

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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• Popcorn Fundraiser Information and Update-from Mrs. Dagenais-Popcorn Chair

The following information is from our popcorn coordinator. Mrs. Dagenais makes some valid points in her information.

- Show N' Deliver popcorn is still available for pickup, please contact Mrs. Dagenais at 810-750-8155. Their address is 409 E. High St.
- Some other key popcorn dates:
 - October 23rd turn in all popcorn Sales Orders AND Show N' Deliver monies.
 - **Please remember to have all checks made payable to : Boy Scout Troop 219**
 - **POPCORN PICKUP DATE WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2006.** Most likely this will be at the Dagenais home but further details will be forthcoming.

If you have any question, please contact Susan Dagenais, 810-750-8155. She will also be available at each meeting for any popcorn related questions and you may turn in popcorn orders/money at anytime up to the listed dates.

• Upcoming Activities

- Monday, October 23, 2006-All popcorn Sales Order Forms and Show N' Deliver monies were to be turned in to Mrs. Dagenais at this meeting.
- Monday, October 30, 2006-New due date for the return of the Permission Slip and Payment for the D-Bar-A Cabin Campout.
- Wednesday, November 8, 2006-Star Seminar hosted by Blue Heron District. You must call the Council Service Center at 235-2531 to make a reservation and a parent or guardian must accompany the Scout.
- Friday, November 10, 2006 through Sunday, November 12, 2006, will be a cabin campout at D-Bar-A in Metamora, Michigan. Scouts/adults may opt for tent camping as Fair Oaks Cabin can only hold up to 20 Scouts and 4 Adults. Due to the cabin cost of \$10.00 per person for this campout the cost for this activity was increased from \$22.00 per person to \$25.00 per person to cover cracker barrels, regular meals and the cabin rental fee. **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY DETAILS ARE INCLUDED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THIS HANDOUT**
- Wednesday, November 15, 2006-Troop Committee Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend.
- Friday, November 17, 2006-New Horizons District Swim, session 1 of 3 (more details later in this handout).
- Monday, November 20, 2006-the final (FULL) Payment for Christmas at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad is due for all family members. This would include reservations and payments for the Holiday Dinner at 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, December 10, 2006-Christmas at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad with optional Holiday Meal Family Outing (and yes, Scouts may attend without their families). Details previously released but we are waiting for the Holiday menu and pricing to be released by the Parks Commission. A Show of Interest Form for this activity was included as Page 6 of Handout No. 02 and should be completed and returned as soon as possible. If we need to increase our train reservation count we need to do it as soon as possible to guarantee the group may ride the train together.

• November Activity

- A cabin Campout will be held at D-Bar-A Scout Reservation in Metamora, Michigan. We have reserved Fair Oaks Cabin for the weekend of Friday, November 10, 2006 through Sunday, November 12, 2006.
 - We will depart from the ACO Hardware parking lot in Fenton at 6:00 P.M. on Friday. This is on the corner of N. Leroy St. and Dauner Rd. Have dinner before we leave for camp. We will return at 11:00 A.M. to this same location on Sunday, November 12, 2006. Transportation arrangements will be made by the troop. Your Health Form/Permission Slip and payment are due in on Monday, November 30, 2006
 - Activity details are being finalized but will include fire building, campfire cooking, fire building completion/game, ropes and lashings, camp service project and possibly a hike.

After dinner and cleanup on Saturday we will begin the electronics portion of the weekend. Electrical service within the cabin is very limited so Scouts need to plan what they are bringing with that fact in mind. We could use the pavilion next door but it is outdoors BUT has great electrical service

• New Horizons District Swim Program

Each year the New Horizons District hosts a swim program during which Scouts may work on the Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges and the Second Class and First Class swimming skills. This is not an open swim for the troops. Each unit that has a Scout in the program should provide two leaders on deck in swim wear.

Scouts working on the Lifesaving Merit Badge must attend all three sessions.

Scouts working on the Swimming Merit Badge usually have to attend two sessions. Plan to attend either the first and second sessions or the second and third sessions. That may ensure that the adult you worked with at your first session is there for the second session.

- Friday, November 17, 2006
 - 7:00-10:00 P.M. Lifesaving Merit Badge
 - 8:00-10:00 P.M. Swimming Merit Badge and swim time for Second Class and First Class swim skills
 - 7:00-8:00 P.M. Webelos Aquanaut Activity Badge
- Friday, December 15, 2006-same times and requirements as Friday, November 17, 2006
- Friday, January 12, 2007-same times and requirements as Fridays, November 17 and December 15, 2006.

Scouts must bring a completed and Scoutmaster signed Merit Badge Application to their first session. They MUST have read the requirements for whichever merit badge they are taking and be prepared accordingly.

The Troop will pay the one time usage fee for the pool and required Lifeguards for all sessions.

• Star Seminars

The purpose of the Star Seminar is to help Life Scouts prepare for their final step on their path to the rank of Eagle Scout. Each Scout must attend a Star Seminar after he earns the rank of Star Scout or while he is a Life Scout but before he may begin his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. The seminar is the only place you may pick up the paperwork you need for working on your project and then completing your report and assembling your workbook. The following are the remaining dates, through June 2007, for the Star Seminars:

- Wednesday, November 8, 2006 and hosted by Blue Heron District
- Thursday, January 25, 2007 and hosted by Baden Powell District
- Monday, March 12, 2007 and hosted by Shiawassee District
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007 and hosted by New Horizons District.

You must call the Tall Pine Council Service Center at least one week in advance to make a reservation and to get the location and start time for the Star Seminar that you wish to attend. The TPC Service Center number is 810-235-2531.

• Calendar Corrections

There were several errors in the Troop Calendar for 2006-2007. These have been corrected and will be sent to the webmaster so that the updated calendar may be posted to the web-site.

- Christmas at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad is on Sunday, December 10, 2006, NOT Saturday, December 9, 2006, as published in the calendar
- The New Horizons District Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007, with a cabin campout beginning on Friday, January 19, 2007 and ending on Sunday, January 21, 2007.
- Sunday, February 4, 2007, is Scout Sunday and we will once again be providing a pancake breakfast for the congregation at First Presbyterian Church as a Thank You for all of their support as our sponsoring organization.
- Saturday, February 24, through Sunday, February 25, 2007, are the dates for the Blue Springs Cavern Campout. Alternate dates were removed from the Troop Calendar.

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