

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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● **POPCORN ORDERS DUE OVERDUE**

2004 BOY SCOUT REGISTRATIONS DUE OVERDUE

POPCORN MONEY and 2004 Troop registration/dues forms & money were due last week. If you have not turned these in yet – they're late. See Mr. Miller immediately.

DO NOT ALLOW MONEY to prevent you (or your son) from being active with the troop – we can provide a variety of options if costs are or become a hardship. This is true for registration and also for activity fees including summer camp. See Mr. Cox or Mr. Miller if there are problems or financial concerns.

● **TROOP LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

Tonight is Senior Patrol Leader elections. As you have seen much more so over the past year, the Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) really does run the program of the troop. So the SPL job is extremely important. Consider the responsibilities of this position carefully before you decide to run, and as you decide who to vote for. Tonight also are election of Patrol Leaders, and appointment of all other troop leadership positions. Remember, except for the position of Den Chief, all appointed positions expire as of the end of tonight's meeting. As Scoutmaster I will not interfere with the free election of the troop, however I will act with some speed to remove any elected leader whose lack of performance interferes with the forward movement of the troop.

● **TROOP JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING (SMJLT)**

All elected leaders are required to attend (and all appointed leaders as well as general troop members are invited to attend) Troop Junior Leader Training, scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 9AM – 2PM at the church. Because of the blood drive, we'll be holding the sessions upstairs. There is no charge for this activity, and lunch is provided by the troop. Remember that a substantial objective of this activity is team building among the new leadership rather than anything special about the presented material, so if you are an elected leader, you are expected to attend regardless of whether you've attended before.

● **BLOOD DRIVE – SERVICE PROJECT**

The church is holding a blood drive on Saturday, December 6, 2003. They have requested three Scouts be available to help unload the truck and bring stuff in and set it up at 7:30 AM. This will take approximately 90 minutes. The church would prefer older [larger] Scouts who can handle the equipment. They also need about 90 minutes worth of help from 3 Scouts at 3:00 PM. **NOTE HOW NEATLY THIS CORRESPONDS TO THE TROOP JLT SESSION THAT SAME DAY!!!, HINT, HINT, NUDGE, NUDGE...**

● **NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT SWIM PROGRAM**

Last Friday night's swim did not occur. We'll keep you informed as we learn what, if any, makeup nights are planned*. Remaining scheduled swim nights are:

- Friday, December 12, 2003 (7PM for Lifesaving; 8PM for Swimming MB & Scout Ranks)
- Friday, January 9, 2004 (7PM for Lifesaving; 8PM for Swimming MB & Scout Ranks)

*You must attend all three sessions for the Lifesaving Merit Badge. Generally, two sessions are required for Swimming Merit Badge. You may also complete 2nd Class and/or 1st Class Rank swimming requirements here. You must bring a completed and signed Merit Badge application with you – if you're completing a partial, bring that partial MB form with you, not a new one if you want to receive credit for what you've already done.

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