

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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WELCOME BACK to a new program year of Scouting with Troop 219. We enter this new year with everything in place to make it our best year ever.

● Summer Advancement Activities

Over this past summer, and since our last Troop Court of Honor our Scouts have been very active working on advancement activities. In summary, 41 Scouts earned a total of 147 Merit Badges, 5 rank advancement, training and 30 special awards in the past three months; and 14 Scouts have completed all requirements for 15 rank advancements except for a Scoutmaster Conference and/or a Board of Review, as follows:

David Adams	Climbing, First Aid*, Leatherwork; Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Kevin Humphreys	Camping*, Emergency Prep*, Orienteering, Photography, Wilderness Survival, <i>PENDING Life Scout Rank</i>
Tyler Adams	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Scout Rank , Totin'Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Mark Humphreys	Camping*, Climbing, Environmental Sci*, Pioneering
Adam Bliss	Totin' Chip	Jon King	Environmental Sci*, Photography, Small Boat Sailing, Space Exploration
Chad Brandon	Leatherwork; Mackinaw Governor's Honor Guard	Evan Kunkel	Climbing, First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>
Chris Brown	Emergency Prep*, Environmental Sci*, Leatherwork, Reptile/Amphibian, Soil & Water; World Conservation Award, <i>PENDING Life Scout Rank</i>	Pat McKay	Environmental Sci*, Leatherwork, Reptile/Amphibian
Peter Chiapetta	Totin' Chip	John Murray	Environmental Sci*, Photography, Small Boat Sailing, Space Exploration
John Cohoon	Pioneering, Space Exploration, Wilderness Survival, SMJLT	Ken Pigott	Archery, Cooking, First Aid*, Nature
Stephen Congdon	Basketry, Cit in Community*, Cit in Nation*, Communications*, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, Mammal Study, Public Speaking, SMJLT, Trail to Eagle Camp	Matt Rybar	Cit in Nation* Cit in World*, Environmental Sci*, Photography, Pioneering, Space Exploration, Star Scout Rank
Matt Cornillie	Climbing, First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Bill Sarosy	Archery, Athletics, Climbing, Nature, Soil & Water Conservation, Wilderness Survival, World Conservation Award
Ben Cox	Cit in World*, World Conservation Award	Garrett Stewart	Environmental Sci*, Photography, Small Boat Sailing, Space Exploration, Wilderness Survival, 1st Class Rank
Eli Davis	Emergency Prep*, Environmental Sci*, Mammal Study, Reptile/Amphibian, Soil & Water, World Conservation Award	Nick Stewart	Archery, Photography, Soil & Water Conservation, Space Exploration, Wilderness Survival, World Conservation Award
Kyle Draheim	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Reptile/Amphibian	Joe Sulfaro	Cit in World*, Environmental Sci*, Photography, Pioneering, Space Exploration, <i>PENDING 1st Class Rank</i>
Corey Duey	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Zach Tata	First Aid*, Leatherwork*, Space Exploration, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>

Chris Duncan	Totin' Chip	Devon Vaughn	Camping* Emergency Prep*
Ben Dzido	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank, PENDING 2nd Class Rank</i>	Anthony Vig	Auto Mechanics, Environmental Sci*, Family Life*, Journalism, Personal Management*, SMJLT, Trail to Eagle Camp
Dan Foley	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Small Boat Sailing, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	J T Waters III	Archery, Art, Basketry, Cit in World*, Communications, Cooking, Environmental Sci*, Forestry, Nature, Weather, Wilderness Survival, Trail to Eagle Camp
Ken Foley	Camping*, Climbing, Environmental Sci*, Pioneering	Andrew Weston	Energy, Environmental Sci*, First Aid*, Photography, SMJLT
Drew Hackney	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Blair Williams	Energy, Leatherwork, Wilderness Survival, Wood Carving
Kyle Hansen	Energy, Environmental Sci*, First Aid*, Photography, 2nd Class Rank, 1st Class Rank	Joe Winiarski	Cit in World*, Emergency Prep*
Jordan Herold	First Aid*, Leatherwork, Totin' Chip, SMJLT, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>	Nick Winiarski	First Aid*, Leatherwork, <i>PENDING Tenderfoot Rank</i>
		Zach Wisniewski	Athletics, Climbing, Cycling*, Nature, Rifle Shooting, Soil & Water Conservation, Wilderness Survival, World Conservation Award

* = Merit Badge *required* for Eagle Rank

Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review will be held during Troop meetings over the next several weeks and possibly also on one or more special nights – to try to complete as many as possible before the next Court of Honor.

● **Flag Ceremony – THIS SATURDAY**

We've been asked to supply several Scouts for a flag ceremony at Podunk (Pioneer) House. Its on North Long Lake Rd @ Main Rd, by the Lake Fenton High School. We did this last year and our efforts were highly appreciated. If you're interested in helping out here, signup by Mr. Miller. Contact Mr. Dennis Weston (629-3106) with any questions.

● **OA Fall Conclave**

The Cuwe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow – Scouting's National Honor Society will hold it's annual Fall Conclave from 6:00PM on Friday, September 19th until about noon on Sunday, September 21st at CAMP HOLAKA in Lapeer, MI. If you are an OA member or one of our troop's three remaining Ordeal member candidates (Kevin Humphreys, Mark Humphreys, and Devon Vaughn) you should plan to attend. Contact the Scoutmaster if you need transportation – we'll find a way to get you there and back. If you are one of our Ordeal Candidates, this is your FINAL OPPORTUNITY to complete the requirements to become a member of the OA. Otherwise, you must stand for election again. Even if you have not received any notification from the Lodge, troop adult leaders can assist you to be prepared for the Ordeal – just ask.

● **Pioneering Day**

A Pioneering Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th at Dr. Waters' property. This is a full day event that includes lunch, but **no overnight camping**. We'll be working on pioneering skills and projects, as our outdoor follow-up to the troop meeting program theme for the month; much of which may be individually used toward the Pioneering Merit Badge. Plus, we'll be getting our monkey bridge ready for Skill-O-Rama. A sign-up health form/permission slip is included with this handout. Sign-up forms must be returned by the troop meeting, Monday, September 22, 2003.

● **Skill-O-Rama**

The eighth annual Troop 219 Skill-O-Rama will be held from 7:00AM Saturday, October 4, 2003 through 11AM Sunday, October 5, 2003 at Silver Lake Park on Jennings Road, in Fenton. A sign-up health form/permission slip is included with this handout. Sign-up forms must be returned by the troop meeting, Monday, September 22, 2003.

● **Troop Court of Honor – October 6, 2003**

A Troop Court of Honor is scheduled during our regular meeting time on Monday, October 6, 2003. Scouts will be recognized for advancements, awards and other achievements since the last Court of Honor. **FAMILIES ARE INVITED AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND.** There are light refreshments following the ceremonies.

● **2003/2004 Program Calendar**

Your copy of the 2003-2004 Troop Program Calendar is included with this handout. **All Scouts and their families should review this calendar carefully. It contains troop events as well as other scouting events** and known school dates (Fenton schools has not yet published a calendar). Patrol program assignments through the end of the calendar year are also included.

● **Troop Activity T-Shirts**

Last year the troop decided on activity (class B) T-Shirts. An administrative snafu prevented these shirts from being ordered in time for summer camp. An order form to order your special Troop 219 activity t-shirt may be available tonight, but certainly not later than next Monday. Any ordering deadline will be on the order form.

● **Life Scouts nearing Eagle**

Currently, Troop 219 has 13 Life Scout rank Scouts. Some of these scouts have held Life Rank for some time and need to complete very little more to be eligible for the rank of EAGLE. Others only recently fulfilled the Life Rank requirements. The summary below shows the status of all of our Life Rank Scouts and what is needed for them to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout rank:

J D Asselin	1 req'd MB, Project	Nick Stewart	2 req'd MB, Project
Nick Burden	2 req'd MB, Job, Project	Devon Vaughn	1 req'd MB, Project
John Cohoon	6 req'd MB, Project	Anthony Vig	Project
Steve Congdon	3 req'd MB, Project	J T Waters III	3 req'd MB, Project, Time/Job
Ben Cox	1 req'd MB, Project	Blair Williams	Project
Chris Miller	3 req'd MB, Project	Zach Wisniewski	Project
Bill Sarosy	1 req'd MB, Project		

The list above includes advancement over this past summer, and presumes that items with time requirements that have begun will be completed. As important as the basic requirements are, more importantly ***all Eagle Scout candidates must satisfactorily demonstrate that they have made the Scout Oath & Scout Law a part of their everyday life;*** and pass a Scoutmaster Conference and special Board of Review. If you notice an error, please notify Mr. Hussar immediately. **If you do not see any errors, get to work!!!**

● **Venture Patrol/Troop High Adventure Activities**

When I took the job of Scoutmaster 2½ years ago, the troop demographics required that significant attention be paid to the program provided to younger Scouts, age 13 and below. At the time, only a few of the *active* Scouts in the troop were older than 14, and the younger boys represented the health and the future of our Troop. Now I believe we provide a strong program to the younger Scouts. And over time, our younger Scouts have aged (they do that). Now a large number of active troop scouts are age 13 and above. It's time to ensure that there is appropriate program for Scouts of this age as well.

By the end of October, 2003, I intend to have a Venture Patrol starting within the troop. This is not Venturing as the separate BSA co-educational program which operates under the same name, but it is very similar. Membership in this Venturing Patrol will be **limited to Scouts age 14 and above.** A separate, dedicated Assistant Scoutmaster(s) will be assigned to this patrol. Scouts in the Venture Patrol will create their own program calendar, presumably of high-adventure style activities. There are a few troop activities that they'll be expected to participate in along with the rest of the troop, but they'll also have their own events which will not be open to participation outside of this special patrol. The details have yet to be worked out --

this is an early announcement. If you want to be part of this patrol, there'll be a special meeting for you to attend where we deal with all the details. Watch for further announcements.

● Troop Junior Leader Training (SMJLT)

This training was rescheduled from June 19 and held on August 16 as decided by the PLC. Only 5 scouts attended. Prior to that, in June, four Scouts, Devon Vaughn, John Cohoon, Zach Wisniewski and JT Waters attended Silver Bars JLTC at Camp Holaka. Mr. Hussar and Mr. Zimbler staffed the course on the Quartermaster corps.

● Summer Camp 2004 (July 11 – July 17, 2004)

It's not too soon to start considering Summer Camp for next year. Assuming prices stay as they were this year (unlikely) it will take only \$23 each month September '03 to May '04 to cover the 2003 camp fees. Mr. Miller, our Troop Treasurer, is ready and eager to begin taking signups and monthly payments toward next year's summer camp.

It's also NOW time to request a campership for this purpose. If you need financial help, the sooner we know about it the easier we can find funds to cover any need. Don't wait till the last minute – if you later don't need the help, that's great. I'd hate to see any boy miss summer camp for financial reasons.

● 2004 Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop (MISST) (May 31 – June 5, 2004) 2004 Silver Bars JLTC (June 19 – June 26, 2004) 2004 Trail to Eagle (June 27 – July 3, 2004)

Scouts generally must be 13 years old to participate in these activities. *Rare* exceptions are made. Scoutmaster recommendation is required to attend any of these events. I've staffed all these events multiple times and I can't recommend them strongly enough – but ask any Scout that has attended.

I don't have signup forms or final prices yet (I expect them over the next several weeks) but the time is NOW to mark your calendar and PLAN TO ATTEND one, two or all three of these extra special Scouting events next summer. Each has its own traditions and specialty experiences and every one of these special activities OUGHT to be experienced by troop scouts. Expect MISST and Silver Bars JLTC to cost just under \$200 and Trail to Eagle will run in the mid 200's

As has been the case for several years, MISST is expected to require Scouts to miss 4 days of school. I can't emphasize enough how much value this activity has, and the fact that all known school districts recognize that value and *enthusiastically* excuse a Scout's absence to attend it.

For the first time in several years, Troop 219 was represented by 4 scouts at the 2003 Silver Bars JLTC. Troop 219 will pay a 1/2 scholarship for up to 3 Scouts to attend this event. It's a week of concentrated leadership training – skills that will help scouts lead not only in the Troop, but in school, at sports and throughout life. Scholarships are awarded on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster. Silver Bars has sold out in past years – so applications should be submitted before year end.

Trail to Eagle provides a substantial boost toward Eagle rank by way of a concentrated opportunity to focus on earning merit badges. Scouts work very hard, and play equally hard but Scouts have come home with 5, 6, 7, even 8 merit badges or more from this week of camp. Trail to Eagle camp always sells out, usually by year end, so you'll want to make sure that you get your application in EARLY, and certainly before December 31.

● Troop Committee Meeting

The next troop committee meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 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 Zimbler
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

Troop 219 Pioneering Day

September 27th, 2003

PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

(return with \$5 payment by Monday, September 22, 2003)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name: _____

Method of Payment:

Troop Account _____

Check (# and amt) _____

Cash _____

_____ has my permission to attend the Troop 219
(name)
Pioneering Day activity at Dr. Waters' property in Fenton

Scouts should be dropped off at Dr. Waters by 8:30AM on Saturday, September 27th and picked up at this location at approximately 6:00 PM that same day. Lunch will be provided.

In case of emergency, notify:

Name		Relationship	
Address:			
Primary Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()
Physician Name:		Physician Phone:	()
Health Insurance Company:		Policy Number:	

- This scout takes no medications and has no known allergies.**
- This scout takes medication or has allergies as follows:** *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

The health information contained herein is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted above. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical provider selected by a designated representative of Troop 219, Boy Scouts of America to authorize emergency medical or surgical treatment, routine non-surgical medical care, hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection(s) for my child. The person herein described is in good health, has all required immunizations current, and I assume the health responsibility for the individual.

Parent/Guardian Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature	
X		X	
<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>	<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>

Troop 219
Skill-O-Rama
October 4th through October 5th, 2003
PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM
(return with \$20 payment by Monday, September 22, 2003)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name: _____

Method of Payment: Troop Account _____
 Check (# and amt) _____
 Cash _____

_____ has my permission to attend the Troop 219 Skill-O-Rama at
(name)
Silver Lake Park in Fenton from Saturday, October 4, 2003 through Sunday October 5, 2003.

Scouts should be dropped off at Silver Lake Park by 7:00 AM on Saturday, October 4th and picked up at this location at approximately 11:00 AM on Sunday. Scouts should have eaten breakfast before arriving.

In case of emergency, notify:

Name		Relationship	
Address:			
Primary Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()
Physician Name:		Physician Phone:	()
Health Insurance Company:		Policy Number:	

- This scout takes no medications and has no known allergies.**
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Parent/Guardian Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature	
X		X	
<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>	<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>