Troop 219 Informational Handout

(www.troop219.org)

• Troop Committee Meeting

Our next Troop Committee Meeting will be held this Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Parents are invited to attend.

• Eagle Scout Board of Review is scheduled

A District Level Board of Review has been scheduled for David Congdon on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

• Food at Scout Meetings:

I have brought this up in the past and am bringing it up again:

If you need to bring food into a Scout meeting then make sure that you either eat it before the meeting begins or after the meeting. We cannot have people eating during meeting times. It is not polite and certainly does not look good.

• Scout Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, February 1, 2009, is Scout Sunday.

The twelfth point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent".

Being reverent means many things but within the Boy Scouts it starts with a personal belief in God and a strong respect for the religious beliefs of others. Our troop is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton although it is believed that only a very small minority of our troop membership actually belongs to or attends worship services there. This year, on Scout Sunday, February 8, 2009, we will have an opportunity to live up to the twelfth point of the Scout Law in the following way: Early in the morning we will hold a pancake breakfast at the church. Scouts will cook, serve and clean up (and you will be fed also). After that we'll attend the 11:00 A.M. Service upstairs and then serve another meal after the service. We will be serving at 8:00 A.M. for those people attending the 9:00 A.M. service and then cleaning up and getting reset for the 11:00 A.M. Service. We will keep the grill open until 10:30 A.M. for anyone who wishes to eat after the first service, for those who arrive for the 10:00 A.M. adult bible study and also for any members who might like breakfast before the 11:00 A.M. service. **All Scouts are invited to attend the 11:00 A.M. service, in full uniform.** You might make whatever arrangements you need to fulfill your own, different religious responsibilities either beforehand or afterward, IF attending this service does not fulfill your personal devotional requirements. Because of the importance of this particular point of the Scout Law as well as the importance of showing appreciation to our sponsoring organization I will weigh participation in this particular activity heavily in considering the "scout spirit" advancement requirement for all ranks.

• New Horizons District Klondike Derby for 2009

CAMPERS: If you are camping we will depart from the Fenton Collision parking lot at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, January 23, 2009. You may be picked up there (Fenton Collision) on Sunday at approximately 11:00 A.M. If you are coming out for the Klondike Derby on Saturday you need to arrive by 8:15 A.M.

KLONDIKE DERBY ONLY: I know we will need drivers on Saturday and would appreciate it if you could let me know who could drive and get me the information so that we may complete the Local Tour Permit for the Saturday only people. This needs to be completed on Monday, January 19, 2009.

Scouts who are attending needed to bring the equipment that they provided for their patrol Monday, January 19, 2009. Everything but personal equipment for the campout and your tin foil dinners needs to be brought in next Monday. If you did not remember to bring it then it should be delivered to Mr. Hussar's Tuesday evening, January 20.

• Order of the Arrow Elections

Order of the Arrow elections have been scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009. ELIGIBITY REQUIREMENTS: You must be First Class Scout Rank or above. You must have had 15 nights of camping in the past two years, including 6 days and 5 nights of long term camping (summer camp). Current youth membership includes: Peter Cox, Jordan Dagenais, Adam Eggleston, Chandler Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Matt Hommer, Max McDonald, Travis Nolkemper, Everett Owen, Matt Rybar, Shannon Schiess, and Andrew Weston. Current Adult membership includes: Mr. John Cohoon, Mr. Dennis Cox, Mr. Hussar, Mr. Miller, Mr. William Sarosy, Mr. John (JT) Waters, Dr. Waters, Mrs. Lenore Whitmer, Mr. Mike Witzgall, Mr. Kenny Witzgall, Mr. Larry Zimbler, and Mr. Dan Zimbler.

• Troop Swim

We have scheduled a Troop Swim for Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Holly High School Pool, 6161 E. Holly Rd. Enter through the double doors on the west end of the school. The cost has been $2.00 per person. Scouts who need to work on Second and First Class swim skills will have an opportunity to do so if they wish. We will not be doing Summer Camp Swim Checks at this time.

• Summer Camp Leader's Meeting

There is a summer camp leader's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009. After that date I will know the cost for summer camp and will work with the committee to establish a payments schedule which will then be released. Our week at Camp Tapico is Sunday, July 5 through Saturday, July 11, 2009.

• Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, Ohio=day trip.

The Patrol Leader's Council put this on the planning calendar last June and decided to leave it on the calendar at their next meeting in August. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is open from 10:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. The last time this trip was made we had lunch before we entered the museum and the had dinner on the way home. The actual time in the museum is suggest as between 2.5 and 3.5 hours. This trip is on the unit calendar for March 7, 2009 with permission slips and payments turned in on or before Monday, February 9, 2009. Family members may attend.

SHOW OF INTEREST IS ATTACHED and a flyer was inserted in each Scout mailbox. Please complete and return by January 26, 2009.

While there are a number of packages available the basic group rate is:

Adults (age 19-64)-$16.75 Seniors (65+)-$14.35

Students/Youth (9-18)-$11.35 Students/Youth (8 and under)-Free.

Chaperones are required and provided complimentary admission at a 1:10 ratio. This information is from the listing on their web site for 2008-subject to change. Since this trip will be made using personal cars there will be adjustments to the fees to cover gas, parking and Turnpike Tolls and you will need additional monies for lunch and dinner and souvenirs. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum web site is http://www.rockhall.com.

• Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop 2009.

Applications and a deposit are required by February 4, 2009. There is a meeting for all interested participants this Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1310 N. Main St., Lapeer, Michigan at 7:00 P.M. Additional information available at www.misst127.org or see Mr. Zimbler or our website.

• Troop 179 Lock-In (preliminary information)

The annual Troop 179 Lock-In will be held at Mt. Morris High School (northwest corner of Neff and Mr. Morris Rds.) on Friday, March 13, 2009. Registration starts at 7:00 P.M. and the lock-in ends at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 9, 2008. Several merit badges will be offered and include Reading, Music, Citizenship in the (?) and Swimming. The gym will be open from 9 P.M. until 6 A.M. The pool will be open until midnight. You may bring board games and card games. Movies will be playing all night in the auditorium. The cost is $15.00 per Scout and $10.00 per adult. Pizza will be served at midnight and doughnuts will be served at 6:00 A.M. A concession stand will be open all night. Door prize drawings will be help shortly before the end of the lock-in. A Permission Slip will be forth coming when the details are fully known. Parents will be needed for transportation but may also attend.

• Scouting for Food Bag Distribution:

DATE CORRECTION: The Tall Pine Council Scouting for Food Drive will begin with bag distribution on Saturday, March 21, 2009. We will need parental involvement to take the Scouts to our designated neighborhoods. We will meet at the Church at 9:00 A.M. for deployment to our areas to distribute the bags. This could take an hour or less with good participation and ALL Scouts are expected to participate.

• Scouting for Food Bag Pickup:

DATE CORRECTION: We will meet again on Saturday, March 28, 2009, to return to the neighborhoods where bags were distributed to pick them up and return them, first to the church, and then to a centrally located collection point. This has been the VG's parking lot on Silver Parkway in Fenton. We will meet once again at the church at 9:30 A.M. and deploy from there. Please make sure that your sign in on each day of the program.

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Boy Scout Troop 219

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ATTACHMENT: **Show of Interest Form for**:

Pancake Breakfast, February 8, 2009
Swim Night, February 23, 2009
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, March 7, 2009
Troop 179 Lock-In, March 13-14, 2009
Scouting for Food Bag Distribution, Saturday, March 21, 2009
Scouting for Food Bag Pick-Up, Saturday, March 28
First Year Scouts Campout and Wilderness Campout, April 24-26, 2009
Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee, May 8-10, 2009
Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2009
Fenton Fourth of July Parade, Saturday, July 4, 2009
Summer Camp, Sunday, July 5-Saturday, July 11, 2009

Please Complete and Return on Monday, January 26, 2009

Show of Interest Form-review, complete, sign and copy then Return by Monday, January 26, 2009

Date	Activity	PARTICIPATE	
		YES	NO
January 25	NH District Klondike Derby- Camp Holaka		
February 8	Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast		
February 23	Troop Swim at Holly High School Pool		
March 7	Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, Ohio		
March 13 – March 14	Troop 179 Lock-in, Mt. Morris High School		
March 21	Scouting for Food Bag Distribution		
March 28	Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up		
April 24 – April 26	First Year Scouts Campout- Wilderness Campout-for all other Scouts		
May 8 – May 10	20th Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee, London, Ontario, Canada		
May 25	Fenton Memorial Day Parade		
July 4	Fenton Freedom Festival Parade		
Sunday, July 5-Saturday, July 11, 2008	Summer Camp – Camp Tapico		

DEADLINES:
See the Troop Calendar for Deadlines for registering for any of the above listed events.

A Summer Camp Payment Schedule will be developed at the Troop Committee Meeting on January 21, 2009.