

Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop-219.org)

● Email Addresses

Mr. Hussar, mhussar219@aol.com, is still collecting email addresses. It can be a parents account or a Scouts account. These will be kept confidential and any communications will be sent out BCC so that addresses are not compromised. Some families do not have an internet account and handouts and telephone calls will continue to be utilized to pass on information to all families. Our goal is to reduce the number of handouts, which must be copied, to just families without access but this is a long-term objective. Informational Handouts will continue to be available for the foreseeable future.

● * Troop 219 Scout Personal Data and ** Child ID Form

* RETURN THIS FORM TO MR. HUSSAR WHEN COMPLETED. As part of last weeks handout the cover sheet titled "Scout Personal Data" worksheet(s) from TroopMaster 2000 was included. TM2000 is the record keeping system that the troop uses to track just about everything except the Troop finances. It also allows us to quickly and accurately complete the Tour Permit that is required for any outing or activity held outside of our scheduled meeting place.

Please review and update any information that is in error or if you are a new family complete as much information as you wish us to have. While it would be nice to have all of the information that which is required, especially if you ever drive for an activity, is your Driver's License Number, work phone number and vehicle information. The minimum for insurance coverage is \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000. The # Belts should be the maximum number-including the driver. We make every effort to NOT fill every seat belt in a vehicle.

** We will be issuing new Child ID Forms or returning the current ones to be updated by a parent or guardian. This is to include a somewhat current picture of the Scout. This may be a school picture or one taken of the Scout for any other purpose.

● Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee

Again, departure will be on Friday afternoon, May 11, 2001 at 4:30 P.M. with return on Sunday, May 13, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. Departure and return location will be the southwest corner of the Fenton K-Mart parking lot.

● Gym Night

Our next meeting, Monday, May 14, 2001, will be held at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School. This is located at 600 Fourth St. off of North Leroy St.

We will use the gymnasium during our normal troop meeting time of 7- 8:30 P.M. You should be dropped off and picked up at the school.

Your uniform is not required. The new Scouts will work on completing the Physical Skills test portion of Tenderfoot Scout rank.

Scouts need to bring basketballs/soccer balls etc. as we may not have access to the school's equipment. Wear shoes (not boots) appropriate for use on a gym floor in case we have to stay indoors due to the weather or for some other reason. We do not want to leave marks on the gym floor, which we will have to clean up, so if you do not wear the right kind of shoes you will not be allowed on the gym floor.

● Special Troop Committee Meeting

A committee meeting will be held to select a new scoutmaster for the troop on Tuesday May 15 at 7 P.M. at the St. John Activity Center library. Mike Witzgall has served (admirably) for two years and would like a break. He has indicated that he will remain active with the Troop and would like to work in the first year program.

- **Pre-Summer Camp Shakedown Campout and Court of Honor**

There will be a mandatory summer camp shakedown campout and our last 2000-2001 Scout year formal Court of Honor on the weekend of June 15-June 17, 2001. The formal Court of Honor will be held during this campout on Saturday evening, June 16, 2001. You are expected at this campout unless excused by the Scoutmaster.

- **Summer Camp Parent Orientation Meeting**

There will be a meeting for all of the Scouts and their parents who will be attending summer camp this year with Troop 219. This meeting will take place on Monday evening, June 25, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton from 7:00P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The parents of any Scout attending summer camp this year is invited but the parents of the Scouts attending summer camp for the first time are especially encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be a lot of good information and an time for questions and concerns.

- **Summer Camp**

In the rush of end of year activities we also need to remember that there was a Summer Camp payments schedule. All payments should have been made in full at this time. If a Scout family needs assistance a limited number of partial camperships may be available but you need to talk to Mr. Witzgall or Mr. Cox immediately so that we may begin the paperwork process to apply for assistance.

At this time it is believed that 31 Scouts have expressed any interest in attending summer camp this year. The dates are Sunday, July 8th through Saturday July 14th.

Scouts and adults require a physical by a physician. These are good for three years for a Scout but must be updated annually and signed a second and then a third time for the Scout but a new physical must be done every year for an adult. These forms are available at our troop meetings or on the Troop 219 web-page. The Adult Health Form is different from the Scout Health Form.

High adventure activities at Camp Tapico (MAINLY THE C.O.P.E COURSE) require that a Scout's physical examination must have been completed within the past 12 months at the time of the high adventure activity. If the doctor signed the form more than 12 months before the activity the Scout may not participate.

- **Fenton Fourth of July Parade-first announcement**

If you are going to be home on the fourth of July Troop 219 has the tradition of marching in the Fenton Freedom Festival parade. This parade has a different route and is a much more lively parade than the Memorial Day Parade but that is due to the different reasons of the day being celebrated. This parade starts at 10 A.M. on July 4 and we are usually done by noon. We usually meet at the church parking lot for some last minute practice and to line up everyone so that we look sharp and then go to the staging area by Fenton Middle School around 9:15 - 9:30 A.M.

PLEASE plan on participating in this parade if you are in the area.

- **Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave**

The OA Spring Conclave is for newly elected Ordeal candidates and Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil Honor Arrowmen. It will be held at Camp Tapico on the weekend of Friday, May 18th through Sunday, May 20th. Newly elected candidates should have received a letter about this conclave and what to bring. Check with OA members to arrange transportation. Mr. Zimble and Mr. Hussar will be attending for sure and other adults may be attending who may be able to provide a ride for you.

Mr. Witzgall
Scoutmaster-Troop 219