

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

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## ● **POPCORN PICKUP**

Scouts must pickup their popcorn orders on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before 4PM or Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Please make arrangements directly with Mrs. Sarosy before you show up.** A map with address and phone is reproduced as page 3 of this handout, but removed from the internet version.

FINAL MONEY for all popcorn orders is due NOT LATER THAN the Troop meeting Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ● **EAGLE SCOUT Court of Honor**

A special Court of Honor for the purpose of presenting the rank of Eagle Scout to Avery Talhi Singing Creek Masters-Jones will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2002 at 2:00PM in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church. All Scouts and Scouters in the Troop are invited and expected to attend. Tal has been with our troop continuously since February 1995 and has worked hard over those years to attain this distinguished honor.

## ● **Turkey Dinner**

The church is having its annual turkey dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2002. Serving is from 5 - 6:30 P.M. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and younger. This is a very good, all you can eat, Thanksgiving holiday dinner. It would be nice to support the church. See Mr. Hussar for tickets, or you may pay at the door.

## ● **FUNDRAISER – Auker Leaf Raking**

The program calendar set the weekends of November 23-24 and December 7-8 for this annual fundraising activity. Last year workers earned over minimum wage for the time they spent. Make sure that your calendar is clear for this important activity. Family members and friends are invited to help – their efforts will fund the account of the Scout they're working for. Lots of things that cost [lots of] money are coming up on our program calendar and the 9<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Thrifty" which in part means that "a Scout pays his own way." Our planned fundraisers are one way Scouts can do this.

## ● **Youth Leadership Elections**

Troop elections are scheduled for the troop meeting of Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The week before, November 11, 2002 will be nominations and campaigning for the position of Senior Patrol Leader. Following the SPL election and the appointment of an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, patrols will elect Patrol Leaders to serve for the same period. I don't know his plans regarding re-election but I want to use this space to publicly praise the job that Blair has done in this position over his term now ending.

The Senior Patrol Leader is the main position in the troop. The SPL presides over all Troop meetings and activities and chairs the Patrol Leaders Council. Candidates must be at least First Class Rank and must commit to fulfill all of the requirements of the job, especially the attendance and role model expectations.

Patrol Leaders are elected by their patrols and are responsible to their patrol and for their patrol at all Troop and patrol activities.

## ● **Junior Leader Training**

All elected and appointed junior leaders are expected to attend the Scoutmaster Junior Leader Training on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM to 2PM.** Attendance is required because the major objective of the training is the *teambuilding* that comes from going through the exercises together, even if you've done them many times before.

Over and far above this Saturday afternoon session offered by the Troop, a *weeklong* formal Junior Leader Training is offered annually by Tall Pine Council, called Silverbars JLTC. The Silverbars JLTC course curriculum is an outstanding, one-of-a-kind opportunity to really learn and practice leadership skills in a way unsurpassed at achieving its goals. Both Mr. Hussar and Mr. Zimble can provide detailed answers to any Silverbars questions you may have. The website [www.silverbars.org](http://www.silverbars.org) is available now but will have much more information about the course, forms, pictures, etc. over the next several months.

It's been over two years since any Troop 219 Scouts attended Silverbars training – we're overdue and it shows. The next Silverbars course will run from June 23 – 29, 2003 at **CAMP HOLAKA** in Lapeer, at a cost of \$175. Silverbars has minimum age and rank requirements to attend. The troop has traditionally paid one half of the course fees for up to 3 boys on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster, providing they commit to use the skills they learn to serve the troop in significant leadership roles (especially SPL) over the following year or two. I expect that the 2003 course will be well run and worth attending. Any boys who are interested in attending should see the Scoutmaster.

- **Appointed Junior Leaders**

The positions of SPL, ASPL and Patrol Leader qualify for rank advancement. Additionally, there are many other positions of leadership and responsibility within the troop that also qualify for rank advancement. Positions must be at the Troop rather than the Patrol level. The positions are: Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, JASM, Chaplain Aide, Troop Guide, Instructor, Den Chief, Bugler (only for Star & Life ranks) and OA Troop Representative. These positions are appointed by the Scoutmaster.

Some of these positions have boys filling them, others do not. At this point we are in need of an OA Troop Representative, a Bugler, a Chaplain Aide, and a Historian. There may be room for additional boys in positions already being filled, and there are often positions available as Den Chief. OA Troop Rep must be an OA member. Bugler needs to *learn* (not already know) about 3 – 4 standard calls.

Scouts who need a leadership position for advancement or who just want to serve in one of these positions should see the Scoutmaster or the Senior Patrol Leader. The main caveat is that if you accept an appointment, you **MUST FULFILL** the responsibilities of the job or you may be removed and will not receive credit toward advancement.

- **Scout Sunday Fundraiser**

It's early, but not too early to remind everybody about our plans for Scout Sunday; February 2, 2003. This date is highlighted on the troop calendar – we're all going to support our sponsor and Scout Sunday by attending the 10:30 service at the First Presbyterian Church in full uniform. We'll also have some basic functions to fulfill assisting with the service. Scouts are expected to attend regardless of their personal religious preferences or church membership (or lack thereof), and should make arrangements to meet their personal church obligations that weekend, if not through participation in this event, then by rearranging their regular church schedule to avoid a conflict.

Additionally, we're going to run a free (donations accepted) **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** for the church that Sunday morning before the service, serving from 7:00AM to 9:00AM. Scouts will be expected to assist in this fundraiser and the accounts of Scouts who work will share in the proceeds.

- **OA Chapter Meetings and Adult Roundtable**

**REMINDER --** The next meeting of the Bidaban Chapter of the OA is Thursday November 12, 2002 at the Grand Blanc Middle School. Bidaban Chapter meetings are for OA members only, and **all T-219 Arrowmen should attend**. This is the same date, place and time as the adult Roundtable meeting so several T-219 adult leaders are usually going (at least Mr. Zimblar and Mr. Hussar and often Mr. Cox, Mr. Witzgall, Dr. Waters and sometimes others too.) –they are usually more than willing to provide you with transportation there and back – if you ask in advance.

- **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next troop committee meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 7:00PM at the church. We strongly urge the parents of ALL SCOUTS in the troop to attend these meetings. The ongoing success of Troop 219 demands the dedicated involvement of many adults – especially YOU!

- **2003 REGISTRATION FEES REMINDER**

There are still several scout families that have not returned their forms (and/or money) in for next year's registration. Please do so right away to avoid a lapse in membership.

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