

Troop 219 Informational Mailing

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• Troop Committee Meeting

The next Troop Committee meeting will begin at 7:00PM on Wednesday, January 16, 2002; at the church.

• Klondike Derby

The New Horizons District Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2002. There will also be a cabin campout that weekend. This will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 P.M., January 18th and will end at 10 A.M. Sunday, January 20th, 2000. We have reserved the same cabin that we had for the Electronic Campout. A Permission Slip and Medical Information Form were included in the mailing that went out over the holidays to every scout's home, as was a personal equipment list.

Patrol equipment lists were distributed at the January 7th troop meeting to each patrol. As of the end of that meeting ONLY 7 Scouts have signed up for Klondike. That's a record low for the almost 7 years that I've been involved with the troop. Klondike is usually one of the best attended troop activities. I'll accept late signups through Wednesday, but after that food has to be purchased and significant changes in attendance cannot be accommodated.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCOUT MUST BRING A "TIN FOIL DINNER" ALREADY MADE, to be cooked and eaten as Saturday Lunch. THE TIN FOIL DINNER IS A PART OF THE KLONDIKE PROGRAM AND SCOUTS ARE JUDGED ON THIS ACTIVITY.

Departure will be at 6:00 P.M. from the K-Mart parking lot.

Pick up will be at the K-Mart parking lot on Sunday morning is 11:30 A.M.

Scouts should have already eaten dinner before they are dropped off Friday night.

• OA Election & Callout

An election of Scouts into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society, will be held at the troop meeting scheduled for February 4, 2002. To be eligible for membership in the Order of the Arrow, a scout must be at least First Class rank, have 15 days and nights of scout camping including exactly one long term camp (like summer camp), and be endorsed for membership by the Scoutmaster. Once eligible, a scout must then be elected by the scouts in the troop, both members and non-members.

The following Scouts meet the camping and rank requirements as of today, and I'd be pleased to support each and every one of these scouts for election. If you feel that your name was omitted from this list in error, see the Scoutmaster.

Chad Brandon
Austin Jule
Devon Vaughn

John Cohoon
Christopher Miller
Blair Williams

Stephen Congdon
Tim Roberts
Zach Wisniewski

Eli Dais
Billy Sarosy

The Order of the Arrow (officially named the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service) is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts are elected to the Order based on their scout skill, camping ability and enthusiasm and their adherence to the principals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in everyday life. Election into the Order is an honor to the Scout. Once elected, a Scout must participate in the Ordeal experience to actually become a member. The Ordeal tests the Scout's physical and psychological resources, and their dedication to membership. If elected, a Scout can experience the Ordeal during one of two conclaves of the OA Lodge (scheduled over the weekend of May 17-18-19 at Camp Tapico, or the weekend of September 20-21-22 at Camp Holaka). If a Scout fails to complete the Ordeal within one year of election, his election becomes invalid and he must stand for election again.

In years past, Troop 219 was a powerful part of this council's OA Lodge. I would like to see the troop regain some of that attention. Even now, Troop 219 is the home of 8 youth and 19 adult Arrowmen including the current Lodge Chief, the Lodge Elections Chairman, and the Lodge Associate Advisor. Chris Brown holds the position of OA Troop Representative for Troop 219 and he's the main contact for Scouts who are interested in the Order of the Arrow.

Membership in the Order of the Arrow gives Scouts additional opportunities to experience leadership, service and fun as part of their scouting involvement. For example, the lodge chief sits on the Tall Pine Council executive board as THE representative of all Scouts in the council – how's that for a leadership experience?

Troop 219 Scouts who are elected at this next election will be notified of the results by way of a very special ceremony; a calling out, scheduled to occur as part of our regularly scheduled Troop Court of Honor on Monday, February 11, 2002.

- **NOAC 2002 – Indiana University**

There is a meeting for all Scouts intending to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference on January 31, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Tall Pine Council Service Center boardroom. This bi-annual event is open to members of the Order of the Arrow (even new ones) and is a "must see" activity. See the OA Troop Representative for details – the allowable council contingent to this event is almost full.

- **Court of Honor**

The next Troop 219 Court of Honor is scheduled for 7:00PM Monday, February 11, 2002, at the Church. All Scouts, Parents Family and Friends of Troop 219 are invited to attend.

- **New Horizons District Merit Badge Swim Program-last night**

The final opportunity to attend this activity has passed. Scouts who attended and completed requirements will be recognized at the Court of Honor.

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