIETARY NOTES UPDATE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:

