

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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• New Horizons District Swim Program-update

It is held at the Grand Blanc West Campus High School Pool. Swimming merit badge runs from 8-10 P.M. and usually requires attendance at 2 of the 3 sessions. It is not too late to start working on the Swimming Merit Badge.

Lifesaving Merit Badge runs from 7-10 P.M. and you will have to attend all three sessions to even have a chance at completing all of the requirements. You must have completed the Swimming Merit Badge before you may start the Lifesaving Merit Badge. None of the five Scouts working on the Lifesaving Merit Badge appears to have the latest Merit Badge Pamphlet and the counselor has stated that you must obtain one, and read it, before the next session. I will be in attendance at the remaining two session, Friday, December 12, 2008 and Friday, January 11, 2009. If a Scout needs a ride to and from or to or from this activity please contact me.

• Recharter for 2009-2010 Scout Year and OA Dues for 2009

RECHARTER: Mr Cox, our Committee Chairman, has sent a letter to each Scout family about registering for the upcoming Scout year. Our charter expires on January 31, 2009. Please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it to Mr. Miller, with your payment, by December 8, 2008. That will be our last Scout meeting for this year.

OA DUES: Dues for the 2009 year are due into the Scout Council office by the end of December. Dues are \$12.00. There is also a GOLD CARD which may be purchased, I believe for either \$50 or \$55, which will pay for your dues, the OA Winter Banquet in January and the Spring and Fall Conclaves. It is a savings if you plan to attend all of these functions. If you did not pay your 2008 Dues you may pay for them at the time that you pay your 2009 Dues and you will be reinstated. Your PineTree publications will no longer be mailed to you if your dues are not current. I will have copies of the payment form for anyone wishing to pick one up and would be willing to take your completed form and payment to the Council Service Center.

• Fenton First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Three to four Scouts and one adult are needed on Saturday, December 6, 2008, at 7:30 A.M. to help unload the American Red Cross van and to set up the Social Hall for the church sponsored blood drive. Scouts may also be asked to put up some posters at area businesses in the immediate vicinity of the church announcing the blood drive location and times. **A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE.**

• Fenton Area JingleFest Race and Cleanup

Also on Saturday, December 6, 2008, the Fenton JingleFest race will take place at 5:00 P.M. PLEASE meet at the old Firehall at 4:30 P.M. We have been asked to provide 6-8 Scouts to meet the runners after they have crossed the finish line and to collect the chips which are used to electronically record their finish time. These are usually worn tied to the shoe laces. Afterwards Scouts from Troop 212 and Troop 219 will do some clean up of the area. You should plan on wearing your Scout Uniform for this activity. **A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE.**

• New Horizons District Klondike Derby for 2009

The New Horizons District Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2009, at Camp Holaka, Lapeer, Michigan. Our Troop has rented a cabin for the weekend and we will go out on Friday evening, January 18 at 6:00 P.M. We will be home at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 21, 2009. Scouts may participate in the Klondike Derby only or in the cabin campout and Klondike Derby together. If you are participating in the Klondike Derby only you will need to be at Camp Holaka by 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 19. You may be picked up at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Permission Slips will be available on Monday, December 1, 2008 and must be turned in on or before Monday, January 7, 2009.

• Troop Committee Meetings

There will be no Troop Committee Meeting in December. Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2009. This will be held on the upper level of the church in one of the classrooms and will start promptly at 7:00 P.M. Parents are always invited, and encouraged, to attend these meetings.

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