

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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- **Please pay attention to the revised dates for some of these activities:**

The due dates for some of these activities has been changed since Monday, February 16, 2009, is Presidents Day and most of our school districts will have that day off.

- **Troop 179 Lock-In:**

The Troop 179 Lock-In will begin at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, March 13 and end at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2009. See the flyer on the Troop Bulletin Board for additional information. Merit Badges being offered include: Reading, Music (instrument required), Fingerprinting, Swimming and Art. Others may be offered but kind of as a last minute add-in. We need to RSVP by March 1, 2009, so please complete the paperwork and return it at the meeting on Monday, February 10. Summer camp swim checks may be done at the lock-in again this year.

They will also have their annual Egg Launching Contest.

Cost is \$15.00 per Scout; \$10.00 per adult.

- **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:**

Judging by some of the feedback I have received from the Patrol Leaders Council this activity will take place as scheduled. I have attached a Permission Slip with a driver availability section included as we will need some parents in attendance who can transport some of the Scouts.

COSTS: Adults (13-64) \$22.00; Seniors (65+) \$17.00; Children (9-12) \$13.00; Children (8 and under) FREE. Please add \$3.00 per person to include a little something for the drivers for gas and to pay the Ohio Turnpike Tolls. We will depart at 8:00 A.M. with the idea of having lunch out someplace before we go into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at noon. We will depart for home at approximately 3:00 P.M. (or later if the majority of the participants wish to extend their time) and may have dinner someplace along the way home. **YOU WILL NEED MONEY FOR MEALS AND/OR SOUVENIRS IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED COSTS.** Dinner on the road home could be an option since the trip is just about 3 ½ hours, not including rest stops along the way. Please return the paperwork and payment on Monday, February 23, 2009, or sooner.

- **Scout Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast:**

The 99th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States is Sunday, February 8, 2009.

The twelfth point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent".

Being reverent means many things but within the Boy Scouts it starts with a personal belief in God and a strong respect for the religious beliefs of others. Our troop is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton although it is believed that only a very small minority of our troop membership actually belongs to or attends worship services there. This year, on Scout Sunday, February 8, 2009, we will have an opportunity to live up to the twelfth point of the Scout Law in the following way: Early in the morning we will hold a pancake breakfast at the church. Scouts will cook, serve and clean up (and you will be fed also). After that we'll attend the 11:00 A.M. Service upstairs and then serve another meal after the service. We will be serving at 8:00 A.M. for those people attending the 9:00 A.M. service and then cleaning up and getting reset for the 11:00 A.M. Service. We will keep the grill open until 10:30 A.M. for anyone who wishes to eat after the first service, for those who arrive for the 10:00 A.M. adult bible study and also for any members who might like breakfast before the 11:00 A.M. service. **All Scouts are invited to attend the 11:00 A.M. service, in full uniform.** You might make whatever arrangements you need to fulfill your own, different religious responsibilities either beforehand or afterward, IF attending this service does not fulfill your personal devotional requirements. Because of the importance of this particular point of the Scout Law as well as the importance of showing appreciation to our sponsoring organization I will weigh participation in this particular activity heavily in considering the "scout spirit" advancement requirement for all ranks. **UPDATE: FULL UNIFORM !!!** A sign-up sheet was available at our meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009. If you signed up please arrive at the time that you signed up for. If you were not at the meeting or did not sign up and wish to help you are welcome to attend. We will need a couple of Scouts available between 7:30 and 9:00 A.M. with one or two on hand until 10:30 A.M. We will need considerably more help to arrive at 11:30 A.M. as our main rush will be when the 11:00 A.M. service ends at noon. We also need to have some Scouts remain until cleanup is done around 1:30 P.M. You are welcome to arrive as early as you wish and to hang around all morning or just at the times when we expect to be serving.

- **Order of the Arrow Elections**

Order of the Arrow elections have been scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** You must be First Class Scout Rank or above. You must have had 15 nights of camping in the past two years, including 6 days and 5 nights of long term camping (summer camp). Current registered youth membership includes: Jordan Dagenais, Adam Eggleston, Chandler Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Matt Hommer, Max McDonald, Travis Nolkemper, Everett Owen, Matt Rybar, Shannon Schiess, and Andrew Weston. Current registered Adult membership includes: Mr. John Cohoon, Mr. Dennis Cox, Mr. Hussar, Mr. Miller, Mr. John (JT) Waters, Dr. Waters, Mrs. Lenore Whitmer, Mr. Mike Witzgall, Mr. Dan Zimble AND Larry Zimble

- **Snow Sports Activity for 2009**

The Patrol Leaders Council looked at several possible activities for Saturday, February 21, 2009, and decided that Snow Snake Mountain in Lake George between Clare and Harrison would be a fun trip.

THE COST FOR SNOW TUBING IS \$17.00 FOR TWO HOURS. THEY ARE OPEN FROM NOON UNTIL 7 P.M. ON SATURDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. IT IS JUST OVER TWO HOURS DRIVE TIME TO THIS RESORT SO WE WILL DEPART AT 9:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY AND HAVE LUNCH AT McDONALD'S IN CLARE THEN PROCEED TO THE RESORT. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE RESORT AT 3:00 P.M. FOR THE RETURN TRIP HOME SO DINNER SHOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE ON THE RETURN TRIP. THEIR WEBSITE IS www.snowsnake.net FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS AND PAYMENT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AS WE HAVE NO OTHER MEETING AT WHICH TO DO SO BEFORE THE TRIP DATE.

- **Troop Swim**

We have rescheduled the Troop Swim for Monday, February 23, 2009 from the Holly High School Pool to the new pool at Fenton High School. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Scouts who need to work on Second and First Class swim skills MAY have an opportunity to do so if they wish. We will not be doing Summer Camp Swim Checks at this time.

- **National Youth Leadership Training**

At the current time only two Scouts have expressed a desire to attend this training program. Several others would benefit from it and have a lot to offer to the Troop. If you meet the qualifications please see me as soon as possible, or email me to let me know of your interest. The Troop will help with up to 50% of the course fees.

- **Mackinaw Island Scout Service Troop**

We currently have two Scouts who have applied and been accepted for this year's trip to be a member of the Mackinaw Island Scout Service Troop. There are still some openings and the deadline has been extended to Monday, February 9, 2009. Please see me if you may be interested. Campership help may be available, if you ask.

We had some clarification on the age issue. If you were only 17 in January then you are eligible to sign up even if you turn 18 before the week of the trip. This could be good news for Matt Rybar and Kyle Hanson who turn 18 before the trip. Andrew Weston turns 18 after the trip.

- **No Meeting on Monday, February 16, 2009**

The meeting for Monday, February 16, 2009, is not on the Troop Calendar as that is President's Day and a number of the schools will not be in session.

- **Junior Leader Elections**

We will have nominations on Monday, February 9, 2009, for the position of Senior Patrol Leader with elections for the Senior Patrol Leader position to be held on February 16. The newly elected, or reelected Senior Patrol Leader will then select his Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) and then each patrol will elect a new Patrol Leader, or reelect the current Patrol Leader and they will each select an Assistant Patrol Leader. Most other youth leadership positions are by appointment of the Scoutmaster with input from the Senior Patrol Leader and other youth leaders.

- **Troop 219 Formal Court of Honor**

Our second Formal Court of Honor for the 2008-2009 Scout year will take place in the sanctuary on Monday, March 23, 2009. At that time the new elected or returning Junior Leaders will be sworn in for their term of office. We will also recognize ranks and merit badges that have been earned since our October 2008 as well. Parents and family members are invited to our Courts of Honor.

- **Eagle Court of Honor**

David Congdon's family has scheduled David's Eagle Court of Honor for Saturday, March 14, 2009. Please plan to attend if you are available to celebrate his accomplishment. Invitations will be sent out shortly with additional details.

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ATTACHMENTS to the email:

- Troop 179 Lock-in Permission Slip and Payment Form and
- Mt. Morris Consolidate Schools Form for the Troop 179 Lock-In
- Snow Snake Ski and Golf Tubing Permission Slip Payment
- Snow Snake Mountain Responsibility Code and
- Tubing Release from Liability Form for Snow Snake Mountain Tubing Trip
- Troop 219 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Permission Slip and Payment
- Troop 219 Swim Night Permission Slip and Payment Form