

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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● SUMMER CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The annual summer camp informational meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, June 23, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the FENTON COMMUNITY CENTER on S Leroy St in Fenton. All Scouts who are attending summer camp, all parents of Scouts who are attending summer camp and all adults who are attending summer camp with the troop need to attend or have someone attend on their behalf.

We'll cover all the last minute details and review vital information and paperwork that is necessary for a successful summer camp trip. With 41 Scouts and 10 adults signed up the administration of this year's trip will be more of a chore than before. Adults attending camp must provide three references and agree to the Tapico behavior management policy; Scouts need to complete and return their daily schedules of merit badge and other program options. Transportation arrangements, medical and prescription drug rules, summer camp daily schedules and other critical items will be reviewed and resolved. Parents and scouts will have the opportunity to get answers to all their questions.

● TROOP ADULT RETREAT/SOCIAL/TRAINING AFTERNOON

Instead of the regular June Troop Committee meeting, on Sunday afternoon, June 20th from 2:00PM to 6:00 PM the troop committee is having a retreat at the Presbyterian Church. Many technical and administrative items will be reviewed especially in light of the pending Scoutmaster change and upcoming summer camp activity. All parents and other interested adults are invited to attend. A meal will be served at the conclusion of the activity.

● FENTON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Once again, the troop will participate in the Fenton Independence Day parade, this year scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2004. Scouts that are in town over this weekend are expected to meet at the church at 8:30AM in full Class A uniforms to march with the troop and represent local scouting in this important patriotic event. Donuts and juice will be provided – water bottles are recommended.

● CHILD ID AND HEALTH FORMS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Scouts (and adults under age 40) must submit a completed 4 page Tall Pine Council health form with a physician's signature dated on or after **July 17, 2001** (less than 3 years old) unless they intend to participate in COPE or some other high adventure activity. Adults age 40 and over, and Scouts who will participate in COPE or high adventure, must have a completed health form with a physician's signature on or after **July 17, 2003** (less than 1 year old). A properly executed health form from another source (eg: a sports physical) that contains a timely (*by the above dates*) physician's signature may be attached to PAGE 3 of the Tall Pine Council health form – but the remaining pages 1, 2 and 4 must still be completed or updated, and signed.

Even if your form has a physician's signature that is timely, the entire form must be updated by the parent/guardian **each year** prior to summer camp. You should update your Scouts age on each page as appropriate as well as the information on the last page listing who, besides leaders of the unit, your Scout may leave camp with. Parents must re-sign the health form each year that it's used on the last page; certifying all of the information (as corrected/updated) on the form.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET TURNED IN THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, THE WEDNESDAY INFORMATIONAL MEETING IS A GOOD PLACE TO DO IT. ALL HEALTH FORMS AND CHILD ID FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN NOT LATER THAN EQUIPMENT DROP OFF JUST BEFORE CAMP, OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND!

● PENDING CHANGE IN TROOP SCOUTMASTER

At the Court of Honor this past Saturday night it was announced that AFTER summer camp, but before regular Troop meetings resume on September 13th, Larry Zimble will end his 3+ year tour as troop Scoutmaster, to be succeeded by John Waters.

Larry Zimble
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219