

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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● **Scout Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast – February 8, 2003**

This year, on Scout Sunday (February 8th), the troop will 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 help cook, serve and clean up (you'll be fed, too) After that, we'll attend the 11:00AM service upstairs and assist with ushering, reading or any other services we're asked to perform. Scouts should arrive at the church before 7:00AM in full Scout (Class A) uniform. Breakfast will be served from 7AM – 10:15AM. We'll also need 4 or 5 Scouts to help at about 7:00PM Saturday night with setup – see me or Mr. Hussar.

All Scouts are expected to attend, in full uniform. I expect you to 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. Co-incidentally, the pancake breakfast is expected to result as a fundraiser for the troop (9th point of the scout law).

● **SNOW SPORTS OUTDOOR ACTIVITY**

The weekly meeting program of snow sports ends with an outdoor snow sports activity day planned on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at Mt. Brighton (on M-59) from 9AM to 5PM. Cost is \$23 for an all day lift ticket (or \$18 for a rope tow) plus you'll need to bring money or food for lunch.

Meet at the SW corner of the Kmart parking lot at 8:00AM on Saturday, February 14th. Even if you are providing your own transportation, meet the troop at Kmart as we may need an extra seat or room for other gear. Plan on a return to the Kmart parking lot by 6PM that same day.

Scouts may bring their own skis or snowboards, or you can rent skis for \$18 from Mt. Brighton. If you plan to bring your own skis or snowboard, you'll need to make arrangements for transportation with whatever adults are driving, or provide your own transportation. We cannot assure that space for your gear will exist if you just show up with it on Saturday morning. A permission slip is attached to this handout. Adult volunteers as well as an activity leader is needed for this event to happen.

● **SUMMER CAMP IS COMING UP – ITS TIME TO SIGN-UP**

Tall Pine Council has raised the price of Summer Camp slightly. The cost for Troop 219 is now \$210 for Scouts and \$80 for adults if paid by Monday, May 10, 2004. The price changes to \$240 for Scouts and \$100 for adults if not fully paid by that date. This late charge is imposed by the Council. Our troop fee includes the per-scout equipment costs that are due in addition to camp fees, as well as the cost of the MANDATORY pre-camp campout, scheduled this year for the weekend of June 11-12-13, with a court of honor at camp on the night of June 12th.

SEE MR MILLER to arrange to ensure your attendance at Summer Camp at the lower cost.

SEE MR COX OR MR MILLER IMMEDIATELY if you will need troop campership funds to be able to afford the cost of summer camp. Campership funds are available but you need to make a request as early as possible. Any and all campership requests are kept strictly confidential.

● **WEBELOS VISITS AND CROSSOVER CEREMONIES**

It's that time of year – we'll be visited by various Webelos dens, from various Cub Scout Packs in the vicinity. Currently I've been contacted by several packs that have not visited us in the past. In additions to our old friends from Packs 158 and 286, we'll probably be visited by Webelos from Packs 270, 711 and 220.

Aside from Skill-O-Rama, we don't have any special open house for Webelos – we invite them to see us as we really are – so, as usual, meet your program obligations, behave as proper Scouts and welcome our visitors. Whether these Webelos join our troop or not, we owe them a proper Boy Scout experience.

As of today, we're invited to attend the following scheduled Blue&Gold banquets and Crossovers, we'll need several Scouts in full uniform at each of these events. We'll have sign-up forms available with Mr. Miller.

- Pack 158 – Lake Fenton – Sunday, February 22nd at 2PM
- Pack 220 – Holly Academy – Saturday, February 28th
- Pack 286 – St. John's Catholic Church – Sunday March 28th

● **BLUE SPRING CAVERNS TRIP – MARCH 13 & 14 -- PAYMENTS DUE!!!**

Permission slips were due long ago. The troop has already paid a non-refundable \$10 deposit for 30 scouts and adults to attend. **FULL PAYMENT OF THE \$60 activity fee is due by February 26th.** We'll have a special meeting for everybody that's going to the caves on Monday, March 8th during the troop meeting. There'll be a separate handout with an equipment list closer to the event. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP, as of several months ago we had filled our 30 slots, but as the money is due and the date approaches, I expect some drops – **sign-up now for the waiting list – first come, first served.**

On Saturday, March 13th, we'll meet at the church at 7:30AM to dropoff bags for Scouting for Food. After the bag delivery, we'll leave for Bedford, Indiana (about a 7 hour drive). You must participate in Scouting for Food to attend the cave campout (siblings and parents are excepted). I'll be contacting the adults who are signed up to arrange drivers over the next few weeks.

● **SCOUTMASTER ABSENCES**

REMEMBER -- I will not be at the next several meetings or activities due to work demands (I have to work to support my Scouting *habit*). I will make myself available at other times if you need a merit badge, or Scoutmaster Conference for rank advancement or to review your Eagle project plan, etc. and to parents when necessary – call my office (do NOT call my home) at 810-767-7000 or (**preferably**) email me at rottenbelly@cuwe218.org or taxwiz@ftmn.com and we'll set up a time and place that will work.

Bidaban Chapter Meetings: First Thursday of each month at the same time/place as District Roundtable meetings. See Mr. Zimbler, Mr. Hussar, Mr Cox, Mr Miller or Dr Waters if you need transportation.

● **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next troop committee meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2003 at 7:00PM at the church. A greater level of participation by the parents of ALL SCOUTS in the troop is needed! The ongoing success of Troop 219 demands the dedicated involvement of *many* adults – especially YOU!

Larry Zimbler
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

SNOW SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY

February 14th, 2004

PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

(return IMMEDIATELY, payment due by Monday, February 8, 2004)

cost is \$23 for a lift ticket—equipment rental and food are extra

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name: _____

Method of Payment:

Troop Account _____

Check (# and amt) _____

Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to participate in the Snow Sports

Activity Day at Mt Brighton on Saturday, February 14, 2004. I understand that skiing and snowboarding are activities that have an inherent danger and that there is a higher than usual opportunity for injury at this activity. Meet at the SW corner of the Kmart Parking Lot at 8:00AM Saturday morning. Return pickup at Kmart at approximately 6:00 PM that same day. Parents and siblings are invited to attend –ADULT Volunteers and Drivers are needed or this activity will not take place.

In case of emergency, notify:

Name		Relationship	
Address:			
Primary Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()
Physician Name:		Physician Phone:	()
Health Insurance Company:		Policy Number:	

- 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.

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