

Troop 219 Summer Camp Wrap-Up and Other Information

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• Summer Camp Wrap-Up

Thirty-two Scouts attended summer camp this year with Boy Scout Troop 219. Seven adults stayed the entire week with a total of 11 adults in camp by Friday night.

Scouts completed *[at least]* a whopping 92 merit badges as well as 23 merit badges partially completed. Scouts may finish a "partial" merit badge with any Council approved Merit Badge Counselor at any time up until their 18th birthday (but don't wait till then). In many cases, the merit badges earned by the boys, and the other things they've experienced with the troop through summer camp made them eligible for rank advancement as well. We conducted Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review leading to 10 rank advancements at camp.

The following is the list of Scouts along with the merit badges and rank advancements earned:

Jeff Bencheck (Tenderfoot)	*First Aid, Rifle Shooting and *Swimming	Mark Humphreys (Tenderfoot)	Rifle Shooting and *Swimming
Chad Brandon	Rifle Shooting and Wilderness Survival	Austin Jule	Canoeing, Cooking, *Environmental Science, Rowing and Shotgun Shooting
Chris Brown (Star Scout)	*Camping, Small Boat Sailing and Wilderness Survival	Nick Laue (1st Class)	Climbing, Fire Safety, Weather and Wood Carving
Nick Burden	Climbing, Rifle Shooting and Small Boat Sailing	Nick McCubbin	Climbing, Fire Safety, Rowing and Small Boat Sailing
Jacob Chalut (1st Class)	*First Aid, Rifle Shooting and *Swimming	Pat McKay	Rowing and Wilderness Survival
John Cohoon	*Camping, Energy and Sports	Chris Miller	Art and Rowing
Stephen Congdon	*Lifesaving	Ben Parker (Tenderfoot)	Art and *First Aid
Ben Cox	Basketry, Climbing, Fire Safety, Rifle Shooting and Rowing	Charles Peace	Photography and Wilderness Survival
Eli Davis (2nd Class)	Climbing and *First Aid	Tim Roberts	*Camping, Cooking and Small Boat Sailing
Kyle Draheim	Wilderness Survival	Billy Sarosy	Canoeing, Cooking, *Environmental Science, Rowing, Weather and Wood Carving
Ken Foley	Art, Leatherwork and *Swimming	Nick Stewart (Star Scout)	Rowing
Mitch Frantz	Rifle Shooting and *Swimming	Devon Vaughn	Cooking, Weather and Wood Carving
Jacob Herzog	Canoeing, Cooking, Rowing and Shotgun Shooting	Anthony Vig	Orienteering and Photography
Tom Herzog (Star Scout)	*Camping, Small Boat Sailing and Weather	Blair Williams	*Camping, Cooking, *Lifesaving and Small Boat Sailing
Michael Holcomb	Rifle Shooting	Joe Winiarski	*Camping, Cooking, *Lifesaving and Small Boat Sailing
Kevin Humphreys (2nd Class)	*First Aid, *Swimming and Weather	Zack Wisniewski	Canoeing, Rowing, Weather and Wood Carving

(=Required for Eagle. Rank advancements are in bold face following the scout's name)*

Unfortunately, we ran out of time to complete all of the Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review that might have been held. At least the following 3 Scouts have completed all of the requirements for the rank listed and will have the opportunity to complete their Scoutmaster conference and Board of Review as soon as possible: **Eli Davis - First Class Scout; Jacob Herzog - First Class Scout; Blair Williams - Star Scout.** In all, roughly 1/3 of scouts attending camp advanced a rank!

NOTE FOR SCOUTS TAKING FIRST AID MERIT BADGE:

At least three Scouts have not turned in completed paperwork for First Aid Merit Badge. If you think you should have completed First Aid Merit Badge and are not listed above and have not been contacted by Dr. Waters please call the Scoutmaster.

One Scout celebrated his birthday at summer camp this year. A number of other Scouts were very close to sharing in this birthday celebration, as there are a number of mid-July birthdays in the troop. Congratulations on reaching the ripe old age of 12, Jeff Bencheck. The Scouts, and adults devoured a decorated cake late Friday night.

Some pictures from summer camp are already on the troop web site: www.troop-219.org

● **Cycling Merit Badge**

A number of Scouts have either started Cycling Merit Badge or have expressed an interest in doing it. If you have started this merit badge and will have all of the work done, including the six conditioning rides and associated reports, there is an opportunity to complete the 50 mile ride in August. The 22nd Annual Assenmacher 100 will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2001. There is a fee for this ride and Mr. Hussar has 7-8 Applications. Early registration was due in by July 1st with an \$11.00 fee, after August 1st the fee is \$16.00. For more information you may visit the Assenmacher web site at (<http://www.ASSENMACHERS.COM>) Only 100 tee shirts will be available for \$12.00 each at the registration. The Genesee Wanderer's Bicycle Club presents this ride.

The Registration Form requires a parent or guardian signature if you are under 18 years of age.

● **PLC Annual Planning Meeting**

The Patrol Leaders Council will be meeting Monday, August 6, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church to map out the program for the troop for the upcoming scout year. All Patrol Leaders are ***REQUIRED*** to ensure that they, their assistant or a designated Scout represents their patrol. Additionally any scout in the troop may attend and participate (but may not vote).

● **Skill-O-Rama Date Change**

The Patrol Leaders Council had a quorum at summer camp and voted to change the date of Skill-O-Rama from the weekend of September 22 to the weekend of October 5, 2001. Mark your calendars accordingly. The City of Fenton has approved the change in date for the use of Silver Lake Park.

● **OA Fall Conclave Date Correction**

The Council Calendar lists an incorrect date for the Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave. This is a members-only event (Arrowmen and newly elected ordeal candidates only) and is held at Camp Holaka. The correct dates for this event are September 21, 22 & 23. Two T-219 Arrowmen and one former T-219 Arrowman will be completing the rituals for the Vigil Honor at this conclave.

● **Scoutmaster Minute**

Having attended summer camp with the troop for several seasons in the past, and also having spent time on the Camp Tapico staff, I expected summer camp to go reasonably smooth. It certainly was a good time and quite a learning experience for the boys as well as for me.

The scouts operated as three patrols and, for the most part, lived the patrol method during the week. Boy leaders got a taste of really leading and, in my estimation, everyone "grew" at least a little.

We earned the Tapico *Elite* Award. It's been three years since we've tried for it. We won the water carnival for the second year in a row, and Nick McCubbin won the camp-wide archery match. I watched with both pride and awe as, late Friday night, the troop engaged in a spontaneous cheering competition across Grass Lake with a troop from Detroit Council camped at Three Birches. I can't remember the last time I heard the boys from our troop *spontaneously* cheer like that!

I'd like to especially thank the adults who took the time to help this year: Mr. Hussar, Mr. Miller, Dr. Congdon, Mr. Cohoon, Mr. Frantz, Mrs. Wisniewski, Dr. Waters, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Parker. I could not have spent as much time in my lawn chair without you! And a special thanks to Mr. Brown for the use of his trailer; and to Dan Squires for towing the troop trailer up to camp and back again.

It has been only about six weeks since I assumed the position of Scoutmaster and certainly there remain things in the troop that I have my eye on to improve, but I can't think of a better experience to open my tenure with than this summer camp, the shakedown campout just before, and the boys currently in the troop!

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Scoutmaster