

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

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## • DORCHESTER INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD CAMPOREE (DIBC)

Final cost is \$35. Dorchester signup sheets were **due last week**. Make sure that you read the information in the March 24 handout or online and have the appropriate identity papers available. Tour leader is Mr. Miller.

## • SUMMER CAMP signup and payment DUE NOW!!!!!!

The "last minute" you've been waiting for is here. **ALL of the fee for summer camp is due NEXT 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.

**MONDAY, June 30, 2003 – Summer Camp Parent Orientation Meeting. At the Church at 7:00PM**

## • OA Cuwe Lodge Spring Conclave – May 16 – 17 – 18, Camp Tapico

All troop Arrowmen and newly elected Ordeal candidates – if you are planning to attend the Spring Conclave at Camp Tapico make sure you **fill out the special sheet at Mr. Miller's table**. This sheet will help me make sure that there are rides for everyone who needs one, and so I can bring the correct number of troop tents for the activity.

## • High Adventure Trip July 26 – August 3, 2003

The trip will be using the *Sabattis Adventure Camp*, a Boy Scout Camp operated by the Patriot's Path Council of New Jersey as a beginning and ending point to backpack (and possibly white water raft) in the Adirondack Mountains of upper New York State. Tour leader is Dr. Waters – 810-732-2272 days or 810-750-1433 evenings.

A special flyer was distributed last week describing the following information about our troop's planned high adventure trip this year:

- Scouts must have reached age 13 by 1/1/2003, hiking merit badge, good health, good attitude, able to backpack 35 pounds. Regular 4 page summer camp physical form required.
- May 30 – June 1 – Backpacking weekend prep trip (in conjunction with summer camp campout)
- June 13 – 15 – weekend Backpacking prep trip
- Approximate total cost: \$300

## • Monday, May 19, 2003 -- \$100 deposit due to troop

## • Alternative/2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Camp Opportunity?????

Because our troop already has a reservation at the *Sabattis Adventure Camp*, a Boy Scout Camp operated by the Patriot's Path Council of New Jersey for our high adventure trip, the opportunity exists for Scouts who wish to participate in that camp's summer camp program over the same week (July 26 – August 3) may exist. Cost would be in the neighborhood of \$300. This could be done by Scouts either in addition to our week at Tapico or instead of that week. At this point **no decision has been reached** as to whether we'll be doing this or not -- we need to know your serious interest NOW to decide if we'll even try it this year. Availability of Adult leaders is also an issue – so if you're a parent willing to help with this, please let me know.

*Sabattis Adventure Camp* is in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. It consists of more than 1200 acres on the south shore of 200 acre "Bear Pond" in Long Lake, NY, located NNW of Utica, NY almost as far north to be on line with Montpelier, VT. It's in the middle of the 6 million acre Adirondack Preserve (lookup Long Lake, NY 12847 in [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com) then zoom out to get a feel for where the camp is located). It is gorgeous country!

If you are interested in attending this possible alternative or second summer camp program, sign up on the list at Mr. Miller's table. There are no age restrictions to the summer camp program, Scouts of any age or rank may attend.

- **STAR SEMINAR – May 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Star & Life Rank Scouts:*** A STAR SEMINAR is scheduled **this Tuesday, May 6, 2003** probably in the Grand Blanc High School. Attendance at one Star Seminar is required **after** reaching the rank of STAR but **before** a LIFE rank Scout may begin his Eagle Leadership Service Project. You must call the council office (810-235-2531) to tell them you're coming and find out the exact time and location where it's to be held.

- **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual tradition of marching in the Fenton Memorial Day Parade continues this year. There is no regular troop meeting that night, and all Scouts who are in town are expected to participate because this is an important part of the community service that Scouts do!

Meet at the church at 8:30AM on Monday, May 26, 2003. We'll have donuts and either juice or hot cocoa, depending on the weather. DRESS FOR THE WEATHER, but full and complete Scout uniform is mandatory. Expect to be released right about 11AM. We've begun switching off responsibility for the color guard at Oakwood Cemetery with Troop 212 and it's their turn this year – so watch their performance critically so we can improve our own performance next year.

Mr. Hussar is the tour leader for this event as both Chad Brandon and myself will be participating in the Governor's Honor Guard – Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop beginning that day (I'm disappointed that more troop Scouts did not choose to participate).

- **OA Chapter Meeting and Adult Roundtable**

**REMINDER** -- The next meeting of the Bidaban Chapter of the OA is Thursday May 8, 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 is the same date, place and time as the adult Roundtable meeting so several T-219 adult leaders are usually going (Mr. Zimble Mr. Hussar 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 and coordinate your need in advance.

- **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next troop committee meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 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  
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