

Troop 219 Informational Handout

(webpage=www.troop-219.org)

• Email Addresses

Mr. Hussar, 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. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of handouts, which must be copied to just families without access but this, is a long-term goal.

• Scouting for Food

The annual "Scouting for Food" food drive is rapidly approaching. This is a Community Service Project which is performed by Boy Scouts nationwide in one form or another. Last year Tall Pine Council Scouts collected over 800,000 pounds of food.

The bag drop-off day is Saturday, March 10, 2001.)

All Scouts are expected to participate in the Scouting for Food Program. We will meet at the First Presbyterian Church at 9:15 A.M. both days. We should be done by 11:00 A.M. so Scout may be picked up at the church at that time. With full Scout participation, we will need to secure 10 drivers for this activity-for each day. If a parent can drive please fill out the response form at the bottom of Page 2 of this Handout and return it to Mrs. Cohoon on Monday, March 5th-tonight. If you have any questions you may call Mrs. Cohoon at 750-1395. Scouts should not walk on lawns but should use walkways. Mrs. Cohoon will have further details as she distributes the bags to each group.

The bag pick-up day is Saturday, March 17, 2001 and we will need at least as many Scouts and drivers for this day as we had on the distribution day.

• Lock-In

The OA Lock-In is now an activity of the past. If you went to this lock-in please let Mr. Hussar know so that TroopMaster may be updated if and as necessary.

Troop 179 will host the next lock-in and it will be held Friday night/Saturday morning, March 16/17, 2001. This will be held at Mr. Morris High School. *The following was extracted from their handout that we received a copy of:*

"The Mt. Morris Lock-In will be held at Mt. Morris High School on Friday evening, March 16, 2001 beginning at 7:00 P.M. and will end at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, March 17, 2001.

Registration takes place between 6 and 7 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Scouts must be between the ages of 9 and 18 years old. Two adults per group are free.

Program is: Pledge and Prayer	Pool open 8 P.M. to midnight	Prizes
Racquet Ball	Basketball	Concessions
Swimming	Dodgeball	Locker Rooms
		Movies

with Pizza and Juice at midnight and Donuts and Milk at 6 A.M.

****P.S. Bring a Game and hold a Tournament . *****RSVP BY: February 28, 2001.**

See one of the leaders for additional details but at this time neither lock-in will be a Troop activity but could be a patrol activity. The Troop 179 Lock-in requires a RSVP so you need to talk with one of the leaders if you wish to attend this lock-in.

• Planet Rock

The date for the trip to Planet Rock has been rescheduled to April 14th. The times and cost details will be announced at a later date. If a Scout or Scouts would like to work on Climbing Merit Badge this is an ideal opportunity. A merit badge counselor must be contacted several weeks before this activity if you wish to work on the Climbing Merit Badge. The Troop

has the most up-to-date copy of Council approved Merit Badge Counselors that you may use to find a Merit Badge Counselor.

• **Hike-a-Thon and Campout**

The annual Council Hike-a-Thon will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at Historical Cross Roads Village in Flint, Michigan. A package will be available for each Scout after March 5, 2001. Blue Heron District will be hosting a camporee in conjunction with the Hike-a-Thon at Wildwood Campgrounds, adjacent to the Cummings Center but final details have yet to be released. Our Troop will be camping either at the camporee or on our own in conjunction with the H-A-T.

• **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee (DIBC)**

The dates for the Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee in London, Ontario, Canada is Friday, May 11th through Sunday, May 13th, 2001.

The D.I.B.C. is an international camporee with numerous activities, similar in nature to a National Jamboree. Scouts will attend activity areas as a Patrol. There are usually between 3,500 and 4,000 participants from Canada and Michigan and from as far away as New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Scouts must have a raised seal Birth Certificate or a valid passport. Adults should also have a valid passport or raised seal Birth Certificate. While a US driver's license is usually all that is required for an adult to reenter the country it would be a good idea to have either a passport or Birth Certificate.

A Pre-Order Form has been included as Page 4 of this handout, not available on the Web site, and must be completed and returned to Mr. Squires or Mr. Miller by Monday, March 19th. Please include a check made out to Boy Scout Troop 219 or a statement that the payment should be taken from your Scout's Troop Holding Account.

• **Personal Fitness Merit Badge**

Mr. Olds has offered to start another group of Scouts through the Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Several Scouts started this merit badge last year and did not complete it but may join this group and finish their partial merit badge now. Mr. Olds will be at the meeting on Monday, March 12, 2001 to begin working with Scouts who would like to begin the Merit Badge at that time. You should get a Merit Badge Application and complete your sections and have it signed and dated by the Scoutmaster.

Mr. Mike Witzgall

Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

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DETACH, COMPLETE AND RETURN TONIGHT, MONDAY, MARCH 5th, 2001

_____ Will/Will Not participate in the Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off on Saturday, March 10, 2001 with Boy Scout Troop 219. I CAN/CANNOT provide transportation to the distribution neighborhoods and can transport up to ___ Scouts with seatbelts for all passengers.

AND

_____ Will/Will Not participate in the Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up on Saturday, March 17, 2001 with Boy Scout Troop 219. I CAN/CANNOT provide transportation to the distribution neighborhoods and can transport up to ___ Scouts with seatbelts for all passengers.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Phone Number

Email Address (if you wish)