

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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- **New Horizons District Swim Program-update**

This Friday, December 12, 2008, is the second session of the New Horizons District Swim Program. Time from 7-8 P.M. is for Second and First Class Swim Skills. A unit usually brings someone to help the Scouts through these skills.

It is not too late to start working on the Swimming Merit Badge, from 8-10 P.M. To be able to complete the Swimming Merit Badge you will have to attend both sessions 2 and 3.

If you are working on Lifesaving Merit Badge you must make the second and third and final sessions of the program to have be able to complete all of the skills. If you miss session 2 or session 3 you will most likely receive a partial completion of the merit badge.

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

RECHARTER: Your paperwork and payments should have been turned in by tonight, December 8, 2008. If you have not done so please contact Mr. Cox, our Committee Chairman, immediately, as we are trying to wrap everything up by the end of this month and get our Charter turned in before the end of next month. If you need assistance of any kind see Mr. Cox, Mr. Miller or myself to see what can be done to help you.

OA DUES: Dues are payable at the Council Service Center for the 2009 year by the end of December. Dues are \$15.00. A GOLD CARD may be purchased for \$55 which will pay your 2009 dues, OA Winter Banquet and the Spring and Fall Conclaves. It does offer a savings.

- **Fenton First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive and Fenton Area JingleFest**

Thanks to the Scouts and adults who arrived at 7:30 A.M. to help unload and set up for the blood drive. Also, thanks to the Scouts and adults who returned in the afternoon to help take down and pack up the Red Cross stuff and repack their van and then set up the Church Social Room and Conference Room for use by the Church on Sunday. We were not scheduled to return in the afternoon by our help was needed at that last minute and we met that need.

Also, thanks to those Scouts and adults who made it to the JingleFest portion of our service weekend.

- **New Horizons District RoundTable and OA Chapter Meeting**

These December RoundTable and OA Chapter Meeting will be held this Thursday, December 11, 2008. The December RoundTable will be abbreviated to allow for a Christmas party to be held this same night. The meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held at the Fenton Road Baptist Church. See Mr. Hussar or Matt Rybar for additional information

- **Pack 158 Webelos Crossover**

Pack 158 will hold their next Pack Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. It will start at 6:30 P.M. in the Commons Area of Lake Fenton High School. We will need several Scouts (Troop Guides and Junior Leadership) in attendance as they will be crossing three Webelos into Boy Scouting. See Mr. Hussar, Jordan Dagenais, Travis Nolkemper or Mr. Nolkemper to volunteer.

- **Tin Foil Dinner Competition**

Monday, January 5, 2009 each patrol is supposed to bring the ingredients and materials necessary to assemble a tin foil dinner. This will be done right after the opening so that they may be put into the oven, by 7:20 P.M., and then judged by several members of the Troop Committee. This is being done so that Scouts all know how to prepared the "typical" tin foil dinner as each patrol will need a hot lunch during the Klondike Derby and these are the best way to do that and be guaranteed a hot meal.

- **2nd Annual Order of the Arrow Lock-In**

The Lock-in is set for Saturday night, January 10, 2009 at 9:00 P.M. and runs into Sunday morning. Scouts should be picked up at 6:30 A.M. There will be racquetball, open gym, a quiet room, pizza, pop, and LOTS of fun.

ALL SCOUTS

INVITED!

Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship!

See Handout # 8 for additional details.

- **Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet**

The Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, January 11, 2009, 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**

Crow's Nest is limited to 12 overnight guests. Two of those will have to be adults and the remaining 10 will be on a first come-first gets to go basis. All of the paperwork and information was included in Handout No. 8, dated December 1, 2008. The electrical system, insulation and rear wall repairs have all been completed with only the smoke/fire alarm system to be turned up and accepted by the State.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our Scouts and their families.

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