

Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop-219.org or www.troop219.org)

● ANNUAL New Horizons District Swim Program

Three sessions begin **THIS FRIDAY**, at the pool in *Grand Blanc Middle School*, as follows:

- Friday, November 8, 2002
- Friday, December 13, 2002
- Friday, January 10, 2002.

Boy Scouts can earn 2nd Class and/or 1st Class swim requirements, and/or **Swimming** Merit Badge; or earn the **Lifesaving** Merit Badge. To earn Lifesaving Merit Badge, attendance at all three sessions (7PM – 10PM) is required. All other Boy Scout programs run 8PM – 10PM; Swimming Merit Badge generally requires attendance at any two (2) sessions. Webelos Aquanaut Program runs 7PM – 8PM.

IMPORTANT: Scouts must bring a completed and signed merit badge application form with them to the first session they attend. The troop is required to provide two adults at each session. Contact Mr. Hussar with further questions or to inquire about assistance with transportation. Troop 219 absorbs the fee so there is no cost to Scouts for this program.

● Turkey Dinner

The church's annual turkey dinner is 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.

● Youth Leadership Elections

Just when you thought the political campaigns were over, nominations and campaigning for Senior Patrol Leader will be held next week. Troop elections are scheduled for the following troop meeting, Monday, November 18th. Following the SPL election and the appointment of an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, patrols will elect Patrol Leaders to serve for the same period.

● Trail to Eagle Camp Applications

I have finally secured applications for next year's Trail to Eagle Camp. I've put some in Scout mailboxes for scouts I thought were eligible and interested. If you did not get one and you believe that you're eligible, see the Scoutmaster. All of the TTE information and forms are now on our web site as well.

● Silver Bars JLTC

It's now official that both Mr. Hussar and Mr. Zimble (both former course directors) will be staffing this year's weeklong council Junior Leader Training Conference from June 22 – 28, 2003. Visit www.silverbars.org on the web or ask Mr. Hussar or Mr. Zimble for more information. Three scouts from T-219 will be awarded ½ scholarships to attend on the condition that they commit to use what they learn back in the troop for a period of time.

● EAGLE SCOUT Court of Honor

REMINDER: 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 (in full uniform). Tal has been with our troop continuously since February 1995 and has worked hard over those years to attain this distinguished honor.

● 2003 REGISTRATION FEES REMINDER

There are still ***quite a few*** scout families that have not returned their forms (and/or money) for next year's registration. Please do so right away to avoid a lapse in membership. Troop 219 will be a collecting agent for OA dues renewal as well so you may satisfy the invoice you recently received with Mr. Miller.

Larry Zimble

Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219