

Troop 219 Informational Mailing

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• Trail's End Popcorn

REMINDER – POPCORN MONEY CAN BE TURNED IN TONIGHT; AND NEXT WEEK IS THE **FINAL DEADLINE** FOR TURNING IN POPCORN MONEY!!!

Monday, November 19, 2001

Turn in Popcorn Order money-final date.

• Troop Committee Meeting

The next Troop Committee will be this Wednesday, November 14, 2001. It will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. and they are usually over by 8:30 P.M. Parents/guardians may attend and observe if they wish.

• New Horizons District Merit Badge Swim Program

The New Horizons District will once again offer the merit badge swim program. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badge or to work on Second Class and First Class Swim Skills.

Scouts working on the Lifesaving Merit Badge must attend all three of the sessions.

It may be possible to only have to attend two of the three sessions to complete the requirements for the Swimming Merit Badge.

The program will be held at the Grand Blanc Middle School. There is a one time \$7.00 fee per unit to cover pool rental and lifeguards. The Troop will pay this fee.

Lifesaving Merit Badge-must attend all three sessions

Friday, November 16, 2001 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

this Friday!

Friday, December 14, 2001 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Friday, January 11, 2002 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Swimming Merit Badge-MAY only require two of the sessions

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Friday, December 14, 2001 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Friday, January 11, 2002 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Second Class and First Class Instructional Swim

Any of the three sessions 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Scouts must bring a completed and signed Merit Badge Application Form on their first night of the program and should also have reviewed the requirements and read the pamphlet for the Merit Badge they are attempting to earn.

Each unit must provide two adults in swimwear to supervise. Counselors will be available for the Lifesaving and Swimming Merit Badges but someone may have to be available to work with Scouts trying to complete the Second Class and First Class Swim Skills. Mr. Hussar will be there to work with Scouts on Second/First Class swim skills.

AGAIN, Scouts should read/study the requirements and be prepared to work on them whether working towards the swim skills' requirements or a Merit Badge.

YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCOUTMASTER IF YOU WILL REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION TO ATTEND THIS EVENT – TRANSPORTATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, BUT WE MUST KNOW WHO AND HOW MANY NEED IT, IN ADVANCE!!!

- **Troop Junior Leader Training (SMJLT)**

The next Scoutmaster Junior Leader Training session for newly elected Junior Leaders will be held this Saturday, November 17, 2001. This will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. so Scouts should be there before 9:00 A.M. The training session will end at 2:00 P.M. and you should be picked up promptly at that time.

Attendance is mandatory for elected leaders unless excused by the Scoutmaster.

- **Electronic Campout**

The information about and the Permission Slip and Health Information Form for the Electronic Campout were included in Handout No. 7. Again, the weekend is December 14th through the 16th and it will be held at Camp Holaka. We will depart at 6:00 P.M. from the southeast corner of the K-Mart parking lot on Friday, December 14th and you may pick your Scout up at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, December 16th. **Scouts should have dinner before they are dropped off for departure.**

Special arrangements will have to be made for any Scout who is participating in the New Horizon's District Swim Program, as December 14th is the second of three Friday nights for this activity and who also wishes to participate in this campout.

- **Star Seminar**

Attendance at a Star Seminar is required once a Scout has reached the rank of Star Scout. He may wait until he is a Life Scout but the seminar must be attended before he begins his Eagle Service Project. It is better to attend a seminar earlier than later as a lot of good information is presented at them.

There are 5 Star Seminars a year. One is held in each of the following months: September, November, January, March and May and a different district hosts each one. All Star Seminars are listed on the Troop calendar. The November seminar was held on November 7, 2001 and was hosted by Blue Heron District. The next seminar will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2002 and will be hosted by Baden Powell District. The New Horizons District, that is our district, will host the Star Seminar on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

A parent or guardian should attend the seminar with the Scout. It is also recommended that a leader from the troop should attend the seminar with the Scouts.

You must call the Council Service Center at 235-2531 to make a reservation and to find out where the Seminar you would like to attend will be held at.

- **Membership Renewal**

As part of our annual re-charter, forms for renewing your membership in Troop 219 and in the Boy Scouts of America were passed out several weeks ago. Many of you have not yet turned them back in – they are now late. IF you intend to stay in the troop next year, you MUST submit the form and payment right away! Your membership status, and our status as a Quality Unit depend on timely completing this activity.

Mr. Larry Zimbler
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219