

Troop 219 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP TAPICO-2010

(www.troop219.org)

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF:

Please drop off all of your equipment for summer camp on Thursday and evening, July 8 or Friday evening, July 9, 2010 at Fenton Collision. The drop off times are between 6:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. Scouts, and adults attending with us, should drop off all of their gear, their bike, helmet and any MISSING paperwork. If these dates do not work for you please make arrangements to get the stuff to us before that date.

TRAVEL TO CAMP:

We will meet at 7:30 A.M. and depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Everyone going with us should have eaten breakfast before arriving by 7:30 A.M. Our check in time at Camp Tapico is 12:15 P.M. and we have to eat our sack lunch before we begin the check-in process.

Each Scout should have a small backpack with a sack lunch, beverage, medications as described below and entertainment for the ride. However, all electronics will be locked up upon arrival at camp and may melt in a sun-baked vehicle. Electronics might be locked up with the Scoutmaster in the campsite but you are still ultimately responsible for them.

Those who have not completed a swim test should pack their swim trunks and a towel also.

RETURN FROM CAMP:

We PLAN to return to the Fenton Collision parking lot at about 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Please make sure we have a GOOD contact number for you so that we may reach you if we are going to arrive earlier or later than the stated time. We will finish any paperwork while the trailers are being unloaded and there will be an informal Court of Honor presenting any merit badges, rank patches and awards which were earned AT summer camp.

SCOUTS should have money for lunch during our return trip.

MEDICATIONS:

All medications, including over-the-counter drugs, must be in their original container labeled with the number of doses or pills or ounces along with the patients name and directions. Over-the-counter medications MUST have a signed note from the Parent/Guardian with both permission to administer and directions for doing so.

SEND only the amount needed for six and one-half days and mark that amount on the container.

Medications are best carried in their backpack in transit to and from camp. INHALERS and EPIPENS will stay with the Scout or adult.

PLEASE place all medications in a Ziploc bag labeled with:

SCOUT or SCOUTER'S NAME

Troop 219

Pioneer Campsite

One adult leader, currently Mr. Hussar, will administer and record all medications. All medications to be given must be listed on the Scout's (or Scouter's) Health Form (this includes over the counter medications). The primary responsibility for taking prescribed medication lies with the individual Scout or adult.

EQUIPMENT:

Scouts will sleep in canvas Tapico tents and MAY NOT bring their own tents. Adults may use Tapico tents or bring their own. Army style canvas cots are also provided for the Scouts. A metal bed with mattress is available for adults. Equipment is best stored under the cot in a plastic foot locker. The Council Service Center had a footlocker on display which is available from National and may be ordered. The cost was right around \$35.00.

Mosquito netting is also quite helpful and may be tied to the inside of the tent wall, on the one side and supported by two wooden dowels, or supported by 2-36" and 2-48" wooden dowels tied to the cot. Some participants have also been known to bring a folding chair. An 8' by 10' ground cloth is best for the floor of the tents. Tent partners should make sure one of them is bringing a ground cloth. As Pioneer is essentially a peninsula surrounded by swamp and lake you must be fully prepared for mosquitoes.

CONTRABAND:

CELL PHONES/PAGERS/TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR SCOUTS

TOBACCO

ALCOHOL (DRINKING/POSSESSION) {authorities will be contacted}

ILLEGAL DRUGS {authorities will be contacted}

FIREARMS, IMITATION GUNS

AMMUNITION

FIREWORKS, SPARKLERS, SMOKE BOMBS, ETC. Parents will be contacted and you will be sent home at your own expense-at the very least-authorities might also have to be contacted.

AEROSOL SPRAYS-INCLUDING INSECT REPELLANTS

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS (including lighters)

KNIVES WITH BLADES GREATER THAN 3 INCHES

LASER POINTERS

ANYTHING FRAGILE OR EXPENSIVE

ELECTRONICS (except for in transit use or by the approval of the

Scoutmaster)

Any camp or Troop Junior Leader or adult leader will confiscate contraband on sight without warning. If this should happen the item(s) should be given to the Scoutmaster. There will be no exceptions. It may be given to a parent/guardian upon return from camp or disposed of or given to authorities as appropriate. Any use of tools, supplies, gear or food that places anyone's health or safety at risk or which represents a disregard for the principles of Scouting will be dealt with as a behavior issue and could result in being sent home from camp. Neither the camp nor the Troop is responsible for loss or damage to personal gear. Only two vehicles with trailers will be allowed to drive to Pioneer Campsite. Any personal gear not packed into them ahead of time will have to be carried the 1.25 miles to the campsite.

SWIM CHECKS:

Swim checks have already been performed. If you did not attend this you will have to arrange for a swim check after arrival at our campsite.

MONEY:

Bring enough money to pay for lunch on the way home (at least \$10.00) plus whatever is needed for purchases at the trading post or program materials.

BICYCLES:

In the past all Scouts and most adults have brought bicycles to camp subject to Camp Policy on the use (see the Bike Safety Rules which are being distributed as part of this handout).

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED UNDER ALL CONDITIONS and must be identified with the Scouts or adults last name and Troop 219. Wide tired mountain bicycles work best in the sandy soil at Camp. The 20" stunt bikes make for hard travel at times due to their size.

HELPFUL HINT: The roads are mainly sandy soil. It is best to continue pedaling when you approach the loose sand and not to try to build up speed and then coast through it. Wipeouts may occur when you hit the sand and powering through usually works better than trying to blow through it. The camp has tagged bicycles in past years and will provide tags again this year. Bicycles must be operated in a safe manner and kept in designated areas. Violations may result in the loss of biking privileges. Scouts must leave their bicycles outside of camp in the designated area. **RIDE ONLY ON THE ROADS. STAY OFF OF THE TRAILS.**

PATROL METHOD:

The Troop is divided into 4 patrols while attending camp. The patrols are arranged as close to their natural patrols as possible.

Patrol Leaders are in charge of, and responsible for, their patrol's campsite area, use of Troop and camp equipments and the activities of the Scouts in their patrol. Each patrol is responsible for the preparation of their own meals, cleanup after meals, proper recycling practices, policing their patrol site and providing for their Troop assigned duties. Each patrol and Troop will have a duty roster. The senior youth leadership, Matt Hommer, Christopher Koenigsknecht and Max McDonald, and all adults will be guests of the patrols for meals. Check the meal rotation roster ahead of time and have a patrol member invite their guests and apprise them of the meal time. A patrol yell and flag are required **BUT** materials for a flag **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE** at camp. Scouts are responsible for their gear, tents and the duties assigned to them individually, to their patrol and to the Troop.

BEHAVIOR:

The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are the behavior rules at all times. These will be strictly enforced. Scouts should be capable of regulating their own behavior to meet this standard. Violations will be dealt with appropriate to their nature, severity, and the overall goals of our Troop. Behavior which places anyone's health or safety at risk or which represents a severe disregard for the principles of Scouting will place the Scout at the risk of being sent home at their parents/guardians expense. Damaging bikes and knocking down tents is not acceptable behavior.

Only those Scouts assigned to a tent should be in that tent. If you wish to gather to visit or work on something then do it at one of the patrol site picnic tables or other open area. Respect other peoples areas and property.

UNIFORM:

The complete official Scout Uniform is required for transportation to and return from camp, at camp wide flag ceremonies, opening and closing camp fires and **at dinner EVERY evening.** This includes the official Scout Hat, troop

neckerchief and an appropriate neckerchief slide of some sort, Scout shirt (with patches correctly displayed), official Scout shorts or pants, Scout belt and Scout or white socks.

Uniforms inspections will be held and will count toward patrol competitions. Advancement is an important part of summer camp and Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review will be held. The official Scout uniform is required for both.

Any reasonable dress is acceptable for daily activities. The Scout uniform is always acceptable. Any clothing deemed unacceptable to a Camp Staff Member or to any adult leader attending camp will not be permitted.

The size of camp makes comfortable shoes essential. Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times except when you are in your tent, swimming or showering and flip flops are encouraged for the showerer.. Shoes are not required if you are in bed. **Open toes shoes, sandals and flip flops (except in the shower rooms) are not allowed. You will be reminded twice of the shoe policy and then will be asked to call a parent/guardian to pick you up. It is all too easy to run into a tent stake or step on tent stakes or other sharp objects and the ground and be injured.**

FOOD:

Camp Tapico provides ample food for all at camp (yes, even growing boys). If you wish to send additional food or have special dietary requirements, it must be placed in Zip-Lock bags labeled with the Scout's name and will be stored by the troop in our coolers and trailers. This keeps it safe from chipmunks, ground squirrels and raccoons.

It will be available upon request and by adult approval.

Non-perishables should be sent on the Equipment Drop Off dates. Perishables should be brought on Sunday morning but please let the Scoutmaster know you will be do so.

LEAVE THE POWER DRINKS AT HOME. THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED.

CLEANLINESS:

Cleanliness is expected and required at camp. Regular (daily) showering is highly recommended. Additionally, personal gear, tents, patrol areas, troop areas and OUR actions should be clean as well. Throwing of food, improper disposal of food, garbage, trash or recyclables will not be permitted. Discipline will be provided for infractions.

Patrol sites will be inspected after each meal and must be approved before any member may leave the campsite.

ANIMALS:

In past years a bear has been a passing guest at Camp Tapico. Raccoons, coyotes, chipmunks and other critters are always present-IF ONLY AUDIBLY AND NOT VISUALLY. Animals can smell food in your tent, your pack, your footlocker and bunk and have no qualms about digging and chewing their way in to it. **NEVER TAKE OR KEEP ANY FOOD OR DRINK IN YOUR TENT (except water).** This will be strictly enforced. Inspections will be made. Their will be no exceptions. Do not even ask. Any food or drink brought to camp must be in a bag, labeled with your name and given to the Quartermaster for appropriate storage.

OPEN TENT POLICY:

Patrols will maintain campsites in such condition as to invoke pride in self, patrol and Troop. Tents will have flaps tied open except when occupants are changing clothes, a storm is in progress or possibly when sleeping. All gear and tents are open to inspection. Adults will secure the camp while Scouts are at activities. Camp will be inspected daily and spot checks during meal preparation and cleanup may be frequent.

WEATHER:

A wide range of weather can be experienced during our week at camp. You should plan on temperatures from the 40's to the 90's as well as rain. **Rain gear and a warm windbreaker or jacket are a must.** Pack so that your gear and clothes stay dry (the plastic foot locker and ZipLock bags are essential).

BUDDY SYSTEM:

The buddy system is practiced throughout our Scout year and no place more so than at summer camp. Due to the distances involved it is **essential that all Scouts stay with their buddy (usually their tent partner but not necessarily)**. Permission is required for Scouts to leave Pioneer campsite.

Patrol sites will be inspected and approved before any Scouts leave Pioneer.

We may be establishing a swimming area and the buddy system will be strictly enforced by our lifeguards-IF WE HAVE ANY AT CAMP THIS WEEK.

TRADING POST:

The Trading Post offers Tapico clothing, merit badge pamphlets, supplies and candies for sale. Scouts need to bring enough money to be able to utilize these (as their parents/guardians desire). If any parent does not wish their sons to have access to sugary or caffeinated foods and drinks please state so on the Health Form or speak directly with the Scoutmaster. Adult leaders reserve the right to restrict times during which the Trading Post may be visited and to restrict the use or ingestion of purchased items when the Scout's health or safety may be placed at risk or interferes with the Troop program. Do not bring cases of soda or power drinks to camp. We do not have the space to transport it and you do not need it.

COMMUNICATION:

Scouts are not permitted telephone access at camp. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Phoning home only exacerbates homesickness. Adults will maintain several phones at camp for their personal and professional needs AND for true emergencies. We have no immediate access to electricity as our "current" bushes have not yet reached mature voltage yet. **So, please call only for true emergencies (an event requiring you to remove your son from camp).**

The Camp Tapico telephone number is 231-258-9302. Phone messages will be hand carried out to us if urgent or placed in our daily mailbox if it is not urgent. My cell phone number is 810-569-4091 and I seemed to have decent service while at Camp Tapico for the Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave.

US Mail should be sent to your son starting three days before he leaves for

camp, but not after Tuesday of that week, at the following address:

SCOUT's Name
Troop 219
Camp Tapico
2408 Camp Tapico Rd.
Kalkaska, Mi., 49646

ADULTS AT CAMP:

Adults at camp are Troop and camp staff FIRST, and parents second. Each adult will have an assigned responsibility at camp and must follow Troop and Camp policy, the Scout Oath and Scout Law and support the Scoutmaster's Program. Experience shows that troop discipline works best if **parents do not discipline their own children at camp**. Every adult at camp must have a valid Tall Pine Council Health and Medical Record with a currently dated physicians signature. Adults must have 3 reference forms on file, **REQUEST FOR CENTRAL REGISTRY CLEARANCE** State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Human Services, **2010 CAMP ADULT LEADER QUALIFICATION FORM**-this used to be part of the TPC Health and Medical Record and a signed Behavior Management Form. These forms are available online at our website. Youth Protection Training is required and available online at www.tpcbsa.org or you may spend Monday morning in the class. The cards for all training will be required. Weather Awareness, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense are now available at the National Website and may be reached through the Council website. **Adult Leader Basic Training** is no longer available at camp for adults.

EQUIPMENT CHECK-IN:

Please bring the following unless it has already been submitted:

FOOT LOCKER-OR HOWEVER YOU PACK YOUR STUFF BUT NOT IN
PLASTIC BAGS.

BICYCLE AND HELMET

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD FORM-turned in ahead of time

SPECIAL DIETS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (pack it as you will need it but SM will have one also)

MERIT BADGE APPLICATIONS (will be available to you on Monday morning)

HOW YOU ARE GETTING TO CAMP-if not traveling with the Troop

HOW YOU ARE GETTING HOME FROM CAMP-if not traveling with the troop

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR SATURDAY PICKUP (in case we are ahead of or
behind schedule)

Adults also need the following unless already submitted:

TPC HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORM

REFERENCE FORMS-3 completed by people who know you

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FORM-signed

YOUTH PROTECTION CARD, OTHER CERTIFICATION CARDS

REQUEST FOR CENTRAL REGISTRY CLEARANCE State of Michigan, Michigan
Department of Human Services

2010 CAMP ADULT LEADER QUALIFICATION FORM-this used to be part of the TPC Health and
Medical Record

I believe that this covers the important information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mhussar219@aol.com. My home number is 810-629-1172 and my cell phone number is 810-569-4091. Always try to call phone number first.

EQUIPMENT LIST FOR SUMMER CAMP-from Camp Tapico Leaders Guide

- Beach Towel
- Canteen
- Complete Scout Uniform (minimum two recommended but not required: shirt, neckerchief w/ slide, pants/shorts, socks, belt and hat)
- Eating utensils (plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork, spoon)
- Extra pants (long and short)
- Extra shorts
- Fishing gear
- Flashlight with extra batteries (and possibly an extra bulb)
- Heavy jacket
- Hiking shoes
- Merit Badge pamphlets
- Merit Badge pre-requisite paperwork
- Mess kit-SEE Eating Utensils above
- MONEY FOR ANY PROGRAM AREA MATERIALS
- Notebook and pencils
- Nylon Cord
- Pack
- Postcards and stamps
- Raingear (**yes, they said raingear-make sure you have it**)
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Six pairs socks
- Six pairs of underwear (shorts--and t-shirts if you wear them)
- Sleeping bag or two heavy blankets
- Small pillow
- Spending money
- Sweater
- Swim Trunks
- Tennis shoes
- Toilet kit (soap, washcloth, towel, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)

Other Equipment-again from the Camp Tapico Leader's Guide

- Bible or prayer book
- camera with extra film
- Compass
- CPR/Lifeguard BSA Card
- First Aid Kit
- **NON AEROSOL** Insect Repellant-no aerosol cans are allowed.
- Pocket Knife
- Sewing Kit
- Suntan Lotion
- Watch
- MOSQUITO NETTING and supports for it

BIKE SAFETY RULES:

- Bikes are not to be used during any camp wide events. Bikes may be parked at the bike racks located in the Program Area or designated bike lots.
- Bike Safety Orientation must be completed prior to renting a bike or using a personal bike in camp.
- Bikes must have the owner's name and troop number affixed to the bike, preferably attached to the center bar of the bike.
- Approved helmets are required to be worn at all times by all those riding bikes. Troop Number must be affixed to the helmet in two inch high numbers. You should have your name on the helmet also.
- Bikes are limited to camp roads only.
- Bikes are not operated during hours of darkness.
- Bikes cannot be ridden off camp unless the Camp Director or his designated representative grants permission
- Bike riders must insure that they park their bikes in designated areas only.
- Do not operate bikes in program areas or campsites.
- Bike riders must announce their presence when approaching walkers.
- The Tall Pine Council, and this Boy Scout Troop, are not responsible for damage or loss of personal bikes and helmets. **LOCK YOUR BIKE!**
- Tapico bikes are considered camp equipment. **Any damage to a bike will be considered the responsibility of the troop.**
- **Violations of bike safety rules will be grounds for loss of biking privileges.**

Thank You,

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Boy Scout Troop 219
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810-569-4091 (cell phone)
810-629-1172 (home)

Section: Health and Safety
Policy 1

Subject: Camper Behavioral Management

Date Adopted: December 17, 2008

Issued By: Council Executive Board

Responsibility: Camp Director

Review: Annually

References: Department of Human Services
Division of Child Welfare Licensing
Children's and Adult Foster Care Camps
Part 1 - General Provisions
R 400.11113 (Rule 113)

Rule 113. (1) A camp shall have and follow a written camper behavior management policy.

(2) A camp shall include in the policy, methods for the positive behavior management of campers.

(3) A camp shall include in the policy a statement that a camper shall not be deprived of food or sleep; shall not be placed alone without staff supervision, observation, and interaction; or shall not be subjected to hazing, ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint.

(4) A camp shall furnished a copy of the policy to all staff members.

Section A

1. All campers shall have the Camp's behavioral and program policies discussed with them on opening day by the staff in the particular area and on the first day of program in that area. Emergency procedures will be given to the unit adult leadership to share with their Scouts and the entire camp will be briefed on the siren sounding procedure during orientation.
2. At the above mentioned times, consequences for not following expectations will be discussed:

Borrowing without permission	Inappropriate touching
Bullying	Issues of power and control
Campers seeking revenge	Leaving things a mess
Can't keep hands to self	Lighting matches
Destruction of property	Lying
Difficulty paying attention	Name-calling and unkind remarks
Difficulties with hygiene	Pushing and shoving
Doesn't want to try new activities	Refusing to cooperate

Fear	Sharing
Fear of failure	Smoking
Fighting	Staying up late
Fights over possessions	Stealing
Following rules	Swearing, profanity, "talking dirty"
Going into restricted areas	Temper tantrums
Hazing	Testing the limits
Homesickness	
Inappropriate comments to adults (talking back)	

3. Acceptable consequences for campers not following expectations are:

A. Time Out

1. A camper will be asked to sit quietly for one to five minutes depending on the severity of the behavior.
2. The camper is asked to think about why he earned the time-out during the quiet time.
3. The staff person will come over and cognitively get the camper off the time-out by asking the camper two specific questions; what did you do to earn the time-out? What can you do differently in that situation to avoid earning time-outs from now on?

B. Restriction of activity

1. If a camper continues to inappropriately behave after two time-outs, the camper consequence can include sitting out part-time or the whole length of the activity.
2. The camper will be informed as to why he has been restricted before the loss of activity time.
3. The camper will be talked to after the activity to help him cognitively understand, just like a time-out.

C. Clean appropriate designated facility

Instead of losing activity time, the same format as above shall be followed except the camper shall clean a designated area. Area Directors must approve this action.

D. Area Director conference with Scoutmaster

If the behavioral problems continue after instituting the above measures, a conference is to be held with the camper's Scoutmaster by the Area Director or his/her designee. The staff person is to become more aware of the camper's background and to try and develop a plan for working with the camper. **NO PART OF THIS PLAN WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE POLICIES AND/OR LAWS OF THE TALL PINE COUNCIL-BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCY.**

E. Conference with Camp Director

1. If behavioral problems continue and the consequences are not effective, the camper should be sent to the Camp Director.
2. Any major incident such as having contraband (weapons other than a pocket knife, alcohol, drugs, tobacco), refusing to participate in activities or meals, stealing, running away, slander, hostile action towards another person, or inappropriate touching of another camper must be reported immediately to the Camp Director.
3. The camper should be sent directly to the Camp Director, or, if the camper refuses to go, the Camp Director will go to the camper. The unit leader will be sent for at this time.
4. The staff member should immediately fill out a Major Incident Report and submit it to the Camp Director or his designee.
5. If the situation warrants, (abuse, legal action, and other reasons as determined) the Camp Director will notify the Scout executive.

Section B

The Area Directors shall inform the Camp Director, or his designee, of all Major Incident Reports immediately, and all other significant behavioral problems with campers.

Section C

Enforce all broken expectations at all times without malice. Be consistent in application.

Section D

Application of all consequences is to be done in a uniform and consistent manner.

Section E

At no time is discipline to include depriving a camper of sleep or food, placing a camper alone without supervision, observation, and interaction or subjecting a camper to ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, or excessive physical exercise or excessive restraint. Physical, verbal, and/or emotional abuse is not tolerated at any Tall Pine Council camp.

Section F

A periodic evaluation of program/staff/camper groups to insure that the camp environment is not contributing to behavior problems will be made.

Section G

GROUP CONSEQUENCE: Group discipline is to be used only when it is apparent that the

vast majority of the campers/troop are involved in the infraction. The Camp Director (or designee) is to be informed of any group consequence before it begins. It is far better to keep the violators sitting to one side at the activity than to keep the whole group. ONLY AREA DIRECTORS MAY INSTITUTE THIS CONSEQUENCE.

Section H

Physical, Verbal or Emotional Abuse: No child is to be punished in **any** way. This includes striking the child, pushing the child, or directing something, i.e. water, etc. at the child.

Section I

Environmental concerns to minimize behavioral problems

1. Each tent is well ventilated and protects the camper from the elements.
2. Bunks, with clean mattresses, are provided along with the approved square footage needs for each camper.

I have received a copy of the Behavioral Management Policy.

Staff Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date Signed _____

Return this signed page with your paperwork. Keep the copy of the policy for your records.