

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 the best year ever.

• Summer Advancement Activities

The special mailing covered summer camp advancements. Since no one has communicated any problems to me we can safely put summer camp 2006 behind us as a pleasant memory. Boy Scout Handbooks for the following Scouts have been updated to reflect all advancements which have been completed and should now be up-to-date: Spencer Clark, Jacob Cornillie, Jordan Dagenais, Ryan Gorelick, Brad Gornick, Chase Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Matt Hommer, Thad Kunkel, Max McDonald, Travis Nolkemper, Shannon Schiess, Jacob Seavey, Joe Stewart, Derek Trecha, Alec Wilhoite and Michael Wisniewski. If you do not know the status of your handbook and would like to give it to Mr. Hussar after a meeting it will be checked and updated, if and as necessary, and returned to you at the next Scout meeting.

Merit Badge Applications for partial merit badge completions and the first year camper (WHITE PINE Program) progress sheets have been put into your Handout Folders. Put the Merit Badge Applications someplace save if you have any plans to complete them in the future.

• Skill-O-Rama

The tenth annual Troop 219 Skill-O-Rama will be held from 10:00 AM through 3:00 P.M. Saturday, October 30, 2006, at Silver Lake Park on Jennings Road, in Fenton. The Boy Scout Troops may camp both nights beginning at 6:00 P.M., Friday, September 29, 2006. Parents will drop off and pick up their Scout(s) or make suitable arrangements. Scouts may be picked up at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 1, 2006. A sign-up health form/permission slip was included with the August Mailing.

Scouts may come out as early as 6:00 P.M. but no later than 8:00 P.M. Please have dinner before you arrive. If you cannot make it out by 8:00 P.M. on Friday then please arrive at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, again, please have breakfast before you come out. Scouts may come for the day only Saturday to help with Skill-O-Rama from approximately 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to help with setup and cleanup. Scouts may camp for Saturday night only if they wish.

Webelos may camp with the Scouts on Saturday but must have a parent/guardian with them.

Permission Slips with payments were to be returned by the troop meeting, Monday, September 11, 2006.

• Orienteering Day

Another Orienteering Campout has been scheduled for Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 2006. We'll be working on Orienteering skills, much of which may be used toward the Orienteering Merit Badge. A sign-up health form/permission slip will be available shortly with full details.

• 2006/2007 Program Calendar

Your copy of the 2006-2007 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.

• Troop Committee Meetings

The Troop committee meets each of the following dates: September 20; October 18; November 15; December 20, 2006; January 17; February 14, March 14, April 18, May 16 and June 20, 2007. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend this Wednesday meetings. They start at 7:00 P.M. and usually run 90 minutes or so. The September 20th meeting will be held at Fenton First Presbyterian Church in an upstairs meeting room. Future meeting locations will be announced if they get moved from this location.

• Summer Camp 2007

It's not too soon to start considering Summer Camp for next year. The Troop Calendar has payment due dates in it for summer camp but payments may be made before that time to Mr. Miller. We have the Pioneer campsite at Camp Tapico reserved for the week July 8- 14, 2007.

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. We'd hate to see any boy miss summer camp for financial reasons. On that same note there will be several opportunities to participate in fund raiser which would be a great way for you to learn to be responsible for paying your own way. The first, and probably biggest one, is the annual popcorn fund raiser. Details will be coming out shortly with dates and the paperwork you need to use when you are taking orders.

• **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 22nd until about noon on Sunday, September 24th at CAMP HOLAKA in Lapeer, MI. If you are an OA member or one of our troop's remaining Ordeal member candidates 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.

• **Life Scouts nearing Eagle**

Currently, Troop 219 has 8 Star rank Scouts and 12 Life Scout rank Scouts. Some of these scouts have held Star and Life Rank for some time and need to complete very little more to be eligible for their next step towards or to 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:

Eli Davis	2 req'd MB, Project,		Garrett Stewart	2 req'd MB, Project
Ken Foley	3 req'd MB, Job, Project		Nick Stewart	Project
Kyle Hanson	4 req'd MB, Project, Leadership		JT Waters	Board of Review—pending
Mark Humphreys	5 req'd MB, Project, Leadership		Andrew Weston	1 req'd MB, Project, Leadership
Jon King	2 req'd MB, Project		Zack Wisniewski	Project
John Murray	5 req'd MB, Project, Leadership		Michael Zuchelski	4 req'd MB, Project, Leadership

The list above includes advancement over this past summer, and presumes that specific items with time requirements will be completed. All Eagle Scout candidates must satisfactorily demonstrate that they have made the Scout Oath & Scout Law, the Motto and the Slogan a part of their everyday life, and successfully complete a Scoutmaster Conference and special Board of Review.

Some of these scouts have planned and worked on a project, however, the project is not complete until it is written up and the project workbook is turned in and approved by the Scoutmaster and Committee. While some Scouts have completed the Leadership Tenure requirement that does not mean that they should “rest on their laurels” but should continue to demonstrate leadership growth and development.

• **National Youth Leadership Training (formerly Junior Leader Training or Silver Bars)**

This weeklong Council youth training is rescheduled from Saturday, June 16 through Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Camp Holaka. We did not send any Scouts in 2006 but would like to send 2-4 Scouts in 2007. The troop has traditionally covered one half of the cost of the training when a Scout has been chosen and has accepted the invitation. Scouts need to be at least 13 years old, First Class rank Scout and have the recommendation of the Scoutmaster.

• **Troop Committee Meeting Reminder**

The next troop committee meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2006 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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Boy Scout Troop 219