

Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop219.org)

• New Horizons District Swim Program-update

This 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 2 of the 3 sessions. It is not too late to start working on the Swimming Merit Badge.

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. None of the five Scouts working on the Lifesaving Merit Badge appears to have the latest Merit Badge Pamphlet and the counselor has stated that you must obtain one, and read it, before the next session. I will be in attendance at the remaining two sessions, Friday, December 12, 2008 and Friday, January 11, 2009. If a Scout needs a ride to and from or to or from this activity please contact me.

• Recharter for 2009-2010 Scout Year and OA Dues for 2009

RECHARTER: Mr Cox, our Committee Chairman, has sent a letter to each Scout family about registering for the upcoming Scout year. Our charter expires on January 31, 2009. Please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it to Mr. Miller, with your payment, by December 8, 2008. That will also be our last Scout meeting for this year.

OA DUES: Dues for the 2009 year are due into the Scout Council office by the end of December. Dues are \$15.00. There is also a GOLD CARD which may be purchased, I believe for either \$55, which will pay for your dues, the OA Winter Banquet in January and the Spring and Fall Conclaves. It is a savings if you plan to attend all of these functions. If you did not pay your 2008 Dues you may pay for them at the time that you pay your 2009 Dues and you will be reinstated. Your PineTree publications will no longer be mailed to you if your dues are not current. I will have copies of the payment form for anyone wishing to pick one up and would be willing to take your completed form and payment to the Council Service Center.

• Fenton First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Three to four Scouts and one adult are needed on Saturday, December 6, 2008, at 7:30 A.M. to help unload the American Red Cross van and to set up the Social Hall for the church sponsored blood drive. Scouts may also be asked to put up some posters at area businesses in the immediate vicinity of the church announcing the blood drive location and times. **A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE.**

• Fenton Area JingleFest Race and Cleanup

Also on Saturday, December 6, 2008, the Fenton JingleFest race will take place at 5:00 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson will be at this event and will be in-charge of the activity. Chase and Kyle will also be there but Chandler will be marching with the Lake Fenton Marching Band. **PLEASE meet at the old Firehall at 4:30 P.M.** We have been asked to provide 6-8 Scouts to meet the runners after they have crossed the finish line and to collect the chips which are used to electronically record their finish time. These are usually worn tied to the shoe laces. Afterwards Scouts from Troop 212 and Troop 219 will do some clean up of the area. **You should wear your Scout Uniform for this activity.**

A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE.

• Merit Badge College AND Adult Leader Advancement Seminar

The second annual Tall Pine Council Merit Badge College will also be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008. It will be held at Kettering University. You are limited to one merit badge and there is a \$15.00 fee if registered by November 21. Until November 28 the fee is \$20.00. I do not know if they are accepting registrations after November 28, 2008.

Six one hour seminars will also be offered for registered Scouters. These include: Advancement in a Boy Lead Troop; Trail to First Class; Merit Badge Program within the Troop; Summer Camp Advancement; What Constitutes a good Eagle Project wrapping up with a choice of Troop Boards of Review or So ya wanna be a Merit Badge Counselor.

• Troop Committee Meetings-with date correction

There will be no Troop Committee Meeting in December. Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. This will be held on the upper level of the church in one of the classrooms and will start promptly at 7:00 P.M. Parents are always invited, and encouraged, to attend these meetings.

• Pack 158 Webelos Crossover

Pack 158 will crossover three Webelos during their Pack Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. This will be held at the Lake Fenton High School I will pass along additional information when it becomes available.

• 2nd Annual Order of the Arrow Lock-In

The Lock-in will start on Saturday night at 9:00 A.M. and run into Sunday morning. Scouts can be picked up at 6:30 A.M.

There will be racquetball, open gym, a quiet room, pizza, pop, and LOTS of fun. **Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship!**

- WHO:** All Tall Pine Council Arrowmen and Boy Scouts
WHEN: Saturday, January 10th - Sunday, January 11, 2009
WHERE: Powers Catholic Church
G-2040 W. Carpenter Road
Flint, Michigan 48505
COST: \$10 per person

• Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet

The Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, January 11, 2009. This will be held at the Elba Lions Club on Elba Rd. (Exit 149 off of I-69) and Davison/Lapeer Rd. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Awards will follow dessert. The cost will be \$12.00 with tickets on sale until Monday, January 5, 2009, at the Council Service Center. I will be attending the 2009 banquet this if anyone needs a ride to and from or to or from the banquet.

• New Horizons District Klondike Derby for 2009-with corrected dates.

The New Horizons District Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at Camp Holaka, Lapeer, Michigan. Our Troop has rented a cabin, with a limit of 12 people, Crow's Nest, for the weekend and we will go out on Friday evening, January 23, at 6:00 P.M. We will be home at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Scouts may participate in the Klondike Derby only or in the cabin campout and Klondike Derby together. If you are participating in the Klondike Derby only you will need to be at Camp Holaka by 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 24. You may be picked up at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Permission Slips will be available on Monday, December 1, 2008 and must be turned in on Monday, January 5, (preferable) or January 12, 2009.

How to plan a meeting

Pre-Opening-15 minutes (planned by youth leadership-could include a uniform inspection)

Opening-5 minutes-normal opening-planned by youth leadership

Skills Instruction-30 minutes (has to have a new Scouts instruction, experienced Scouts instruction, and an older Scouts instruction)-planned by patrol doing the meeting

Patrol Corners-20 minutes-talk about upcoming events and activities (has the entire group together and split up into patrols to talk about upcoming activities)-planned by the patrol doing the meeting

Interpatrol Activity-10 minutes-a type of game (incorporated within the skills instruction)-planned by the patrol doing the meeting

Closing-5 minutes-normal closing-Youth Leadership

After Meeting-Patrol Leaders Council-planned by the Senior Patrol Leader

Patrol Leader Responsibility

Plan for the meeting(s) that you have volunteered to do

Must lead their patrol during every Scout event

They lead by example every Scout function

Must be in complete Scout uniform at every Scout function

Must make sure that their patrol is always doing with is told and is always in line

Always make sure that they AND their patrol listens to their youth leadership.

• New Horizons District Klondike Derby-additional information

The weather may well be COLD! Come prepared to spend the entire day Saturday outdoors in possibly single digit or lower two digit temperatures. That means dressing for the weather – layers, extra socks, warm boots (no sneakers), etc. Review the items below and your Scout handbook and be aware of the techniques and procedures for prevention of and first aid for hypothermia and frostbite AND keep an eye out for the other Scouts in your patrol or whom you meet on the trail. You are unlikely to recognize the symptoms in yourself which is why prevention is so important.

We will meet at 6:00 P.M. and depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot for Camp Holaka on Friday, January 23, 2009. We should arrive back at the Fenton Collision parking lot around 11:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. This will be a cabin campout but this cabin is one of the older buildings at Camp Holaka and, while it has a furnace, it is not well insulated. This cabin is limited to 12 people for sleeping purposes.

PARENTS: if any Scouts wish to attend for Saturday only, we may need some extra drivers for both boys and and any last minute equipment on they bring. Please contact the Scoutmaster or Mr. Cox if you are able to provide transportation either to or from Camp Holaka in Lapeer. Scouts, you will have to demonstrate that you have adequate clothing or you won't be allowed to attend – this included hats/gloves as well as proper footwear. If you don't wear it, be ready to show where its packed. Have BREAKFAST AND ARRIVE BY 8:00 A.M.

SCOUTS ATTENDING KLONDIKE ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR OWN "TIN FOIL DINNER" FOR SATURDAY'S LUNCH. Recipe and directions for a tin foil dinner are included.

Winter Health Concerns

Frostbite

Frostbite is the most common injury resulting from exposure to severe cold. Superficial frostbite is characterized by gray or yellowish patches on affected areas. The skin remains soft and pliable, but becomes red and flaky after thawing. Treat superficial frostbite by taking the victim inside immediately and warming the affected areas with warm, not hot, water. Deep frostbite usually affects the feet or hands and is characterized by waxy, pale, solid skin, which may turn blue or purple upon thawing. Large blisters may also appear. Treat deep frostbite by moving the victim indoors and seeking medical attention immediately.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature drops below 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms of this condition include uncontrollable shivering, impaired speech and clumsy movements.

Severe hypothermia may produce rigid muscles, dark and puffy skin, irregular heart and respiratory rates, and unconsciousness.

Treat hypothermia by protecting the victim from further heat loss and calling for immediate medical attention. Carefully remove the victim's clothing if it is wet, but avoid rubbing the victim's skin. Give artificial respiration or CPR (if you are trained) as necessary.

Preventing cold-related illnesses

Avoid frostbite and hypothermia when you are exposed to cold temperatures by eating a well-balanced diet and drinking warm, non-alcoholic, caffeine-free liquids to maintain fluid levels. Avoid becoming wet, as wet clothing loses 90 percent of its insulating value.

Wear several layers of clothing to insulate your body by trapping warm, dry air inside. Loosely woven cotton and wool clothes best trap air and resist dampness. The head and neck lose heat faster than any other part of the body. Your cheeks, ears and nose are the most prone to frostbite. Wear a hat, scarf and turtleneck sweater to protect these areas. "The old adage, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' really rings true when you're out in the cold weather". "Remember, there's no substitute for common sense when it comes to making safety a part of everything we do. Dress appropriately, maintain a good diet and stay hydrated. It may take a little extra time to bundle up, but it's important to do the right things to stay safe and healthy during the cold winter months."

THE JUDGES WORD IS FINAL-Plan so every Scout can understand and will know whether he succeeded or not. The Mayor in charge of that city has the final word.

Again this year they will announce winners and have hot cocoa available after the derby. There will be an additional award this year for the best sled. This will be judged after the event to determine how well the sled held up during the competition. In order to be considered for this award you must arrive with your sled at the Pirate's Cove flag at 4:30 P.M. You should be able to be on the road by 5:30 P.M. (at the latest)

EQUIPMENT LIST

The following is the equipment needed by each patrol:

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| Bring outer wear and clothing appropriate for the weather. | |
| Notebook and Pencil | Pouch |
| Patrol Flag | Two blankets |
| Scout stave or 6' pole for each Scout | 8-six foot lengths of sash cord or ¼" rope per patrol |
| Flint and steel (fire making kit) | One flashlight (extra batteries AND bulb might be nice) |
| One small tent | Adequate raingear for each Scout |
| Cocoa for each Scout | Pot to cook cocoa in |
| Cup for each Scout | Lunch for each Scout (see tin foil instructions included with the handout) |
| At least four quarts of water for cooking and clean-up | |
| Fuel for cooking (AND COMPETITION STATIONS) | |

Troop 219 Cabin Campout for the Klondike Derby
January 23th through January 25th, 2009
PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM
(RETURN-WITH \$25.00 PAYMENT AT JANUARY 5, 2009, SCOUT MEETING)
(Klondike Derby Only fee will be \$7.00)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name _____

Method of Payment: Individual's Account _____
Check Amount and Number _____
Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to attend the New Horizons District Klondike Derby and Troop 219 Cabin Campout from 6:00 P.M. Friday, January 23 through 11:00 A.M. Sunday, January 25, 2009 at Camp Holaka, Lapeer, Michigan. Transportation arrangements will be made by the Troop. Scouts should be dropped off with their equipment prior to the 6:00 P.M. departure time from the Fenton Collision parking lot. Scouts **must be picked up** at this same location **at 11:00** A.M. on Sunday.

In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be reached by telephone or other reasonable means, I hereby **(DO)** give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injections, surgery and do whatever appears medically necessary for my child.

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Medical Insurance Numbers: _____

Allergies or other medical information: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date- _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Tel. No: () _____ Alternate Tel. No: () _____

Person to contact in an emergency if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Relationship to Scout: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

SPECIAL HEALTH OR DIETARY NOTES UPDATE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:

New Horizons District Klondike Derby ONLY
Saturday, January 24, 2008
PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

(RETURN-WITH \$7.00 PAYMENT AT JANUARY 5, 2008, SCOUT MEETING)

REGISTRATION: Adult or Scout's Name _____

Method of Payment: Individual's Account _____

Check Amount and Number _____

Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to attend the New Horizons District Klondike Derby with Boy Scout Troop 219 on Saturday, January 28, 2009, at Camp Holaka, Lapeer, Michigan. We will depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot at 6:45 A.M. that morning. You should arrive at 6:30 A.M. You may be picked up at this same location at approximately 6:00 P.M. that evening.

You must have breakfast prior to arrival at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, January 19,

In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be reached by telephone or other reasonable means, I hereby **(DO)** give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injections, surgery and do whatever appears medically necessary for my child.

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