

Troop 219 Special Mailing

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- This is a special mailing going to all Scouts included on the 2007-2008 Charter year. I intended to get this out earlier in the week but have been under the weather, or out of sorts, since sometime Tuesday morning/afternoon. I apologize for that lack of timeliness. Most of you should receive this on Monday as it was posted Saturday morning.

We registered 38 Scouts for the new Charter Year but consistently see no more than 17-20 Scouts in attendance on Monday evenings. Low meeting attendance also results in low participation in Troop activities. The calendar is on the web page and handouts are being promptly posted to the web page also. If you are unable to attend meetings regularly you should still stop in occasionally to pick up your handout, or go to the Troop web page for that information.

Meetings are held as posted on the calendar or otherwise announced as being canceled. This past Monday schools were closed due to the extreme cold. In the past when schools were closed due to the weather it was usually due to snow or ice which made travel unsafe. This is the first time that I can remember schools being closed for reasons of low temperature alone.

We have a number of activities coming up and other information that you need to be aware of:

Monday, February 12, 2007 is our rescheduled date for SPL elections. This was to be followed up with reorganizing the patrols and then Patrol Leader elections. Other leadership positions were also to be filled that evening. We need to have as many Scouts in attendance as can make it so that you have an opportunity to choose your new (YOUTH) leadership, or even be part of that new leadership. **I am changing the date for SPL Elections and the other activities by one week, to Monday, February 19, 2007, to allow for this Special Mailing to be received by all and to allow anyone who wishes to make the necessary schedule changes to be able to attend that meeting.**

The Permission Slip and Health Form and payments for the Blue Springs Cavern Adventure are due in on Monday, February 12, 2007. There is a Release Form which must be signed for any Scouts not accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The Troop Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2007, is being canceled. For those of us who will be going to Bedford, Indiana, for the weekend it will be a long one and, I for one, would enjoy the Monday evening off. There is a lot of driving/riding involved with this activity.

There will be a lock-in at Mt. Morris High School on Friday night/Saturday morning, March 9 and March 10. The Permission Slip and Health Form, with payment, is due now on March 5, 2007. Information was included in H.O. #10.

Saturday, March 10, 2007 is the Scouting for Food Bag distribution date. We will meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. to break up into groups to cover our assigned neighborhoods. Parents are needed as drivers for this event.

Saturday, March 17, 2007, we will once again meet at the 9:00 A.M. to return to our assigned areas to pick up any Scouting for Food donations left by the door. Scouts will be in their complete Scout uniform for both dates.

Summer Camp Deposit: Mr. Miller and I reviewed the costs associated with Summer Camp and have calculated the final costs for summer camp including the Pre-Summer Camp Campout and some other associated costs. That cost will be \$240.00 per Scout and \$100.00 per adult if the roster and deposit are made on time and the full payment is paid on time.

A deposit of \$50.00 per Scout and \$25.00 per adult, along with a roster, will need to be turned into the Council Service Center by March 1, 2007. In order for Mr. Miller to have time to put all of the information together and to do the banking of funds he will need your deposit payment by Monday, February 19, 2007. We have until May 16, 2007 to pay for summer camp in full and to save \$20.00 per person. Our date for summer camp is Sunday, July 8, 2007 through Saturday, July 14, 2007.

- **Scout Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast:** This was held on Sunday, February 4, 2007. We had 12 Scouts who put in 58 hours of service and an additional 42 hours by the adults who were there. It was greatly appreciated by the congregation and although it was free we did accept donations from anyone who wished to make one. Thanks to all the Scouts and adults who helped make this a great success.
- **Eagle Scout Courts of Honor:** Dr. and Mrs. John Waters announce the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for their son, JT Waters. It will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Invitations will be coming out shortly with further details.

Mr. Kevin Humphreys has asked if his Eagle Scout Court of Honor could be held on April 1, 2007. Invitations should be forthcoming on this court of honor also.

- **Regular Troop Court of Honor:** We have a regular (our second one for the 2006-2007 Scout year) Troop 219 Court of Honor **rescheduled** for Monday, March 12, 2007. It will be held in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church and will begin at 7:00 P.M. with light refreshments being served in the lower level Social Room immediately afterwards. All Scouts are expected to be in attendance and in their official Boy Scout Uniform. Parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents are also invited to attend.

- **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Troop 219 Committee Meeting will be this Wednesday, February 14, 2007. It will be held on the second floor of 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 almost always needed.

The March Troop 219 Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, again, starting at 7:00 P.M.

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