

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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Upcoming Events

April 7, 14 and 21– Red Cross CPR & First Aid (for the Scout Troop)

April 12-Troop Leader Training (formerly Scoutmaster Junior Leader Training) 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

April 18 through 20-Whitewater raft trip to West Virginia * * * **CORRECTION** * * *

April 25 through 27-First year campout and mock disaster

May 3 and May 5-Silver Lake Park Service Day to repair a bridge and refurbish the trails

May 5 - FINAL SUMMER CAMP PAYMENT

May 9 through 11–Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee, London, Ontario, Canada

May 16 through 18-OA Spring Conclave at Camp Tapico, Grayling

May 26-MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & FLAG RAISING AT THE CEMETERY

May 26 through 31-Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop (Mr. Hussar and Mr. Zimble will be there)

June 7-First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive Service Hours

June 13 & 14-Relay for Life Volunteers Needed

June 23-Court of Honor and Summer Camp Parent/Participant Meeting

July 2 and July 3-Summer Camp gear and bike drop off

July 4-Fenton Freedom Festival Parade

July 6-Depart for summer camp

July 12-Return from summer camp

• **Scoutmaster Junior Leader Training**

This training did take place as scheduled using the new Training Materials. Two newly elected Junior Leaders and four returning Junior Leaders participated. Lunch was provided.

• **Eagle Scout Service Project-DAVID CONGDON**

David had a signup worksheet for his Eagle Scout Project workdays on Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th. He will need people on these dates, starting at 9:00 am, at AGS Middle School, on Donaldson Road.

Project information: His project will consist of installing 4 benches in the ground; in front of the school (the benches have already been assembled). We will also be digging 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.

• **Red Cross CPR and First Aid**

The first session of the Adult CPR and First Aid Training has taken place. Thirty one people are participating. The second session took place the day that this handout was distributed. It included the CPR hands on skills, conscious and unconscious choking skills and the final exams for Adult CPR. Next weeks course will be the First Aid portion including both DVD information and skills practice before the final written exam for First Aid. The cost for this training includes Red Cross Certification. Adult CPR is \$17.00 and with First Aid will be a total of \$24.00.

- **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. These are held at the church and start at 7:00 P.M. and are over by 8:30 P.M.

- **Whitewater Rafting Trip**

Currently Mr. Adams has 6 people signed up for this trip.

- **Spring Campout**

Our next campout will be held on the weekend of April 25-27, 2008. It is for the whole troop but some emphasis will be placed on the First Year Scout program and helping them with their basic skills. First Aid skills will also be a point of focus. We will meet at the Fenton Collision Parking lot on Friday, March 25, 2008 and depart for Camp Holaka at 6:00 P.M. This will be a tent campout. Have dinner before you arrive at the Fenton Collision parking lot. We will return to the departure location at 11:00 A.M., Sunday, April 27, 2008.

An equipment list is available on the Troop Webpage.

The cost for this campout will be \$22.00. The Permission Slip and Health Form and payment are due by Monday, April 14, 2008.

- **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee**

This will be our troop's 13th year of attending this international camporee! There will be an informational handout and permission slip available tonight. Anyone who has previously attended this will know just how much fun this one is. Beginning this year we will have a new requirement of a valid passport, the previous requirement of a State ID and birth certificate will NO longer be acceptable. There still is enough time to get an expedited passport in time for the camporee if you apply soon - contact the post office for passport information. The permission slip will be due on Monday, April 28th and if you have any questions regarding the camporee, please see Mr. Miller, who will be our tour leader again this year.

- **Silver Lake Park Service Project**

A weekend of service opportunities are available to you the weekend of May 3 and May 4. The Saturday work session will run from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. There will be two main work areas. The first is the repair of a foot bridge which was damaged by a tree which fell on during the tornado. This will be done by mostly adults due to the power tools needed to perform the work. The second area will be clearing and cleaning the nature trails and then re-mulching them. Wheel barrows and shovels and rakes along with work gloves are the main items needed for this work. Lunch will be provided. Sign in when you arrive and sign out when you leave for the day. Sunday's work session will be held if necessary and will be staffed by adults only due to the use of power tools for the work involved.

- **Meeting Location Change**

The meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008 will be held at Silver Lake Park. Part of the meeting will be parade practice and flag ceremonies but part of the meeting will be to continue working on the nature trails to wrap up the work to get them ready for Memorial Day when the park officially reopens.

- **Star Seminar**

The next Star Seminar will be hosted by New Horizons District. You must be a Star or Life Scout before you are able to attend one but you must attend one before you start anything on your Eagle Scout Service Leadership Work Project. The Star Seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. You must call the Council Service Center at 235-2531 to make a reservation AND to find out where and at what time it will be held.

- **Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave**

The Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave will be held the weekend of May 16-May 18, 2008. If you were nominated and elected into the Order of the Arrow you have one of two conclaves to seal your Ordeal Membership. This is the first opportunity and the second one will be in September during the Fall Conclave. Ordeal Members should receive an information package soon from the Lodge so that you will know how to prepare. A good resource in Troop 219 would be Matt Rybar if you have questions. We usually try to carpool as much as possible for this trip due to the long distance.

- **Memorial Day**

The Fenton Memorial Day Parade takes place at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 26, 2008. We will participate as a marching unit again and this year it is our responsibility, and honor, to perform the flag ceremony at the Cemetery. We will meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. in full uniform, hat down to the socks with everything between included. About 9:25 A.M. we will walk over to the Fenton Community Center so that we can get our place in the parade and be ready to step off when they are ready to start.

- **Fenton Relay for Life**

As I have stated several times in the past the Fenton Relay for Life Committee has asked for help on Friday, June 13 with an official flag raising ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance. We have also been asked to be available throughout the evening and then on Saturday until 2:00 P.M. when the relay ends.

- **Summer Camp Parent/Participant Meeting and Court of Honor**

There will be a Parent and Participant meeting for all Scouts attending summer camp with us this summer. We will also have our third formal Court of Honor for this Scout Year. This will be held at the church in the Sanctuary on Monday, June 23, 2008, and will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. Even if you are not attending summer camp you and your family are invited to this meeting as this will be our final Court of Honor for the 2007-2008 Scout year.

- **Summer Camp Equipment Drop-Off**

This year we will be dropping off personal equipment and bicycles, with helmets, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 2 and July 3. This will take place at the Fenton Collision Parking Lot from 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on each day. See me if you will not be able to drop off your gear on either of those two dates.

- **Fenton Freedom Festival Parade and Pancake Breakfast**

In past years we have both helped with the Fenton Community Center Pancake Breakfast clean up and marched in the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade. If you are in town during that period of time please make this part of your plans for the holiday.

- **Summer Camp 2008**

WE DEPART FOR CAMP TAPICO ON SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008 AT 8:30 P.M. I will be assembling a package of information for Scouts attending summer camp with us this year. Some of it will be time sensitive so please review it carefully.

We will need to determine our menu for our week in camp in time for me to turn it in at the next Summer Camp Leader Meeting on May 7, 2008.

You should have made your first two payments by now with the third and final payment due to Mr. Miller on or before Monday, May 5, 2008.

I will be distributing the OLD Health Forms for you to update and return. Tall Pine Council has a new Health Form available on their web page which should be used. Remove page three from the OLD Health Form and complete the new Health Form using the OLD Page 3 as long as it dated after July 12, 2005. This Health Form requires an examination by a physician so don't wait too long to take care of it.

New CHILD ID Forms have also been distributed and should be completed and returned before our last Scout Meeting in June.

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