

Congratulations to JT Waters III, our 52<sup>nd</sup> Eagle Scout. His Board of Review was convened 7:00 P.M. Sunday evening, November 12, 2006. He has been attending Eton Academy in Birmingham for the past two years so, and while he makes most meetings, is not always able to be in attendance at Scout meetings on Monday.

# Troop 219 Informational Handout

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## • November Activity (wrap-up)

- The cabin Campout at D-Bar-A Scout Reservation in Metamora is now history. Fair Oaks Cabin was the location and we had 12 Scouts and three adults in attendance (by dinner time on Saturday). We adjusted the activities due to the weather conditions but, all in all, I believe everyone enjoyed the whole weekend. Boy Scout Handbooks have been updated to include what we covered that was new and some of the skills covered at summer camp were revisited and, hopefully, are now better understood.
- The cabin is heated but water is only available from a frostless hydrant located about 50 feet from the cabin. The latrine was primitive, as usual, but usable. There were modern restrooms and showers not too far from our cabin and they had heat and running water and FLUSH toilets. WOW !!! We checked out at 9:45 A.M. and left shortly after for home.

## • Upcoming Due Dates

- **Popcorn Monies:** All Popcorn Sales money is due to be turned in no later than the Scout meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006. Checks should be made payable to Boy Scout Troop 219.
- **Christmas At Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad:** The reservations forms and payments have to be returned to the Troop by Monday, November 30, 2006. Reservations were made for 50 people but we need at least 20 people to keep the group discount pricing. If we do not have enough people register for this activity it will be cancelled and your payments will be returned to you. Holiday Dinner reservations forms and payments are also due in on this date. Forms have distributed via handout several times.
- **Pistons Basketball Game Fundraiser:** your reservations forms and full payments must be turned in on Monday, November 20, 2006. Mr. Or Mrs. Hanson will be at that meeting for accept the forms as they are in charge of this event. Forms have been included in at least one handout and several mailings by the Hanson's.
- **Recharter:** It is approaching unit recharter time. Mr. Cox will be sending out paperwork explaining the process and dates and that information will be included in future Informational Handouts. If you do not receive a letter from the Troop in the next couple of weeks please see Mr. Cox, Mr. Hussar or Mir. Miller.

## • First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

The church will be conducting an American Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, December 2, 2006. We have been asked to provide 3 or 4 (older/bigger) Scouts at 7:30 A.M. to help unload supplies and equipment the Red Cross van and to set up the Social Room for them and then to have 3 or 4 Scouts come in at 2:15 P.M. to help them dismantle and repack the equipment and reload the van and to reset the tables for the Sunday morning coffee hour. The morning session usually takes 45 minutes to an hour while the afternoon session may take longer as we may have to wait for the last donors to finish the donor process.

If family members, over 17 years of age, wish to donate blood that day they should call to schedule an appointment time.

## • 2006 Fenton JingleFest

We do not have many of the details yet on this activity but we have been asked to help in the late afternoon and evening on December 31, 2006, with lighting the luminary candles for the New Years Eve JingleFest in Dibbleville and downtown Fenton. More details will be announced as they become available.

## • Star Seminar

If you attended the Star Seminar on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, please let Mr. Hussar know so that the information may be entered into the TroopMaster Database. It is important that we keep this database as up-to-date as we can. Your help is appreciated in this endeavor.

- **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. The first requirement is that you swim 400 yards continuously using the crawl stroke (freestyle), breast stroke, side stroke, and elementary back stroke, in strong form. This is USUALLY not a good merit badge for first year Scouts.

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.

If you have your Merit Badge Partial Completions from summer camp this would be an excellent opportunity to work on the completing those requirements which you still have yet to do.

The dates for the three sessions are Friday, November 17, 2006; Friday, December 15, 2006 and Friday, January 12, 2007.

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

Scouts must bring a completed and Scoutmaster signed Merit Badge Application to their first session.

**You MUST have read the requirements for whichever merit badge you are working towards earning and be prepared accordingly.**

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

- **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Troop 219 Committee Meeting will be this Wednesday, November 15, 2006. It will be held at the Fenton First Presbyterian Church and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Parents are invited, and encouraged, to attend the committee meetings. Input and ideas are always welcome. Help is appreciated AND needed.

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