

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop-219.org)

## ● **Email Addresses**

Mr. Hussar, [mhussar219@aol.com](mailto:mhussar219@aol.com), is still collecting email addresses. It can be a parents account or a Scouts account. These will be kept confidential and any communications will be sent out BCC so that addresses are not compromised. Some families do not have an internet account and handouts and telephone calls will continue to be utilized to pass on information to all families. Our goal is to reduce the number of handouts, which must be copied, to just families without access but this is a long-term objective. Informational Handouts will continue to be available for the foreseeable future.

## ● **\*\* Child ID Form**

\*\* We will be issuing new Child ID Forms or returning the current ones to be updated by a parent or guardian. This is to include a somewhat current picture of the Scout and may be a school picture or one taken of the Scout for any other purpose.

## ● **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee is now behind us. While the weather was not the greatest it was about average for this activity. Hopefully all of the participants, Scouts and adults, had a great time (it was reported that they did) and brought back some great memories and plan to attend this activity next year if it is on the "calendar".

## ● **Special Troop Committee Meeting**

A committee meeting will be held to select a new scoutmaster for the troop on Tuesday May 15 at 7 P.M. at the St. John Activity Center library. Mike Witzgall has served (admirably) for two years and would like a break. He has indicated that he will remain active with the Troop and would like to work in the first year program.

## ● **Summer Camp**

It is believed that 31 Scouts will be attending summer camp beginning on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and ending on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Scouts and adults require a physical examination by a physician. These are good for three years for a Scout but must be updated annually and signed a second and then a third time for the Scout but a new physical must be done every year for an adult. These forms are available at our troop meetings or on the Troop 219 web-page. The Adult Health Form is different from the Scout Health Form.

High adventure activities at Camp Tapico, including the COPE Course, require that a Scout's physical examination must have been completed within the past 12 months at the time of the high adventure activity. If the doctor signed the form more than 12 months before the activity the Scout will not be allowed to participate.

## ● **Pre-Summer Camp Shakedown Campout and Court of Honor**

There will be a campout and our last 2000-2001 Scout year formal Court of Honor on the weekend of June 15-June 17, 2001. This is a required activity for Scouts (and adults) attending summer camp this year. If you will not be able to attend this campout you need to talk to the Scoutmaster. The formal Court of Honor will be held during this campout on Saturday evening, June 16, 2001. Parents and family are encouraged to attend.

## ● **Summer Camp Parent Orientation Meeting**

There will be a meeting for all of the Scouts, and their parents, who will be attending summer camp this year with Troop 219. This meeting will take place on Monday evening, June 25, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton from 7:00P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The parents of all Scouts attending summer camp this year are invited but the parents of the Scouts attending summer camp for their first time are especially encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be a lot of good information and a time for questions and concerns.

- **Fenton Fourth of July Parade-first announcement**

If you are going to be home on the fourth of July Troop 219 has the tradition of marching in the Fenton Freedom Festival parade. This parade has a different route and is a much more lively parade than the Memorial Day Parade but that is due to the different reasons of the day being celebrated. This parade starts at 10 A.M. on July 4 and we are usually done by noon. We usually meet at the church parking lot for some last minute practice and to line up everyone so that we look sharp and then go to the staging area by Fenton Middle School around 9:15 - 9:30 A.M.

PLEASE plan on participating in this parade if you are in the area.

- **Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave**

The OA Spring Conclave is for newly elected Ordeal candidates and Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil Honor Arrowmen. It will be held at Camp Tapico on the weekend of Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Newly elected candidates should have received a letter about this conclave and what to bring. Check with OA members to arrange transportation. Mr. Zimble and Mr. Hussar will be attending for sure and other adults may be attending who may be able to provide a ride for you. Participants need to bring the completed "Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Summary" form and a signed "Permission Slip for 2001 Cuwe 218 Spring Conclave" form with them. A double-sided page of the May 2001 PineTree included these forms.

- **Memorial Day Parade**

We will participate in Fenton's annual Memorial Day Parade. This will take place on Monday, May 28, 2001 so mark you calendars and PLAN TO BE THERE.

This parade starts at 10 A.M. We will meet at the First Presbyterian Church at 8:30 A.M. for some parade practice, assignments for flag bearers and to line everyone up in what looks like a good formation. Your full Scout uniform is required including an approved Scout hat. This parade has a short route and is a solemn occasion. We are usually done around 11 A.M. at Oakwood Cemetery. Parents may pick up their Scout at that location or we will WALK back to the church where you may pick up your Scout.

- **Cycling Merit Badge**

Last year a number of Scouts "started" working on the Cycling Merit Badge. Mr. Hussar is one of the counselors for this merit badge. If anyone else would like to start working on it he has a list of the requirements which you may use, besides also using the 'pamphlet'.

Mr. Witzgall  
Scoutmaster-Troop 219