

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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● Troop & Patrol Leader Elections

Nominations and campaigning for the position of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) will take place next week, May 6th with troop elections for SPL the following Monday, May 13th.

● Combined Leave No Trace (LNT) & 1st Year Scout Campout

This will be two separate one night campouts conducted simultaneously in various locations on Dr. Waters' property 13229 White Lake Road (north side of White Lake Road just EAST of Fenton/Denton Hill Road). The LNT campout is limited to scouts who are at least age 13 and have attained First Class rank. The LNT campout is a required activity for scouts intending to participate in the High Adventure trip to the Smokey Mountains later this summer. All other scouts are welcome to attend the 1st year scout portion of the campout, which will center around second and first class scout skills. If you are already a First Class Scout, you'll be expected to assist in the training and advancement activities planned for our newest troop members. A Sign-up/Permission slip for this activity is attached. **Sign-up (permission slip and payment) for this activity is due by Monday night, May 13, 2002.** Scouts attending the 1st Year Scout portion of the campout should rely on the equipment list attached and your Boy Scout Handbook. Scouts attending the LNT campout may receive additional instructions from Dr. Waters, the High Adventure Trip Leader.

● Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave

Those scouts who were elected to membership in the Order of the Arrow, must consummate that membership by successfully completing the Ordeal experience. There are only two opportunities to do this, and the first is Spring Conclave, May 17-18-19, 2002 at Camp Tapico. The next and final opportunity will be September 20-21-22, 2002. If you miss both of these opportunities your election expires and you must stand for re-election in the troop to become an OA member.

The events of the Ordeal experience are purposely kept shrouded in mystery, however there are no activities that haze, or otherwise subject the candidate to any physical, mental or emotional damage. Patterned after the Native American "Vision Quest" the Ordeal experience will challenge the candidate's ability to perform cheerfully in the face of adversity – the hallmark of the Order.

I have been the Associate Adviser to this Council's OA Lodge for over three years and during that time I have continuously worked to ensure that the Ordeal experience was meaningful to the candidate and operated completely within the published guidelines of the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. But it remains a challenge and it is NOT an easy time. I'll field any questions about OA from scouts and parents.

The cost for Ordeal candidates to attend Conclave is \$30 and a separate mailing will provide additional details and a permission slip/health form for that event. The \$30 conclave fee includes the Arrow Sash, an OA Handbook, one OA Pocket Flap patch and your Lodge dues through 12/31/2002 as well as conclave costs. At OA conclaves, meals are provided dining-hall style (scouts do not cook; and the food is usually outstanding!).

In addition to the newly elected Ordeal candidates, several boys in the troop are eligible to seal their membership at this conclave by obtaining the Brotherhood honor. I hope that they are planning to attend with us and do this. Conclave fees for Brotherhood Candidates are \$25 and \$20 for all others. I'd especially like for one or more of the current youth arrowmen in our troop to serve as elangomats for the clan of candidates from our troop.

Because of the number of scouts that are going through the ordeal from our troop, at this time we're planning to travel together and use troop equipment (tents) at the conclave, details will follow but you don't need to be concerned about transportation to Tapico; enough troop adults are attending to provide transportation to scouts attending. New Ordeal candidates should receive a letter in the mail with additional details within the next week.

● **Summer Camp, Troop Equipment, etc.**

The Auker Leaf Raking funds have been received and are being apportioned to Scout accounts. We were paid, on average, \$6.64 per hour for our efforts. Summer camp payments are coming due and MUST be paid to the troop not later than the May 13th meeting to avoid the late registration fees (new scouts who just crossed over from a Webelos den this year are exempt from the late registration fee). Scouts may use their share of the Auker fund raising toward summer camp fees. Check with Larry Miller if you need to know the status of your account.

A Word About Tents:

Troop membership now approaches record levels, and in combination, the percentage of troop members who are actively involved is at an all time high in my experience. As a result, troop equipment holdings, especially tents, are becoming strained. In conjunction with the troop committee, I and my assistants have been actively looking at new and replacement equipment, especially tents, but until that is resolved, (and ONLY until that is resolved) for all short-term campouts (not summer camp) scouts are permitted to bring their own tents ***if they so choose***, subject to the following rules: (1) at least two, but no more than three scouts share a tent – no one sleeps alone, no group or patrol tents; (2) tent partners are from within your own patrol; and (3) the troop is not liable for any damage to the tent unless the result of the negligence of a troop adult in the process of transporting it.

For summer camp, we will be sleeping inside Tapico canvass wall tents, two scouts to a tent. When a patrol has an odd number of boys, we'll back two tents together to make what becomes one four boy tent housing three scouts. Again, no boy sleeps alone.

Scouts may **NOT** bring their personal tents to summer camp. This is for several reasons. Michigan State Law regulates the sleeping accommodations at any licensed long-term camp (which our summer camp is), and I do not want to deal with multiple individual determinations of each private tent to ensure compliance, not to mention the damage that bed frames and cots may do to the nylon floors in many of these personal tents (beds or cots are required under MI law). Additionally, the issue of tent partners is an important part of the overall Scout experience. I expect scouts to choose their own tent partners and troop adults will not become involved with that selection unless there is a specifically identified and immediate health and safety issue involved. Scouts are permitted to "trade" tent partners so long as all of the scouts involved, their patrol leader and the SPL agree to the switch. Potentially ending up with and dealing with a tent partner that is not a Scout's first choice or even one that the Scout does not get along with is part of the way Scouts learn to actually live the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Privately owned tents make this much more difficult to enforce.

● **Council Camporee/Hikeathon**

Twenty Scouts participated and all are to be highly commended for the manner in which they setup camp with minimal supervision and took down camp in the face of adversity; as well as for their overall exemplary performance in this event. Special thanks (and a special patch) go to the four scouts who conducted the opening and closing flag ceremonies.

Larry Zimblor
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

EQUIPMENT LIST

General

SUGGESTIONS ONLY → CHECK YOUR BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION.
BRING OUTER WEAR AND CLOTHING APPROPRIATE FOR THE WEATHER. THIS WILL BE A
TENT CAMPOUT -THE TROOP WILL PROVIDE THE TENTS-

**HEAVY JACKET, SWEATSHIRT, HAT, PONCHO OR RAINWEAR, POSSIBLY
WATERPROOF BOOTS OR SHOES AND GLOVES-BE PREPARED FOR THE
CONDITIONS. DRESS FOR THE WORST POSSIBLE FORCASTED WEATHER.**

- Personal First Aid Kit-see 2nd Class Requirement for first aid
- Poncho / Rain gear
- 1 Complete Change of Clothing
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Full Scout Uniform
- Field Activity Uniform-T-SHIRT AND HAT-weather permitting
- Pajamas or something to change into for bed
- Sleeping Bag and 1 blanket or 2-3 blankets
- Ground Cloth
- Ground Pad
- Pillow
- Flashlight and extra batteries/bulb
- Insect repellent-pump or lotion-not aerosol
- Toilet Articles-soap, towel, washcloth, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste
and whatever else you might need.
- Canteen/water bottle
- **Eating utensils; knife, fork, spoon, hot/cold cup, plate and bowl**
- Scout Knife-*only if you have your Tote-N-Chip Card,*
- Compass

●● NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OR GAMES

Magic Cards, etc are restricted to *announced* free time only (e.g.: after dinner).

Troop 219 Combined LNT & 1st Year Campout
May 24th through May 25th, 2002
PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM
(RETURN THIS FORM - with \$15.00 Payment Monday, May 13, 2002)

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 Combined Leave No Trace & 1st Year Camper Campout at Dr. John Waters' property in Fenton. I understand that I am responsible for transportation. Scouts should be dropped off at the entrance to Dr. Waters' property by 6:00PM on Friday May 24, 2002. Scouts should be picked up at this same location at 9:00PM on Saturday.

You should have dinner prior to being dropped off on Friday evening.

In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be reached by telephone or other reasonable means, I hereby 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:

