

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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Treasurer: Mr. Larry Miller

Committee Chairman: Mr. Dennis Cox

ASM First Year Scouts Mr. Mike Adams

Upcoming Events

March 21 & 22 – Kalamazoo Airzoo overnight-

March 24 – Troop Court of Honor

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO THE COURT OF HONOR

March 29 - Planet Rock *tentative*

April 7, 15 and 22 – Red Cross CPR & First Aid (for the Scout Troop)

April 18-20 Whitewater raft trip to West Virginia * * **Note Corrected Date** * *

April 25 – 27 First year campout and mock disaster

May 5 - FINAL SUMMER CAMP PAYMENT DUE –

AFTER THIS DATE FINAL COST GOES UP BY \$20.00 PER PERSON

May 9 – 11 – Dorchester IBC Camporee

May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & FLAG RAISING At Oakwood Cemetery

June 7 - First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive - Service Hours

June 13 & 14 - Relay for Life at AGS Middle School - Volunteers Needed

June 15-20, National Youth Leadership Training Conference – Camp Holaka

• Troop 179 Lock-in

Ten Scouts attended this year's Troop 179 Lock-In and earned a total of 15 Merit Badges. My thanks to Mrs. Wisniewski who was one of the adults who spent the night and encouraged them to work on some of the Merit Badges that were offered.

• Scouting for Food-BAG DISTRIBUTION and PICKUP

We had nine Scouts plus 5 parents who helped with the Bag Distribution on Saturday, March 8, and only 5 Scouts with 3 parents who worked the Bag Pick Up on Saturday, March 15, 2008. When Mr. Hommer dropped off their collection at VG's we had turned in approximately 250 pounds of food but Mr. Schiess and the two Scouts with him had not turned in their collected food yet. Thanks to all who helped.

• Eagle Scout Service Project-DAVID CONGDON

I am planning on doing my Eagle Scout Project this Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th with rain back-up dates of Saturday April 26th and Sunday, April 27th.

I will need people on these dates, starting at 9:00 am, at AGS Middle School, on Donaldson Drive.

Project information: My project will consist of installing 4 benches in the ground; in front of the school (the benches have already been assembled). We will also dig up grass and dirt to create a planting bed, put down landscape pavers around the bed, put in plants and annuals, and finish with wood chips, creating this new landscape area near the entrance of AGS Middle School. **Any tools which you might be able to bring to each work session would be greatly appreciated.**

● **Troop 219 Formal Court of Honor**

Our second Formal Court of Honor for the 2007-2008 Scout Year will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008. Scouts will be formally recognized for ranks and merit badges earned since our last formal Court of Honor. There will be a Friends of Scouting presentation, an Order of the Arrow call out ceremony for the 6 Scouts elected to the OA and Mr. Miller will receive his Woodbadge beads, neckerchief and woggle. Upcoming activity information may be discussed during the reception after the Court of Honor.

● **Red Cross CPR and First Aid**

Mr. Hussar is a Red Cross instructor and is offering an opportunity for Scouts and parents to learn CPR and First Aid. CPR is required for several merit badges and is an important skill to learn. The first aid class will be in more depth than the first year Scout program. CPR Training will run from 7:00-9:00 P.M. on Monday, April 7 and Monday, April 14. First Aid Training will run from 7:00-9:00 P.M. on Monday, April 7 and Monday, April 21, 2008. You need to attend all three sessions to be able to complete both Adult CPR and Standard First Aid. The cost for this training includes Red Cross Certification. Adult CPR is \$17.00 and if you add First Aid will be a total of \$24.00.

● **Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum overnigher**

As of Monday, March 10, 2008, we had 19 Scouts, Webelos and parents/adults had signed up for this overnight activity. This activity is a TENTATIVE GO unless something changes or someone drops off of the list of attendees. This activity required at least 20 Scouts signed up for the Merit Badge plus adult chaperones.

Transportation arrangements will be made by the Troop. Cost and additional details will be available on the permission slip. We will depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot at 4:30 P.M. Friday afternoon, March 21, and will return there at approximately 4:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, March 22.

● **Tall Pine Council 2008 National Youth Leadership Conference**

This training activity is a week long outdoor experience for current and future Troop Leaders, utilizing the Patrol Method. It presents the eleven leadership skills in multiple formats providing for Scout to live and practice these leadership skills. The Course follows the National BSA National Youth Leadership Training Conference outline.

If you can answer yes to all of the following you are eligible:

- You will be 13 years old by June 15, 2008.
- You will not be 18 years old before June 20, 2008.
- You will be at least a First Class Scout by June 15, 2008.
- You now hold or intend to hold a Troop leadership position.
- You are mature enough and responsible enough to spend an entire week camping with boys you have never met, with minimal adult supervision and always live the Scout Oath and Law,
- You agree to practice the skills you learn at NYLT when you return to our Troop.
- Your parents/guardians AND Scoutmaster agree and recommend you.

The cost for this one week training is \$195.00 if paid in full by March 31, 2008 **(to our Troop Treasurer by March 24, 2008).**

The Troop will pay the first \$100.00 for up to 4 Scouts who would be interested and recommended by the Scoutmaster. If paid by the listed date each Scout is responsible for \$95.00 of the fee but after that date the cost to each Scout will be \$115.00.

I will not be in attendance at the Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008, but those Scouts who meet the requirements will have a brief meeting during the regular troop meeting.

- **Planet Rock**

A climbing activity was planned for Planet Rock in Pontiac to work on the Climbing Merit Badge for Saturday, March 29, 2008. The Patrol Leader's Council has gotten back with me on this event to say that the activity interest level is really low. This could be turned into an "open activity" where we just attend for the climbing training and some wall time but I am not sure about the cost of an activity like that.

- **Troop Committee Meeting- Note Correct Date**

Our Troop Committee Meeting will be on the **Wednesday, March 19, 2008** at Fenton First Presbyterian Church starting at 7 P.M. **Parents are invited and welcome.**

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