

Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop219.org)

• Congratulations to David Adams

I received official notification from our Tall Pine Council Council Executive that David Adams was formally approved by National as an Eagle Scout. David is our 62nd Eagle Scout.

• New Horizons District Swim Program-update

The third and final session of the New Horizons District Swim Program was canceled due to the closure of the Grand Blanc Public Schools-snow day. Mr. Legacy is working to get a new date scheduled and I have heard it may be the first Friday in February, February 5, 2010. Hopefully he will be able to confirm the new date at the upcoming District RoundTable. I will keep you informed when a new date is finalized.

• Meeting on Monday, January 18, 2010 (Martin Luther King Day)

Although I think we need to have this date put back into the calendar as a meeting night we had announced that due to school closures for MLK Day we would not have a meeting and the PLC voted to not hold a meeting that evening. There will be NO TROOP MEETING on Monday, January 18, 2010.

• New Horizons District RoundTable and OA Chapter Meeting

These are held on the second Thursday of each month-August through May. The next meetings will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010. They begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held at the Fenton Road Baptist Church. This is on the west side of Fenton Rd. between Maple and Bristol Roads. Any members of the committee or any OA members are invited to attend the monthly RoundTable Meeting or Chapter Meeting. Adult OA Members have to decide between attending the OA Chapter Meeting or the District RoundTable Meeting. I am still looking for a Scout to serve as our Order of the Arrow Troop Representative.

• Troop Committee Meeting

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Meetings are held on the Wednesday after the District RoundTable in the upper level of the church in one of the classrooms and start promptly at 7:00 P.M. Parents are always invited, and encouraged, to attend these meetings.

• 3rd Annual Order of the Arrow Lock-In-date to be corrected

The 3rd Annual CUWE Lodge 218 Lock-in will be held on Saturday night, February 6, 2010 beginning at 9:00 P.M. and will run into Sunday morning. Scouts can be picked up at 6:30 A.M. The date for this activity is going to be changed and most likely will be Friday night, February 5, 2010 into Saturday morning, February 6, 2010.

Again, all Scouts are invited, you do not have to be an OA Member.

There will be racquetball, open gym, a quiet room, pizza, pop, and LOTS of fun.

Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship!

More details to follow when available.

• New Horizons District Klondike Derby for 2010

If you did not turn in your Permission Slip and payment for this activity on Monday, January 11, 2010. then it is too late to turn it in now. Sorry but we have to finalize paperwork and will not accept late registrations. Date for the Klondike Derby only is Saturday, January 23. The cabin campout will be held January 22-24, 2010. Review the departure information in Handout No. 9, dated Monday, January 4, 2010 for information on Friday night or Saturday morning departures and return times on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

• Scout Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 7, 2010-Scout Sunday.

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 7, 2010, 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 begin 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.

• **Snow Snake for Snowtubing and Camp Rotary for Cabin and Electronic Campout**

This activity has been on our calendar since the beginning of our Scout year and details are now available for you. This will take place on Friday, February 19-Sunday, February 21, 2010. We will meet at Fenton Collision at 5:30 P.M. and depart for Clare, Michigan, at 6:00 P.M. **YOU MUST HAVE DINNER BEFORE WE DEPART FOR CAMP ROTARY.** We will return to Fenton Collision at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. The cost for the cabin campout is \$30.00 for the rental of the cabin and your meals. After breakfast on Saturday we will depart for the tubing part of our agenda. Tubing is open from 10 A.M. until noon or 5 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. We are scheduled for the two hour morning session. The cost for tubing was not included in the cabin and food costs. TUBING COST IS \$10 FOR ONE HOUR OR \$17.00 FOR TWO HOURS.

We will return to the cabin at noon for lunch and then some orienteering exercises and games. Camp Rotary has some good compass courses already set up for the use of campers. Dinner will be at 5:30 P.M. and the games portion of our agenda will take place from 6:30-11 P.M. You may bring whatever games you wish, either electronic or board or card as long as they are appropriate for a Scout function. We will go over clothing and other equipment needs in February.

The Permission Slip and Health Form is attached and must be returned with your payment on Monday, January 25, 2010.

• **Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop 2010.**

Mr. Marshall, the Scoutmaster for this Troop sent us an email that the dates for 2010 are May 31 through June 5, 2010. Applications and additional information and the Training Schedule have been established and the information is available at www.misst127.com or through our Troop website. Mr. Zimber-Head Chef, Mr. Miller-Sous Chef and Mr. Hussar-Health Officer will be three of the 8 adults in attendance. Please see me for an application or information if you may be interested and cannot get the information from the websites listed. MISST 127 meetings begin in February and you must attend all meetings and training sessions or make arrangements ahead of time with Mr. Marshall.

There is an Information Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 beginning at 7:15 P.M. for any Scout who might be interested in becoming a member of MISST127 for 2010. A Parent/Guardian must attend this meeting with each Scout. The meeting will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1310 N. Main St., Lapeer. This is across from Lapeer General Hospital. Main Street is M-24 running north and south through Lapeer.

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Boy Scout Troop 219

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Winter Health Concerns

Frostbite *****

Frostbite is the most common injury resulting from exposure to severe cold. Superficial frostbite is characterized by gray or yellowish patches on affected areas. The skin remains soft and pliable, but becomes red and flaky after thawing. Treat superficial frostbite by taking the victim inside immediately and warming the affected areas with warm, not hot, water. Deep frostbite usually affects the feet or hands and is characterized by waxy, pale, solid skin, which may turn blue or purple upon thawing. Large blisters may also appear. Treat deep frostbite by moving the victim indoors and seeking medical attention immediately.

Hypothermia *****

Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature drops below 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms of this condition include uncontrollable shivering, impaired speech and clumsy movements.

Severe hypothermia may produce rigid muscles, dark and puffy skin, irregular heart and respiratory rates, and unconsciousness.

Treat hypothermia by protecting the victim from further heat loss and calling for immediate medical attention. Carefully remove the victim's clothing if it is wet, but avoid rubbing the victim's skin. Give artificial respiration or CPR (if you are trained) as necessary.

Preventing cold-related illnesses *****

Avoid frostbite and hypothermia when you are exposed to cold temperatures by eating a well-balanced diet and drinking warm, non-alcoholic, caffeine-free liquids to maintain fluid levels. Avoid becoming wet, as wet clothing loses 90 percent of its insulating value.

Wear several layers of clothing to insulate your body by trapping warm, dry air inside. Loosely woven cotton and wool clothes best trap air and resist dampness. The head and neck lose heat faster than any other part of the body. Your cheeks, ears and nose are the most prone to frostbite. Wear a hat, scarf and turtleneck sweater to protect these areas.

"The old adage, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' really rings true when you're out in the cold weather".
"Remember, there's no substitute for common sense when it comes to making safety a part of everything we do. Dress appropriately, maintain a good diet and stay hydrated. It may take a little extra time to bundle up, but it's important to do the right things to stay safe and healthy during the cold winter months."

Troop 219 Cabin Campout for Snowtubing and Electronic Campout
Friday, February 19th through Sunday, February 21st, 2010
PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM
(RETURN-WITH \$30.00 PAYMENT AT JANUARY 25, 2010, SCOUT MEETING)
(Tubing fee is an additional \$10 for one hour or \$17 for two hours)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name _____

Method of Payment: Individual's Account _____

Check Amount and Number _____

Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to attend the Snowtubing at Snow Snake and Orienteering/Electronic (and cabin) Campout with Troop 219 5:30 P.M. Friday, February 19th through 1:00 P.M. Sunday, February 21st, 2010 at Camp Rotary, Clare, Michigan. Transportation arrangements will be made by the Troop. Scouts should be dropped off with their equipment at 5:30 P.M. (prior to our 6:00 P.M. departure time) from the Fenton Collision parking lot. Scouts **must be picked up** at this same location **at 1:00** P.M. on Sunday.

HAVE DINNER BEFORE YOU ARE DROPPED OFF ON FRIDAY EVENING

In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be reached by telephone or other reasonable means, I hereby **(DO)** give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injections, surgery and do whatever appears medically necessary for my child.

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Medical Insurance Numbers: _____

Allergies or other medical information: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date- _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Tel. No: () _____ Alternate Tel. No: () _____

Person to contact in an emergency if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Relationship to Scout: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

SPECIAL HEALTH OR DIETARY NOTES UPDATE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:

