

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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- **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**

We'll meet at the church on Saturday March 15th at 9:00AM, probably lasting until about 11AM. Adults are needed to assist in this activity by driving. In addition, two scouts are needed to help in the trailer, rather than on the streets. See the Scoutmaster.

- **Pack 286 Crossover– Sunday, March 16th**

We'll need several Scouts to assist with this crossover – plus you get fed at the Pack's Blue and Gold dinner. Sign up at Mr. Miller's table. We're expecting a large number of new Scouts from this crossover. Several Scouts in the troop will be offered the important position of Troop Guide to the new Scout patrols. You cannot hold this position and also be a Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, SPL or ASPL. If you are interested in being a Troop Guide and working with the first year Scout program, see the Scoutmaster right away.

- **There's no regular meeting next week**

School is closed next Monday, March 17th, so there's no regular troop meeting. The next regular troop meeting is Monday, March 24th.

- **CPR Saturday, March 22nd**

CPR and First Aid Training (with AED, *Automated External Defibrillator*) will be conducted Saturday, March 22nd at Baker College from 9AM until 5PM at a cost of ONLY \$10 per person. This is an OUTSTANDING training opportunity at a fantastic price. See Mr. Hussar for more details.

The troop Pioneering Day originally on the calendar for this date is being **rescheduled** by the PLC not only because of this conflict but also because this winter's severe and extended cold are expected to continue and be too distracting from the tasks at hand.

- **Parent Orientation Meeting, March 24th**

An orientation meeting for parents of new Scouts will take place during the regular Troop meeting of Monday, March 24th. Parents of newly crossed over Webelos are especially encouraged to attend, but any troop parent is welcome.

- **Den Chief Training Scheduled – Den Chiefs for Webelos Wonderland Needed**

April 5th– 6th 2003 at Camp Holaka. **You must register by March 28, 2003.** The cost is \$20.00 This training is for Boy Scouts that wish to work as a Den Chief for a den, in a Pack or to work Webelos Wonderland.

Show up at Camp Holaka 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Saturday, April 5th. Bring a tent to sleep in. Dress for the weather as you will be outside most of the day. Lunch and supper for Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning will be provided. A den chief book is included in the training. **For More Information Contact** Cheryl Ostrander (810-658-1332) or Rick Pickard before 8:00 P.M. at 810-635-2722

- **SUMMER CAMP is not far away.**

ALL of the fee for summer camp is due on or before Monday May 12. Payments after that date will require an *additional \$30 late fee* imposed by the Tall Pine Council. Total cost for Summer Camp this year is \$205 for boys and \$85 for Adults, which includes the cost of the mandatory pre-summer camp/Court of Honor campout scheduled for May 30 – 31 at Dr. Waters' property. To pay in payments now, at least \$68.33/month (March, April and May) is needed – making sure that all payments are made on or before the May 12 deadline.

Mr. Miller has extra Summer Camp signup forms.

The announced deadline to apply for campership funds has also passed. If you need to secure campership funds, please let Mr. Cox know right away. We do not want any boy to be unable to attend camp

for financial reasons; and there are multiple sources from which we might secure funds. It'd be a real shame if we can't find the money because you waited too long to ask. All campership requests are kept in complete confidence.

- **CHEAP Summer Camp Physicals!!!**

\$15 camp physicals will be performed by Dr. Edwin Delange on APRIL 9, 2003 (***THIS DAY ONLY***) at his office at 3273 Davison Road, Suite 2, Lapeer, MI; **from 5:00 PM until all are completed**. Make sure that you arrive AFTER 5PM but BEFORE 6PM and be prepared to wait. Nonetheless, this is a great opportunity if you need a physical and cash is tight. BOTH youth and adult Scouts are accommodated, wear shorts and a t-shirt. See the Scoutmaster for more details.

- **Order of the Arrow -- Troop Election Results**

Now that the callout ceremony is complete, here's the official announcement of the boys who were successfully elected into the Order of the Arrow at the troop election 6 weeks ago: Chad Brandon, Ken Foley, Kevin Humphreys, Mark Humphreys, Matt Rybar, Nick Stewart, Devon Vaughn and Zach Wisniewski. These Scouts ***must still complete the Ordeal experience to become members*** of the Order. Congratulations are in order for these Scouts.

- **OA Chapter Meetings and Adult Roundtable**

REMINDER -- The next meeting of the Bidaban Chapter of the OA is Thursday March 13, 2003 at the Grand Blanc Middle School. Bidaban Chapter meetings are for OA members only, and all T-219 Arrowmen should plan to attend (*this does not include newly elected Ordeal candidates*). 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. Zimble 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, March 19, 2003 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!

Larry Zimble
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219