

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

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## ● Blue Spring Caverns Trip

Last year this trip was a phenomenal experience for everyone who attended. This year the trip is March 13-14, 2004. See the separate activity flyer and permission slip. **It's important to sign-up IMMEDIATELY if you want to go, available slots are severely limited – payment is not due till February.** Plus we'll need several drivers (gas will be subsidized).

## ● Troop Activity T-Shirts

An order form to order your special Troop 219 activity t-shirt is included with this handout. Cost may be reduced by as much as \$2 per shirt if we order more than 75 shirts total. All orders must be paid in full and are due October 6, 2003 – the night of the troop Court of Honor.

## ● Special Equipment Alert

Mr. Hussar, our troop committee quartermaster has his house listed for sale. In addition to the troop now needing to review, pack and move all our equipment, anyone who has unclaimed personal equipment or bicycles needs to come claim it immediately or risk it's sale or other disposal.

## ● Pioneering Day

Pioneering Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Dr. Waters' property. This is a full day event that includes lunch, but **no overnight camping.** We'll be working on pioneering skills and projects, as our outdoor follow-up to the troop meeting program theme for the month; much of which may be individually used toward the Pioneering Merit Badge. Plus, we'll be getting our monkey bridge ready for Skill-O-Rama. A sign-up health form/permission slip is included with this handout. **Sign-up forms must be returned by the troop meeting, Monday, September 22, 2003.**

## ● Skill-O-Rama

The eighth annual Troop 219 Skill-O-Rama will be held from 7:00AM Saturday, October 4, 2003 through 11AM Sunday, October 5, 2003 at Silver Lake Park on Jennings Road, in Fenton. A sign-up health form/permission slip is included with this handout. **Sign-up forms must be returned by the troop meeting, Monday, September 22, 2003.**

## ● Troop Court of Honor – October 6, 2003

A Troop Court of Honor is scheduled during our regular meeting time on Monday, October 6, 2003. Scouts will be recognized for advancements, awards and other achievements since the last Court of Honor. **FAMILIES ARE INVITED AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND.** There are light refreshments following the ceremonies.

## ● OA Fall Conclave

The Cuwe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow – Scouting's National Honor Society will hold it's annual Fall Conclave from 6:00PM this Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> until about noon on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at CAMP HOLAKA in Lapeer, MI. If you are an OA member or one of our troop's three remaining Ordeal member candidates (Kevin Humphreys, Mark Humphreys, and Devon Vaughn) you should plan to attend. Contact the Scoutmaster if you need transportation – we'll find a way to get you there and back.

## ● Troop Committee Meeting

The next troop committee meeting is this Wednesday night, September 17, 2003 at 7:00PM at the church. We strongly urge the **parents of ALL SCOUTS in the troop to attend** these meetings. The ongoing success of Troop 219 demands the dedicated involvement of ***many*** adults – especially YOU!

Larry Zimbler  
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

# Troop T-Shirt Order Form

This past spring under the guidance of the Patrol Leader's Council, the entire troop considered designs for troop t-shirts. The commercial image below is what the boys chose. Obviously, our shirts will say "Troop 219, Fenton" and will have the correct founding year (I think 1973, but we'll research and get it right before the order is placed).



Printed on 50/50 blend, first quality Jerzees® Brand T-shirts. Shirt Color is "Birch", Design is two color: Insects and secondary text in black; and blood and troop name in red

Adult Sizes: S-XXXL / Youth Sizes: S-L  
NO EXTRA CHARGE for XXL or XXXL!

The minimum number of shirts the troop can order is 40, at a price of \$9.50 each. \*We will refund any excess if our order grows enough to qualify for a lower price.

Number	Size	Price	Total
	Youth S	9.50 *	
	Youth M	9.50 *	
	Youth L	9.50 *	
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	Adult S	9.50 *	
	Adult M	9.50 *	
	Adult L	9.50 *	
	Adult XL	9.50 *	
	Adult XXL	9.50 *	
	Adult XXXL	9.50 *	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

**PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED**

Make checks payable to "Troop 219"

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BY THE OCTOBER 6 MEETING**

# Bluespring Cavern Overnight Adventure

## March 13<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

**(return IMMEDIATELY, payment due by Monday, February 23, 2004)**

cost will be approximately \$60 including admission transportation and meals

**NOTE: We will reserve 20 slots with a non-refundable deposit, and we MIGHT NOT be able to increase this number. So sign up early – the first 20 slots are first come, first served and as available thereafter. This trip could be cancelled if at least 13 boys and 2 drivers do not sign up by 10/06/03. DON'T WAIT, RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!!!**

**REGISTRATION:** Adult or Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:**

Troop Account \_\_\_\_\_

Check (# and amt) \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in Scouting for Food Bag Dropoff and the troop

(name)

overnight at Bluespring Cavern in Bedford, Indiana on Saturday, March 8, 2003 and Sunday March 9, 2003. Note that Bedford, Indiana is approximately 30 minutes south of Bloomington, about a 7 hour drive each way. Bluespring Caverns ALSO has a separate permission slip which is required.

### **SEE THE SPECIAL ACTIVITY FLYER ON REVERSE**

Gather at the church at 7:30AM Saturday morning. Scouts will leave directly following the Scouting for Food bag dropoff on Saturday March 13, 2004. **Participation in Scouting for Food that day is a requirement for attendance.** *Participants need a sack lunch for the trip south.* Return pickup at the Church approximately 3:30 PM Sunday afternoon. Parents are invited to attend – drivers will be needed and gasoline will be subsidized for adults who drive Scouts in addition to their own.

***In case of emergency, notify:***

<b>Name</b>		<b>Relationship</b>	
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Primary Phone:</b>	( )	<b>Alternate Phone:</b>	( )
<b>Physician Name:</b>		<b>Physician Phone:</b>	( )
<b>Health Insurance Company:</b>		<b>Policy Number:</b>	

- This scout takes no medications and has no known allergies.**
- This scout takes medication or has allergies as follows:** *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

The health information contained herein is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted above. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical provider selected by a designated representative of Troop 219, Boy Scouts of America to authorize emergency medical or surgical treatment, routine non-surgical medical care, hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection(s) for my child. The person herein described is in good health, has all required immunizations current, and I assume the health responsibility for the individual.

<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>		<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Print Name	Date	Print Name	Date



## A unique event for scouts & other youth groups!

Come join us this winter for a unique winter camping experience - one hundred feet underground! Explore America's longest underground river by boat; then walk, crawl, and climb through an undeveloped part of the Caverns not seen on our regular tours. Camp overnight in Canyon Hall, high above the hidden banks of Myst'ry River. Bluespring Caverns' "Overnight Adventure" is a program specially designed for youth ages 9 to 16. We hope to permit each participant to experience and enjoy the "living cave".

### The Program

- Enter the cave at 7PM EST for campsites in Canyon Hall.
- Explore Myst'ry River in the Caverns aboard our custom electric tour boats.
- Explorers walk, crawl, and climb along undeveloped side passages with the aid of their own lights, led by our staff.
- We demonstrate the ways and means of safe cave exploration during the Demonstration Hour.
- Our underground slide show brings to view the far reaches of Bluespring Caverns, presenting more of the fragile beauty of the underground wilderness.
- "Lights Out" in the cool 50 degree temperature of Canyon Hall.
- "Lights On" precedes breakfast. Then return to the light of the surface at 9AM



### Facilities

*On the Surface:* Limited picnic tables, open areas for organized activities. Restrooms and Visitor Center open one hour prior to program start time.

*Caverns:* "Cave Inn" snack bar with sandwiches, snacks and soft drinks.

*Nearby:* Hiking trails and shelterhouse facilities are available at nearby Spring Mill State Park. Restaurants of all types are available in the area for the evening meal prior to the "Overnight Adventure".

### For Participants and Parents

Bluespring Caverns "Overnight Adventure" is an experience in the natural world. For the enjoyment and safety of all, we insist that participants follow the directions of our staff, who will supervise each part of the experience with assistance from your group leaders. Rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.

Our "wild tour" in an undeveloped section of the Caverns can be considered moderately strenuous and may not be suitable for individuals with severe handicaps or who are not in reasonably good physical condition. As in all adventure programs some scrapes and bruises are possible - especially when rowdy behavior or disregard for rules is involved.

### Equipment Checklist

*The following items are necessary for each person on the "Overnight Adventure"*

- Flashlight (electric light source)
- Old clothing and boots or sneakers for wild caving plus another change of warm clothing and shoes
- Warm sleeping bag and a plastic ground cloth
- Warm coat (even in Fall and Spring)
- A good attitude!

### Basic Rules of the Cave

- 1) No running or horseplay is allowed at any time in the Caverns.
- 2) The Caverns are protected by Indiana Law. Nothing is to be removed or disturbed.
- 3) All persons must follow instructions of Bluespring Caverns personnel and should plan on staying for the entire program. No "wandering" is allowed.
- 4) No cooking is allowed. Candles and gas lanterns may not be used in the Caverns. Snacks are available at our snack bar.
- 5) We expect general courtesy and a good attitude from every participant.