

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

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

- **High Adventure Trip July 26 – August 3, 2003**

A \$100 deposit is due by tonight to attend.

- **Scout Handbook Remains Missing**

The Scout Handbook belonging to Eli Davis was last reliably seen at a troop meeting several weeks ago. Most of the other missing books have been recovered – please check all of your stuff and make sure that you don't have Eli's book by mistake.

- **New OA Members/Member Honors**

At the Lodge Spring Conclave this past weekend, five Troop 219 Scouts successfully completed their ordeal and are now Ordeal Members of the Order of the Arrow. The Scouts are: Chad Brandon, Ken Foley, Matt Rybar, Nick Stewart and Zach Wisniewski. In addition, J.T. Waters, Chris Miller and Mr. Miller sealed their membership in OA by attaining the Brotherhood Honor. Mr. Zimpler resigned his position as Associate Lodge Adviser during the business meeting after a 4 year tenure.

- **Summer Camp Health Forms/Medications -- **IMPORTANT!****

The big 4 page health form is REQUIRED for summer camp and must have CURRENT signatures.

- **For Scouts and Adults under age 40 as of 07/19/2003 (not intending to do COPE):**  
the physician's signature must be dated on or after July 20, 2000, unless you intend to do COPE. Physical forms for sports or other activities that include a physician signature may be substituted for page 3 of the TPC health form, but pages 1, 2 and 4 must still be completed in their entirety, even if they repeat information on the other form.
- **For adults age 40 and over as of 7/19/2003 and ANYONE who intends to do COPE:**  
the physician's signature must be dated on or after July 20, 2002. Adults of any age must have a **negative TB test**, and *should* have a youth protection training card, each dated July 20, 2000 or later.
- Without exception, if you have an expired health form you will not be permitted to attend camp. New privacy laws are being interpreted as prohibiting the camp from accepting a fax of a health form if corrections or replacement are required – so this has to be correct and complete before we leave.
- Blank health forms can be downloaded from the troop web site, the council web site and we'll have paper copies at the troop meetings. We will also be requesting new or updated Child ID forms for troop travel records.
- For Scouts, at least one parent signature must be dated on or after July 20, 2002. There are three places to sign on page 4 so the form can be used for three years – make sure that the list of people who are authorized to have your Scout released to is correct as well.
- MEDICATIONS for camp MUST be in their ORIGINAL containers properly labeled. This applies to Scouts AND Adults at camp. OTC medication is treated for ALL purposes in the same manner as prescription medication, must be listed by dosage on the health form and in it's original container, properly labeled.

Sign-up and payments for summer camp will continue to be accepted, but any signup at this point will require an *additional \$30 late fee* imposed by the Tall Pine Council. Total cost for Summer Camp this year has now become \$235 for boys and \$105 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.

- **Pre-Summer Camp Campout & Court of Honor – May 30 – 31, 2003**

If you've signed up for summer camp, you've also signed up to attend this campout. This campout is important to make sure that the summer camp patrols operate well together – that all scouts and adults attending understand what's involved. Adults attending summer camp are **strongly encouraged** to attend this campout as well.

Meet at Dr. Waters' property at 6:00PM on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, having eaten dinner. You'll need to bring the standard weekend campout equipment, and especially a full scout uniform which will be required for Dinner and the Court of Honor following immediately afterwards. The campout dismisses after the Ceremony.

**PARENTS are invited to dinner before the Court of Honor** (it's usually pretty special – as we've tried in recent year for the boys to really show off what can be done with food in the woods) and to stay or arrive in time for the Court of Honor. For new Scout families, a Court of Honor is a ceremony where we recognize the advancements, awards and accomplishments of the boys over the time since the last Court of Honor – our last Court of Honor was back in September so quite a few boys will be receiving recognition. Bring a lawn chair.

- **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 expected.** Expect to be released 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.

- **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!

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