

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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Troop 219 Popcorn News to Know/2008

Take order popcorn will be available for pick up on Saturday, November 8, 2008, after 3:00 P.M. All popcorn money MUST be turned in by, or before, Monday, November 17, 2008. The popcorn may be picked up from Mrs. Dagenais. Her address is 409 E. High Street. The house is located on the northwest corner of Williams and E. High Streets. Their home telephone number is 810-750-8155.

A drawing was held on Monday, November 2, 2008, for popcorn prizes. The drawing results will be announced in our next handout. The following were the prizes available from the Troop on top of what each Scout might have earned through the actual popcorn sales period: 1st prize-Free summer camp, 2nd \$25 to Scout's account, 3rd \$25 to Scout's account. As a reminder for every \$200 of popcorn sold, the scout was entered into the drawing 1 time. Also, top dollar selling Scout will receive \$50 to his account. Eleven Scouts had a chance of winning one of the 3 prizes listed above.

• **New Horizons District Swim Program**

Each year the New Horizons District conducts a swim program where Scouts may obtain help with Second and First Class swimming requirements or may work on the Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badges. It is held at the Grand Blanc West Campus High School Pool.

Swimming merit badge runs from 8-10 P.M. and usually requires attendance at at least 2 of the 3 sessions.

Lifesaving Merit Badge runs from 7-10 P.M. and you will have to attend all three sessions to even have a chance at completing all of the requirements. You must have completed the Swimming Merit Badge before you may start the Lifesaving Merit Badge.

Before a Merit Badge Application will be issued so that you may take the merit badge you will need to have a current copy of the appropriate Merit Badge Pamphlet and should have read it AND reviewed the requirements. Merit Badge programs are not to teach you the skills but to help you complete the requirements. I should be in attendance at all three session, Friday, November 14, 2008, Friday, December 12, 2008 and Friday, January 9, 2009. If a Scout needs a ride to and from or to or from this activity please contact me.

There is a one time fee which the troop has picked up in the past. This year it has gone up to \$50.00 to pay for the lifeguards and pool time. Hopefully enough Scouts participate to make this a worthwhile investment.

• **Cabin Campout (GPS and Orienteering), Dutch Oven Cooking and Electronic Campout**

A cabin campout at Camp Holaka is scheduled for the weekend of November 14-16, 2008. The fee will be \$25.00 per person. The theme, at this time, will be Orienteering, using both a compass and a GPS Unit and dinner will be prepared with dutch oven cooking skills. There will be a camp service project of no more than 2 hours duration sometime Saturday. We will shut down the cabin campout program after dinner on Saturday and allow the computer games to be brought out but gaming will most likely end no later than 1:00 A.M. on Sunday and you will be expected to rise and shine on Sunday so that we may have breakfast, pack up personal gear and clean and restore the cabin back to at least as good as we found it and preferably better than that. The permission slip and health form with payment are due to be turned in on Monday, November 3, 2008. It is attached to this handout.

• **National Youth Leadership Training 2009**

ONCE AGAIN We are beginning to look at our Scouts for leadership training position training at the week long Council National Youth Leadership Training program which will be conducted in June of 2009. The Troop will pay for up to 50% of the fee for each Scout, up to four, who attends. More details will be forthcoming. You must have your Scoutmaster's approval to attend the Council NYLT Program.

• **Detroit Area Council's 2009 Trail-to-Eagle Camp**

The Detroit Area Council conducts a one week camp called Trail-to-Eagle at D-Bar-A Scout Camp in Metamora, Michigan. I do have an application and information if a Scout might be interested. It is the week before our summer camp. David Congdon is our most recent participant if you would like to talk to him also.

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