

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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• **New Horizons District Swim Program**

Each year the New Horizons District conducts a swim program where Scouts may obtain help with Second and First Class swimming requirements or may work on the Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badges. It is held at the Grand Blanc West Campus High School Pool.

Second Class and First Class Swim Skills may be worked on from 7-8 P.M.

Swimming merit badge runs from 8-10 P.M. and requires attendance at 2 of the 3 sessions- sometimes all three sessions but usually just two of them will allow you to complete the requirements.

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.

Before a Merit Badge Application will be issued so that you may take the merit badge you will need to have a current copy of the appropriate Merit Badge Pamphlet and should have read it AND reviewed the requirements. Merit Badge programs are not to teach you the skills but to help you complete the requirements.

I should be in attendance at all three sessions, Friday, November 6, 2009, Friday, December 11, 2009 and Friday, January 8, 2010. If a Scout needs a ride to and from or to or from this activity please contact me.

There is a one time fee which the troop will pick up. This year it remains at \$50.00 to pay for the lifeguards and pool time. Hopefully enough Scouts participate to make this a worthwhile investment. Each unit is required to provide two adults in swim suits to help supervise and teach.

• **Star Seminar**

The next Star Seminar will be hosted by Blue Heron District on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. YES, that is this Wednesday. You need to call the Council Service Center for the location and to make a reservation. A parent or guardian must attend with each Scout. The Star Seminar is required of each Scout after they attain the rank of Star and may be attended as a Life Scout before you may start your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. Please let me know when you attend a Star Seminar so that we help you keep track of it by loading it into TroopMaster 2009.

• **Geology Merit Badge**

Mr. Bauer has made us aware of an opportunity to work on the Geology Merit Badge on Saturday, November 7, 2009. This is a short notice for this activity as we just became aware of it last week.

This will take place at the gravel pit of American Aggregates, 13017 Buno Rd., Milford. Meet at Fenton Collision this Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7:15 A.M. You should be back at Fenton Collision by 10:00 A.M.

If anyone besides Noah Bauer is interested we will need to complete a Tour Permit but if only Noah goes with his dad a Tour Permit will not be required. We will start the Tour Permit process in case we need one.

• **National Youth Leadership Training 2010**

ONCE AGAIN We are beginning to look at our Scouts for attendees at the week-long Tall Pine Council conducted National Youth Leadership Training Course which will be held in June of 2010. The Troop will pay for up-to 50% of the fee for each Scout, up to four, who attends. More details will be forthcoming. You must have your Scoutmaster's approval to attend the Council NYLT Program.

• **Council Service Center Scout Shop to close for two weeks**

The Tall Pine Council Scout Shop will be upgraded to a National Scout Shop. It will close at the end of the business day on Friday, November 6, 2009 and will reopen on Monday, November 23, 2009. If you need to purchase anything from the Scout Shop you need to do so by November 6 or wait until November 23.

• **November RoundTable and OA Chapter Meetings and Troop Committee Meeting**

The November RoundTable and OA Chapter Meetings will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2009 at Fenton Road Baptist Church beginning at 7 P.M.

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 17, 2009 at Fenton First Presbyterian Church. It will last approximately 90 minutes and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Parents are invited and encourage to attend the committee meetings.

• **Merit Badge College**

The Tall Pine Council will once again host a Merit Badge College and Adult Leader Advancement Seminar at Kettering University on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. There is a \$15 fee until November 20th and a \$20 fee after November 20th. **ONE MERIT BADGE PER SCOUT!** Merit badges offered: Automotive Maintenance, Chemistry, Composite Materials, Computers, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Entrepreneurship, Model Design and Building, Nuclear Science, Radio, Traffic Safety and Truck Transportation.

See the bulletin board for the flyer and see the Scoutmaster for a Registration Form.

SCOUTS/SCOUT LEADERS NEED TO BE IN FULL UNIFORM.

FEE INCLUDES PATCH AND LUNCH.

• Wright Patterson Air Force Museum Tour and Campout

Wright Patterson Air Force Museum Itinerary

Saturday, November 14, 2009

This is a tentative schedule and may be adjusted at the last meeting before we depart.

6:30 am – All scouts to arrive at Fenton Collision (you should have eaten breakfast before you arrive at Fenton Collision)

7:00 am – Leave for Wright Patterson, Dayton, OH

11:00 am – stop for lunch in the greater Dayton, OH area

11:30 am – arrive Wright Patterson

NOON – Begin Tour

4:00 pm – end tour (hopefully including annex)

4:30 pm – arrive campsite and set up camp site

5:45 pm – dinner in the campsite-dining hall is closed this particular weekend

7:00 pm – return to campsite

8:00 – 9:30 pm – campfire and cracker barrel

10:00 pm – lights out

Sunday, November 15, 2009

6:00 am – wake up call

6:30 am –breakfast in the campsite.

7:45 am – return to campsite for pack up

9:00 am – leave for hiking trail

9:30 am – arrive at trail head and go on hike with hosting Dayton, OH Boy Scout Troop

11:30 am – return from hike

Noon – Leave for Fenton Collision

2:00 pm – stop for light lunch

5:00 pm – return to Fenton Collision

• Wright Patterson Air Force Museum Equipment List

• Official Scout Uniform (Scout Hat, Scout Shirt, Scout Pants=no shorts=, Scout belt, Scout socks or white socks)-to be worn on the trip down, the trip home, while visiting the museum, while eating meals and while on the Historic Hike.

Basically you will either be in your official Scout Uniform or in sleep wear for bedtime

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| • Sleeping Bag-warm | • Ground Pad | • Pillow |
| • Personal Toilet Articles | • Insulated cup | • Flashlight (extra batteries) |
| • Pocket Knife | • Toothbrush, Toothpaste, comb/brush/deodorant, etc. | |
| • Hiking Shoes | • Change of underwear | • Hand towel and washcloth |
| • Warm Jacket/clothes for layering | • Rain Gear | • Gloves |
| • Hiking shoes/boots or good walking shoes-we will be on our feet a lot once we arrive at the museum | | |
| • Medication (as included on the Permission Slip) to be turned in to the adult in charge or their designee | | |

Medications must be in their original container which should include only enough for the weekend with clear instructions on administering them. If it is an over-the-counter medication/non prescription then include a signed note with instructions on how to administer and your permission to do so.

• Success for Teens, Session 2

Mr. Zimbler will be the presenter for Session 2 of Success for Teens on Monday, November 23, 2009. If you did not yet receive your Success for Teens book please see me. You should review Chapter 1 which was presented by Mr. McDonald and read at least through Chapter 2. If you have questions or situations which might be appropriate for either Chapters 1 or 2 please write them down and bring them with you. Bring your Success for Teens book with you also.

• Adult CPR Training and Certification

Two years ago we ran an American Red Cross Adult CPR Course and a First Aid Course. We have scheduled another Adult CPR Course to be conducted on Mondays, November 30, and December 7, 2009 from 7-9 P.M. There is a \$15.00 fee which includes the participant workbook, Adult CPR Skills Card and your certificate if you complete all of the skills and pass the written exam. CPR Certification or skills proficiency demonstration is required for a number of merit badges. I hate to say that attendance is mandatory but if you do not participate in the CPR training you may as well stay home as this is the only program we will have on those two evenings.

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