

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base



Summer Camp Leader's Guide

Over 50 Years Of Safe, Quality, Fun Filled Program

Michigan Crossroads Council

Boy Scouts of America

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Mission Statement

Cole Canoe Base promises to deliver a Safe, Quality, Fun-Filled Program.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and
To obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation minded.

Scout Slogan

Do A Good Turn Daily

Let these rules guide your time in camp. Doing so will make your stay here more enjoyable. In addition, people around you will be influenced and encouraged by your positive example.

Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.



The Aims and Methods of Scouting

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide an effective program for youth designed to accomplish the following Aims of Scouting: Participating In Citizenship, Growth In Moral Strength And Character, Development In Physical, Mental And Emotional Fitness.

These purposes are accomplished by using the following eight defined Methods of Scouting:

- Scouting Ideals
- Leadership
- Advancement
- Outdoors Program
- Adult Association
- Patrol Method
- Uniform
- Personal Growth

The camp staff and troop leadership must be aware of the Aims and Methods of Scouting to achieve them. Scouting principles must guide all actions in camp and during scouting events.

The information provided in this manual is specifically for Cole Canoe Base Summer Camp and High Adventure Program. For information pertaining to the other programs offered, visit the council web site at www.michiganscouting.org

The Michigan Crossroads Council operates under the troop camping plan, which entails:

Each Unit Provides

- Scouts eager to have outdoor adventure.
- Adult leadership of at least two (2) adults at all times.
- Transportation to and from camp.
- Camp fees, which cover the cost of food, leadership, equipment, and camp staff.

The Michigan Crossroads Council Provides

- Quality campgrounds and facilities.
- All program equipment.
- Wholesome and plentiful food.
- Qualified camp specialists in Scouting skills.
- Fun And Adventure!



What is Edward N. Cole Canoe Base?

- Edward N. Cole Canoe Base offers a High Adventure type program normally offered only at the National High Adventure Bases. In addition, Cole Canoe Base also offers a full service traditional summer camp program, and is completely equipped to assist you and your unit with all of your in-camp needs for advancement, merit badge, and other program needs.
- Cole Canoe Base differs from the program you may have experienced at any other summer camp, in that, it is a less structured program. The emphasis at Cole Canoe Base is on canoeing and camping skills that are part of the foundation of the scouting program. Our staff will go out of its way to give you the kind of program your unit wants both on and off the river.
- Cole Canoe Base offers training in canoeing, canoeing safety, and related skills. We also offer over 100 Merit Badges.
- Cole Canoe Base can be for the experienced troop, as well as, the inexperienced troop. Our staff will assist you in all the training necessary to insure your troop has an outstanding camping experience. The new troop will really have a fun learning experience and get their program on track for fun and adventure in a true Scouting adventure. The newest Boy Scout will have an exciting experience at Cole Canoe Base.
- Cole Canoe Base is one of 7 facilities in the Michigan Crossroads Council, offering a long-term camping experience and High Adventure opportunities to Co-ed Explorer Posts and Venture Crews. The Base is extreme fun!
- The Rifle River is one of a very few large rivers in Michigan that is without dams and is protected by the Department of Natural Resource's "Wild River Act". It is not deep, but clean and also fast. There are no real "bad" spots in the river, but it does have a few riffles. No problems for even the beginner canoeist. You will travel through beautiful country with wildlife often seen. Fishing (including trout) is considered good. Wildlife sightings are an everyday experience.
- The Rifle River, which flows through Cole Canoe Base, is often considered to be one of the safest canoeing rivers in Michigan. Due to its shallow depth, even if one tips over they are normally able to stand up.
- Cole Canoe Base has over 130 canoes equipped with new paddles and US Coast Guard approved Personal Flootation Devices. Cole Canoe Base will provide transportation and canoes for each unit. Voyager tents with floors and mosquito netting are available in a limited supply on a first come first serve basis for a nominal fee. Protection from insects is a must on the river. Canoeists must have closed toed shoes that secure to the feet at all times while on the river. We recommend old tennis shoes. No sandals or water shoes.
- Your camp fee includes all canoes for your river trip. Check in Sunday at 12:30 p.m., but no later than 2:30 p.m. You may check in on Saturday between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Our Staff is on hand to serve you on Saturday.
- The First Year Camper Program is extremely popular! Your New Scouts will be hooked on Scouting!



History of Edward N. Cole Canoe Base

- 1964 Purchased from Bob and Wilma Foresman.
- 1967 Purchased two 40-acre parcels from Consumers Power Company.
- 1968 Purchased river frontage at Base Camp from Consumers Power Company. Built five campsites: Deer Run, Lucky Portage, Silver Creek, Broken Paddle, and Maple Flats.
- 1969 First summer camp at then named Rifle River Scout Canoe Base.
- 1974 10th Anniversary of Rifle River Canoe Base. Ranger shop built.
- 1975 Ranger's home built.
- 1976 Suspension bridge erected across Rifle River and shower building built by Bolivian Peace Corps Training Units. Bosco Lake developed and filled by Army Corps. of Engineering.
- 1977 Camp renamed Edward N. Cole Canoe Base, funds donated by Edward Cole, VP General Motors Corp., and Detroit Area Council President in 1962. Service building and Bosco Lake completed.
- 1979 Health lodge and rifle range built.
- 11-2-79 Memorial flag pole at service building dedicated.
- 1983 First full service season of summer camp. Also first 100% National Inspection. Pavilion built and dedicated by Troop 191 from the Thunderbird District of the Michigan Crossroads Council.
- 1984 Twentieth anniversary of Cole Canoe Base.
- 1985 Front entrance built and dedicated to Ken Poulson
- 1986 Purchase of 640 acres from the Greenwood Sportsman Club by the Martins and the Slaviks.
- 6-27-87 Dedication of Don and Olive Martin Wilderness property.
- 7-18-87 Dedication of Joseph F. Slavik and Stephen F. Slavik, Sr. Wilderness property.
- 1992 Claycomb Eco-Con pavilion opened and dedicated in July. White Pine cabin built by USMC.
- 1993 Eco-Con Learning Center opened and vehicle storage building built.
- 1994 30th Anniversary of Cole Canoe Base. New Broken Paddle campsite opened. New shotgun range opened. Rifle range pavilion built and archery range remodeled.
- 1995 Otto F. Kamman Shotgun range built and dedicated.
- 1996 Big pavilion addition, new trading post (The River Store) and new crafts pavilion built. Waterfront - Borich flagpole dedication. Bosco Lake boating area pavilion built.
- 1997 Cosgro Campfire area dedicated. Lucky Portage, Aspen, and Broken Paddle campsites adopted. Michael Wearn Chapel opened and dedicated. New latrines in Broken Paddle and High Banks
- 1998 Electrical Power to Eco-Con and second Eco-Con Learning Center opened. Deer Run, Maple Flats, and Silver Creek campsites adopted. New Gateway built. Rifle River campsite enlarged and adopted. Archery pavilion built. Sporting Clays event added at Kamman Shotgun range.
- 1999 Electrical power to Eco-Con, Rifle Range and Cosgro Campfire Area. Rifle Range rebuilt and expanded.
- 2000 New Shower Building built and opened. New Latrines in: Rapids, Archery/Rifle River and North Landing.
- 2001 New latrine built in Aspen. Two new campsites developed south of Silver Creek.
- 2002 New outpost campsite. Whispering Pines developed west of the river. OKPIC Cold Weather Camp developed. New latrine at Deadwood. Deadwood and Deadwood Oaks campsites adopted
- 2003 Kamman Admin. Center remodeled and dedicated. New latrine in Maple Flats. Crafts and Outdoor Adventure pavilions expanded. Bouldering Wall built in climbing area
- 2004 40th Anniversary of Cole Canoe Base. Main Pavilion expanded and dedicated to John Dumas. Cosgro Campfire Arena expanded. New latrine at Lucky Portage. Kamman Center remodeled inside. Climbing/repelling tower built. Vehicle building burned and rebuilt
- 2005 New Silver Creek latrine. New swimming dock. New covered archery firing line. Built and dedicated Dedene Archery Range. New pavilion built in Deadwood by T-1736. Aquatics storage building added
- 2006 New White Pine and Deer Run latrine; new swimming dock area
- 2007 Aquatics latrine torn down and rebuilt. New kayak storage racks built. New pavilion in Aspen built by Troop 86. Last leg of swimming dock replaced. Bathrooms in the Kamman Center gutted and refurbished. CCB is the first high adventure camp to host a National Camping School in the history of the BSA.
- 2008 New Bridgeview latrine built. Silver Creek campsite expanded. The River Store expanded in memory of Dawn Chutorash. Anniversary gateway built.
- 2009 45th Anniversary of Cole Canoe Base. First new campsite built in some years: Silver Springs.
- 2010 Human Foosball court donated by Troop 179. High Power pistol range built. High Banks campsite adopted. Brick paver walkway put in at the Kamman Center. 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
- 2011 First year camper program built and put into operation, thanks to a OA national service grant and Migisi Opawgan lodge generosity. New Eco/Con learning covered deck constructed. High Banks campsite pavilion constructed.
- 2012 Crafts Pavilion to be expanded, new latrine in Buckhorn campsite. New volleyball and ball diamond to be added to Outdoor Skills. Paintball Course Rapid River Campsite Developed.
- 2013 49th Anniversary of Cole Canoe Base. Year long celebration of 50 years. New Home in the MCC. 2 new campsites, New Pavilions in , Staff area expanded, Wells Nature Trail rebuilt and enhanced, ATV Course, new latrine for Rapid River campsite. Silver Creek, Maple Flats, and Cosgro production new area pavilions built.
- 2014 50th Anniversary of Cole Canoe Base! Cole Family Camp (RV Trailer Park) opened. Broken Paddle Hiking Trail expanded. Wells
- 2015 Family Camp shower built. Rifle River Site received built Pavilion. Dumas Pavilion doubled in size with 20X100 addition. Sledding hill built. Health Lodge Renovated to accommodate weekend cabin camping;. New staff hut built. Expanded Boating Pavilion and added 10X12 Boathouse.
- 2016 Dumas Pavilion extension phase 2 completed. Maple Ridge Campsite Pavilion completed.
- 2017 Dumas Pavilion completed with dishwasher station and restrooms. Skills trade area and Auto Bay completed. ATV Pavilion build and high power range completed. 2 new Chevy Express vans given to camp by MCC executive Board,

Check-In and First Day Outline

IT IS REQUIRED THAT EVERYONE STAYING IN CAMP HAVE A MEDICAL FORM PROPERLY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY A DOCTOR AND A PARENT.

NOTE: Camper Release Section on the medical form **MUST** be filled out by parents

Welcome Home!

Early Arrival

Early arrival on Saturday is recommended. The camp office will be open until 8PM. Arrival is not allowed prior to 2pm, as campsite cleanup/ prep is needed for your arrival. Food is available at an extra cost for units that arrive early. The first meal that is provided is Sunday dinner.

Saturday Check-in

You may bring your unit to camp for set up on Saturday instead of Sunday. Please check in Saturday afternoon between 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. We ask that you inform the Camp Office when you arrive in camp. There is camp staff available on Saturday, and you can check the map outside the office for your troop's location. We will do our best to perform health and swim checks as well.

Your unit can conduct swim tests before arriving. See the MCC resource page for required forms.

The Sunday Program

- Move into your campsite and start setting up camp no later than 2:30pm
- Turn in your camp roster to your staff host when he comes to your site
- Your staff host will take your unit through the check-in process. At this time, campers and leaders will need to be in bathing suits and have their medical forms properly filled out and SIGNED by a parent AND medical doctor. Having BOTH signatures is REQUIRED.
- Your check-in process will include: Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training, a medical check, a swim check in Bosco Lake and a tour of the camp.
- At 5:00 p.m., there will be a meeting with all leaders while your Scouts and Ventures will be taken on a camp tour by a staff member. At the meeting, leaders will hear a presentation from each of program area directors, the Camp Director, and Camp Program Director.
- There will be a camp wide Flag Retreat ceremony at 8:15 p.m.
- Dinner will be prepared for the entire camp and served at the Dumas Pavilion at 6:30p.m. Please bring your plates / utensils / cups for dinner. Camp will provide stations for washing . This will give units more time to set up camp. For units on the "Do-it-yourself" food plan, this is optional. If you desire to participate, you must indicate this at check in and pay \$7.50 per person at that time. Most units find this helpful and enjoy the fellowship.
- Program sign-up will take place at 8:20 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. Final sign up for Merit Badges and Leaders can sign-up for canoe trips, rump bump, and other program areas at this time.



The Programs at Cole Canoe Base

The program at Cole Canoe Base is designed for first, second, third, and fourth year campers who want to achieve advancement by earning merit badges and learning Scouting skills. This is an opportunity for Scouts to work on various "outdoor" merit badges and to have fun by participating in numerous activities. It's an important aspect of summer camp, since many troops don't have resources such as canoes, rowboats, or archery and rifle ranges, and many of the other outdoor resources required for advancement in Scouting. A Scout cannot do everything in camp. There are so many activities possible; it is impossible for a Scout to do them all. The next few pages briefly describe various activities in the traditional program.

The summer camp program includes many activities in the following areas:

AQUATICS	MAIN STREET, USA
OUTDOOR SKILLS	FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM
ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION	RANGER'S CORNER
SHOOTING SPORTS	Camp-Wide and IN-CAMP ACTIVITIES
HANDICRAFTS	HIGH ADVENTURE CAMPING
ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGES	LOW IMPACT / NO-TRACE CAMPING
CLIMBING, BOULDERING, RAPPELLING	LEAVE NO TRACE
COSGRO PRODUCTION COMPANY	BEAST FEAST

Eagle Required Merit Badges

Cole offers Eagle Required Merit Badges In camp. Check specific program areas for these badges:

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| - Camping | - Citizenship in the Community | - Citizenship in the Nation |
| - Citizenship in the World | - Communications | - Cooking |
| - Cycling | - Emergency Prep | - Environmental Science |
| - Family Life | - First Aid | - Hiking |
| - Life Saving | - Personal Fitness | - Personal Management |
| - Sustainability | - Swimming | |
| - Canoeing | - Lifesaving | - Motorboating* |
| - Rowing | - Small Boat Sailing | - Swimming |

Aquatics

The Cole Canoe Base Aquatics area offers the following standard programs:

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| - Watersports | - Whitewater | - Kayaking |
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In addition Cole Canoe Base offers the following special programs:

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| - Paddlecraft Safety | - Mile Swim / 2 Mile Swim | - Cole Snork Hike |
| - Safety Afloat Instruction | - Snorkeling BSA | - Safe Swim Defense Instruction |
| - Swimming Instruction | - Teddy Bear Swim | - Kayaks |
| - Search and Water Rescue | - SUBA BSA (15-17 yr. Olds only) | |
| - Michigan DNR Safe Boaters Handling Certification** | | |

(*) must be 16 years old
(**) by appointment only

Swim Checks

During the swim check, all scouts and leaders will be classified into one of the following ability groups:

Non-swimmer [WHITE]: Persons who are unable or do not want to swim.

Beginner [RED]: To be classified as a beginner, you must jump feet first in to the water, surface, level off, and swim for 25 feet using any stroke, turning mid-water, and swim back 25 feet to the starting point, for a total of 50 feet.

Swimmer [RED and BLUE]: To be classified as a swimmer, you must jump feet first in to water over your head, surface and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes - crawl, trudgen, breast, or side stroke. Then swim 25 yards using the elementary backstroke with a "frog" style kick. You must then show your ability to float with a minimum of motion.

You must be a "red and blue" swimmer to complete waterfront merit badges.



Outdoor Skills

At Cole Canoe Base we offer the following Outdoor Skills related skills, merit badges, and training subjects:

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| -Athletics | -Low Impact Camping |
| -Backpacking | -Orienteering |
| -Camping | -Paul Bunyan Woodsman |
| -Cooking | -Personal Fitness |
| -Cycling | -Pioneering |
| -Emergency Preparedness | -Safety |
| -Fireman's Chit | -Sports |
| -Hiking | -Totin' Chip |
| -Indian Lore | -Wilderness Survival |
| -Chess | |
| -Geocaching | |



THE MONDAY NIGHT BEAST FEAST



First Year Camper Program Area

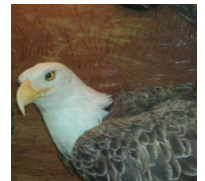
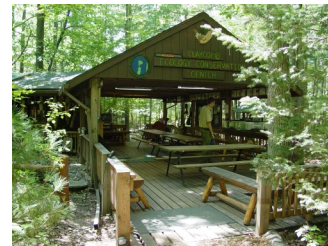
This program provides an excellent opportunity to give your new Scouts a giant step towards the First Class rank. However, the program is designed to provide scouts with a comprehensive view of what Cole Canoe Base has to offer. Scouts are also able to complete those last few requirements for their next rank, while still having time to complete one or two merit badges for a successful week. Cole Canoe Base has planned as many activities to expose new scouts to what Cole Canoe Base has to offer. Among these are of course the Fireman Chit, and Totin' Chip, but also an afternoon on the beautiful Rifle River. Let the Cole Canoe Base Staff know what your Scouts needs are and we can make the program work for them. First year adults are also encouraged to experience the program as well. Unit leader participation is required where additional supervision is required.

ECO/CON

The Claycomb Ecology/Conservation Area Center

What better place to experience nature and explore the ecology and conservation fields than at Cole Canoe Base? The following ecology related merit badge subjects are offered:

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| -Astronomy (+night class) | -Conservation projects |
| -Bird Study & Bird Walks | -Mammal Study |
| -Energy | -Nature |
| -Environmental Science | -Oceanography |
| -Fish & Wildlife Management | -Pulp & Paper |
| -Fishing | -Plant Science |
| -Fly Fishing | -Reptile & Amphibian Study |
| -Forestry | -Soil & Water Conservation |
| -Geology | -Space Exploration |
| -Insect Study | -Trail Boss |
| -Archaeology | -Guided Nature Hikes |
| | -Weather |

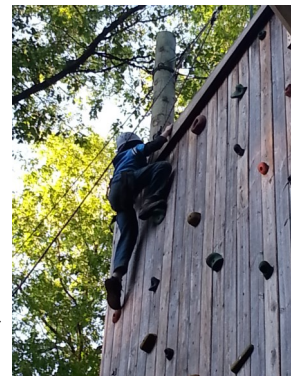


Climbing/Rappelling Zipline Program

Cole Canoe Base offers several different climbing options to the scouts of your unit. Each is designed to offer climbing opportunities to even the least experienced members of your unit.

The Bouldering Wall: A 12 foot high multi angle climbing surface. Offers climbers a unique challenge of climbing horizontally.

The Climbing Tower: Soaring in at over 35 feet above the ground, the Cole Canoe Base climbing tower offers climbers a multi-faced simulated rock climbing experience. The tower also offers the ability to rappel. Make sure you sign up to take on this high rise of an attraction, when you soar to new heights with the Climbing Merit Badge. The tower is open for both the climbing merit badge and troop climbs. Sign your unit up Sunday night for a night climb or a trip down our new Zip Line.



Shooting Sports

The shooting sports merit badges are challenging because they require excellent marksmanship in addition to the disciplines of safety. Practice is an important aspect of developing these marksmanship skills.

Cole Canoe Base offers the following shooting sports related merit badges:

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| - Rifle Shooting | - Archery | - Sporting clays |
| - Shotgun Shooting | - Paintball | - Chalk Ball |
| - DNR Hunter Safety Certification | | |



In addition, we offer open shooting in both sports, as well as muzzleloader shooting. For obvious reasons of safety, no personal firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or other related combustibles are to be brought to camp. Shooting merit badges are very popular with all scouts. Troop shoots, as well as open shooting time is available for all scouts at all ranges.

Cole Canoe Base offers various handicraft demonstrations and instruction. Cole Canoe Base also

Crafts

"Handicrafts"

offers the following merit badge subjects:

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| - Art | - Basketry | - Music |
| - Game Design | - Composite Materials | - Sculpture |
| - Leatherwork | - Model Design | - Woodcarving* |



Specialty-type craft projects are also available at **The RIVER STORE**. It is well stocked with craft supplies including basket making kits, neckerchief slides (to paint and to carve) and a small amount of leather craft materials. The crafts area provides many supplies needed to complete projects. Don't forget Monday night is four "krafts on fire" program. Crafts "game night" features many board and card games.

Main Street, USA

*note-these badges require pre-requisites

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| - American Heritage | - Fingerprinting | - Reading |
| - Citizenship in the Nation | - Collections | - Law |
| - Citizenship in the World | - First Aid | - Scouting Heritage |
| - Citizenship in the Community | - Crime Prevention | - Disability Awareness |
| - Communications | - Medicine | - Sustainability |
| - American Cultures | - Family Life | |



The Riverstore

Our store offers these innovating merit badges:

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| - Salesmanship | - Entrepreneurship | - Inventing |
| - Personal Management | | |

Ranger's Corner

Our skilled Trade area has these hands on merit badges offered:

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| - Woodwork | - Electricity | - Fire Safety |
| - Automotive Maintenance | - Home Repairs | - Plumbing |
| - Metalwork | - Welding | - Painting |

Cosgro Productions

In our Technology Merit badge Area, you will earn merit badges and work on the Friday campfire program. The **Cosgro Production Program**, which will feature some of the following merit badges:

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| - Graphic Arts | - Theater | - Public Speaking |
| - Public Speaking | - Digital Tech | - Journalism |
| - Photography | - Programming | - Cinematography |



Michigan Hunter Safety Certificate

In addition to the merit badges offered, located down on the rifle range, the range staff also offers a hunter safety program for all Scouts to take. Over the past couple of years, this program has shown a decline in participation. In an effort to stem the decline we have put together an information page to try and bolster participation in the Hunter Safety Program.



Requirements to Participate:

Must be a registered Scout camping at Cole. Second, the Scout must sign up at the specialty merit badge sign at the rifle range table. That is it. All a Scout need do is camp at Cole and sign up for the class at the special event signup Sunday Night. There is no age requirement, no rank requirements, and no skills are necessary. One of the best reasons to take this at summer camp is because of all the equipment and knowledge available to the Scouts. While at camp not only will the Scouts be taught in a classroom setting, but also the Scouts will travel to each range and learn safe gun/bow handling. It is the intent of the staff to construct a hunter safety practical course for the Scouts to show safe gun handling in a real life situation.

Benefits and Other Miscellaneous Information

There are some benefits to earning a certificate in hunter safety. Not only is this free to the Scouts at camp but it is also a great way to learn in a guaranteed safe environment. Not forgetting to mention the obvious benefits of being able to hunt with an experienced hunter and bring food home after a hunting trip. This course is also great for Scouts who do not hunt. This is a great way to learn safe gun handling techniques and procedures that will help keep the Scout safe in all aspects of his or her life. Again we look forward to seeing not only everyone at summer camp but also some more Scouts in the hunter safety program.

Michigan Safe Boat Handling Certificate

Who Needs to Take Boater Safety?

Michigan conservation officers and Michigan county sheriffs encourage all persons operating boats in Michigan to enroll in a boating safety course.

The following rules apply to boaters:

- A person may operate a personal watercraft if he or she obtained a boating safety certificate first.
- Persons born after December 31, 1979 shall not operate a personal watercraft unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.
- The operators of a personal watercraft must carry their boating safety certificate and display it upon the demand of a peace officer



Skills Trades

The Industrial Arts merit badges are challenging because they require concentration in addition to the disciplines of safety. This area is the hands on and introduction to Trade skills. Cole Canoe Base offers the following related merit badges:

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| - Automotive Maintenance | - Electricity | - Fire Safety |
| - Home Repairs | - Metalwork | - Painting |
| - Plumbing | - Welding | - Woodwork |



STEM

The BSA NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, Technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Ventures. Cole Canoe Base offers the following:

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| - Archery | - Astronomy | - Athletics |
| - Canoeing | - Chess | - Motorboating |
| - Orienteering | - Rifle Shooting | - Shotgun Shooting |
| - Small-boat Sailing | - Space Exploration | - Weather |
| - additional others for Venture Program | | |



Order of the Arrow

"Scouting's Honor Society"



What is the Order of the Arrow?

It is a society of Boy Scouts that functions as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Its foremost purpose is to promote and enrich Scout camping. Members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) in a local Scout Council form a Lodge (used as in Native American tradition in the sense of the hunting lodge or the council lodge). Elements of Native American tradition are used in the Order of the Arrow ceremonies for dramatic effect. However, the Native American aspects of the Order should never obscure its objectives. One becomes a member not so much for what he has done, but for what he is expected to do.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

- To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause others to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Cheerful Service

Any OA arrowmen wishing to provide service to our camps while at summer camp can do so by contacting the Camp Director or the camp chief. He will be happy to provide information about service project opportunities.



The Merit Badge Program

There are over 100 merit badges that are offered at Cole Canoe Base this summer. Eagle required merit badges are noted with "Eagle Required". If there is a particular merit badge that you would like that is not on this list, contact the Program Director -- We have a talented and versatile staff and will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Preparation For Merit Badges***

To Help a Scout determine what requirements he should have prepared before camp, we have provided a list of prerequisites on-line. Please ensure these are completed before arriving to camp to ensure a successful completion for merit badge.

A Scout may prepare for 3 or 4 merit badges in the time remaining, before camp. While at camp he should be able to complete these badges with a little effort on his part. In preparation he should fulfill the prerequisites listed. A few of the prerequisites may differ slightly between camps because of instructional material and methods. Some requirements state "DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:" so make sure your Scouts read each set of requirements carefully. The requirement numbers listed were taken from the current Boy Scout Requirements book.

A few merit badges require signed Partials before arriving to camp. Please ensure Scouts understand the difference between Partials and just working on pre-requisites.

Merit Badge Pamphlets:

The entire merit badge pamphlet should be read prior to coming to camp. Scouts are reminded to be sure they have the current merit badge pamphlet. The current revision dates for all merit badge pamphlet can be downloaded from the Michigan Crossroads Council website at www.glcscouting.org. It is strongly recommend that all written reports be completed in ink before coming to camp. All applicable requirements should be done in writing. For example, requirements that use words like, describe, explain, define, are requirements that should be written out prior to arrival at camp.

The requirements listed indicate those that must or should be completed before you arrive at camp. Time to complete each merit badge will vary from boy depending on how prepared he is. If the prerequisites for each merit badge are not completed before camp, our counselors will provide a partial completion for indicating which requirements were passed at camp. It is the Scout's responsibility to obtain the signed merit badge application.

Certain merit badges MUST have requirements completed before the Scout will be permitted to complete any further work on the badge. For safety reasons, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Shooting requirement #1 MUST be done before a Scout may proceed to the shooting portion of the badge.

Merit Badge Sign-up:

Merit badge sign-up is NOW available on-line. All units **MUST** register on-line for merit badge classes. The website is very user friendly. Please keep the following in mind when registering:

- One adult leader should be assigned to register your scouts for merit badges
- Determine an ideal class schedule with all your scouts along with a few alternate merit badges in case the classes they want are full

Scouts need to bring completed merit badge applications (blue cards), signed by the Scoutmaster to class on Monday.

Use the following site for pre-registration: www.Michiganscouting.org

*****DISCLAIMER***** Please refer to the pre-registration website for a more accurate up to date listing.



Camp Wide Activities

Water X-Games

Our Friday afternoon water carnival on Bosco Lake. The most exciting event of the week; canoe events, rowboat events, war canoe races, rump bumping. Most events make use of our special canoes. Your week at Cole prepares your unit for the rodeo.

Rump Bumping/Tubing

For a super experience, try our river tubes. Trips are five miles or less. Quiet, relaxing, gentle, float down the river Mark Twain style – about 45 minutes in length. Longer trips available. Shoes, not sandals, MUST be worn on river.

Bosco Lake Marina

Swimming, boating, sailing, and canoeing activities on the Base's Bosco Lake. Don't forget the war canoe, a real test of troop teamwork. Advanced canoe training, canoe racing, canoe sailing, and many other activities. The Cole Canoe Base aquatics staff are expert instructors in the use of all types of self-propelled watercraft. Try out our canoe slalom course or learn a power paddling technique.

Fishing.

The Rifle River has trout, coho, small mouth bass, and even northern pike. Bosco Lake has also been stocked with large mouth bass, bluegills, perch and pike which are all excellent fishing. Try your hand at a real lunker. Bosco Lake is a catch and release lake. The river is a "keeper" but don't waste.

Fishing License

If you are fishing in the Rifle River, a Michigan fishing license is required if you are 16 years old or older. A camp fishing license is required for Bosco Lake which are available from the Claycomb Ecology / Conservation Center.

Conservation Projects

Work on conservation projects required for the 50 Miler Award as well as Cole Canoe Base Conservation Awards such as the Conservation Award or the Ecologist Awards. The Conservation Award requires three hours of effort on an individual or troop basis. Upon completion, a beautiful patch is available, another special feature only at Cole Canoe Base. Three, five, and ten hour projects are available, as well. For more information please see a staff member from the Claycomb Ecology / Conservation Center.

Broken Paddle Hiking Trail

Hike the Broken Paddle Trail, which has an eight-mile loop and two shorter loops. A patch and medal are available (specific requirements must be completed) for purchase. How about an overnight hike? Try out a low impact camping overnight in Whispering Pines area. The Broken Paddle Trail is a true hiking experience.

Warren K. Wells Nature Trail

Spend time on the Wells Nature Trail. A 1 ¼ mile marked trail along the Silver Creek. A patch and pin are available for purchase at The River Store for those who complete the trail. This has been completely Rebuilt and remarked for 2014.

Eco-Con Live!

A special exhibition of nature, forestry, conservation, and wildlife. Specialists in these subjects present this Wednesday evening program. Different and informative, you won't be bored! Not a lecture but a show and do. A Scouting extra available ONLY at Cole Canoe Base!

"The Campfire"

At Cole Canoe Base, absolutely a fabulous closing campfire program you have ever seen - guaranteed. Bring the whole family and your camera and enjoy! Be part of the fun – Please bring a skit or song to share. Be at Cosgro Campfire Arena on Friday evening 9:00 p.m.

Camp Service Projects

Camp service projects are vast and vary to what you may be looking to assist with. Please contact the Camp Direct for any information and details.

Indian Village

Visit one of our special program areas and spend the night in a teepee, or help carve a totem pole, or do a sand painting in our Indian Village

Beast Feast

The Beast Feast is a super size cooking demonstration and camp wide meal held in Outdoor Skills on Monday evening. Included is the camp wide cooking contest, one of the best you'll ever see! Just imagine turkey, onion rings, battered mushrooms, cobblers, cakes, dutch oven stew, hot rock chicken, buffalo stew, roast venison, bread on a stick and more. Lots of awards and fun. Look for more new fun this summer. You'll want to bring your camera and it's better every year! The Beast Feast is HUGE! Start planning your entries now so you can stump the judge. Each troop is required to enter one dish, large enough to feed 25, in the cooking contest. Two dishes would be MUCH appreciated. Featured in Sept./Oct. 2015 issue of Boy's Life Magazine, look on line for it. Please bring your plates / utensils / cups for dinner. Camp will provide stations for washing .

"Crafts" on Ignited

A great way to end Monday and wind down after the Beast Feast. Come and try your hand at a variety of skills from art to woodcarving and even some tie dying in the mix. A great time is had by all. Don't miss out – see you there. This is an ideal First Year Camper activity.

Lumberjack Festival

Participate in the camp-wide Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Festival featuring lumber camp events. Fun and challenging and everyone wins, more free fun at Cole Canoe Base. This event is held on Thursday evening and is unique, fun, and something you'll talk about all year.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Don't forget our popular Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Bring your friends and chow down on a Paul Bunyan helping of real ice cream and don't spare the toppings. Leaders, try out the "Scoutmaster's Special". We dare you!

Fishing Contest

Calling all fishermen, this event is for you!! This event will take place all week long. Sign up will be at the Claycomb Ecology / Conservation Center. An award will be given for the biggest fish caught during the week.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Will your patrol find all the things on the "list" this week? That's right! Our Scavenger Hunt is no longer just a "one nighter", but the whole week long. IF you really need it. Come and see us at Claycomb Ecology / Conservation Center, to pick up your "list" and get scavengering.

CPR Instruction

Will be held at the Dumas Pavilion on Tuesday evening at 7pm for all Scouts that need it for merit badges. This is NOT a certification. It is HIGHLY recommended that the Scout obtain the certification BEFORE coming to camp. Remember, all waterfront merit badges require this knowledge.

Climbing / Rappelling and Bouldering

Come on down and test your skill "On the wall."

Did We Forget Something?

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| - Power Paddling and Snorkeling, B.S.A. | - Archery Shoot |
| - Night at the Movies | - Rifle Range Best Shot |
| - 12 Gauge Auto Load Shotgun Skeet Range | - Star Hike and Bird Hike |
| - Muzzleloader Rifles | - DNR Hunters Safety certificate |
| - Sporting Clays Round for the "Big Kids" | - Leave No Trace training |
| - Orienteering Course (Land Navigation) | - DNR Safe Boat Handling certificate |
| - SCUBA, BSA | - Low Impact No Trace Camping |
| - Teddy Bear Swim | Training Program |
| - ATV Training | - 285 foot Zipline |

Start packing now for summer camp and see for yourself, what fun and adventure over 100 years of Scouting has in store for you!!!!

High Adventure

The Cole Canoe Base High Adventure Summer Program is designed to provide High Adventure opportunities to experienced Scouts and Scouters prepared to handle the demanding schedule and physical requirements of some of the treks. The Unit's Scoutmaster should determine each participant's ability to handle the High Adventure activity, and deem them fit to participate. The Cole Canoe Base High Adventure Staff reserves the right to disqualify any participant if not deemed physically or emotionally fit enough to have a successful High Adventure Trek. Our program includes Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore 50 mile hike, 100 mile canoe trek on the Fox and Manistique Rivers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 50 mile on the Rifle River, 75 mile on the AuSable, and 35 Mile Grand Island Adventure.

There are many details in the pocket guide for the River Program. Take advantage of the opportunities to earn the BSA 50 miler award. Take the great adventure and participate in the Tri-River Challenge.

Camp has the River Ranger Program designed as an educational program for scouts 14 and older attending Camp. This will teach scouts about river safety, etiquette, and basic rescue techniques with swift water emphasis.

The BSA offers The Retriever Sailing Program right out of Mackinaw City. Week 8 offers the Great Lakes Kayak Adventure.

ATV COURSE

Cole Canoe Base is pleased to offer a certified ATV Course. The program will feature a classroom of knowledge for the participants and then a hands on field course on one of our brand new Honda ATV's. Minimum age is 16, cost is \$40.00, and required 2 hours per day. Upon completion, you will receive a Safe Rider certificate and would be eligible for any experience rider treks held at Camp.



The River Programs

"We make it happen"

With the Rifle River flowing through camp, Cole Canoe Base is able offer many treks on the Rifle River. Current trek offerings include ½ day, 1-day, 2-day, 3-day, and the 4-Day 50-miler Canoe trek. In addition, CCB also offers its units the chance to "Rump Bump" down the Rifle River. Each trek is unique and exciting by offering varying skill difficulty to accommodate the youngest to oldest members of your unit. Following the "General Information", you will find an outline of the various Rifle River Treks offered at Cole Canoe Base.



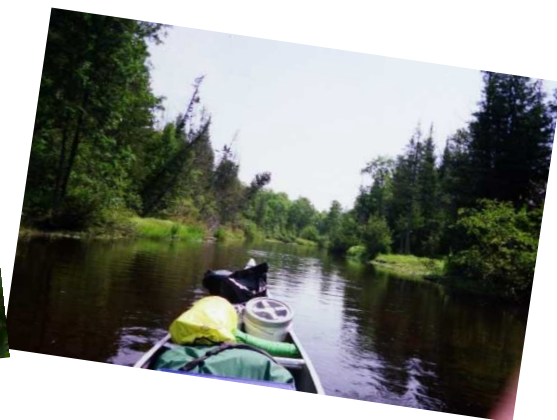
General Information

- The available River Treks charts with mileage, put-in, and take-out points are available at the end of this book.
- Each unit is asked to assist with transportation for their Scouts, to and from the starting and ending locations of the river trip. Cole Canoe Base will provide transportation of canoes and assist in movement of the unit's vehicles and drivers. You can count on the Cole Staff for any assistance you may require.
- Most units provide their own tents and equipment, however there are a limited number of, tents, tarps, cook kits, chef tool kits, Dutch ovens and reflector ovens are available **for rent** from the Base. Many items are available free of charge in our complete Quartermaster facility. There is a small rental charge for tents, propane stoves and cots, all for your convenience. Be sure to inform us of your early arrival so that your equipment can be ready. The Quartermaster is off on Saturday afternoon. We will deliver your needs to your campsite.
- Units renting tents will be provided with voyageur tents with floors and mosquito netting or with tarps for out-of-camp use. Equipment will be inspected upon return.
- You may want to set up your camp at the Base and use trail tarps or other tents for your nights on the river. However, the Base will not be responsible for materials left in camp and we recommend that valuables be locked up when your campsite is not occupied.
- Each unit **MUST** provide its **OWN FIRST AID KIT** to take with them on the river. Our Camp Health Officer will inspect your first aid kit.
- Canoe Trips are designed to give about four to six hours of river time between camping locations or take-out points. This is enough for the normal Scout to canoe in one day and still be enjoyable. Don't try to see how fast you can go or try to cover a two-day trip in one day.
- **It is extremely important that your group stays together on the river** in case of injury or other medical problem. Don't leave any canoes behind and alone. Keep within normal sight of each other and wait if a canoe falls behind. There could be medical reason why they are lagging behind! **COLE CANOE BASE MANDATES** an adult be in the lead and end canoes. You will be charged for all lost or broken equipment.
- **Closed Toe Shoes capable of securing to the feet are REQUIRED. NO SLIP ONS. NO SANDALS**

- Insects are normally a problem on canoe trips and again the long sleeve shirt and long pants are important for a comfortable evening. Insect repellent is a must. You may want to consider tents with insect screening to insure a good nights sleep.
- Rain should always be considered and rain gear and tarps can turn the trick towards a successful and fun trip. Plastic or rubberized bags for packing clothing and equipment will keep things dry in case of rain or a tip-over.
- River water is not suitable for drinking so canteens and water jugs should be provided. Fresh water is available at the North Landing campsite. The Quartermaster has water jugs available.
- The Buddy System is required both in camp and on the river.
- Conservation is important. While on the river all burn-able trash, including garbage, should be burned. All other trash should be put in a plastic trash bag and brought back to Base for proper disposal. Be a good camper and **always** leave your campsite better than you found it.
- Do not cut live trees or brush at any time.
- All fish caught should either be returned to the river alive or properly prepared and eaten.
- Be very sure that your group is not responsible for a fire that can burn hundreds of acres and destroy timber and wildlife. Put out all fires that are not attended. Be sure that your fire is out cold.
- Each canoe will be equipped with two paddles and two personal flotation devices (PFDs). **All canoeists must wear a PFD at all times.** One or two extra paddles can be provided for each group. Units will be required to pay for equipment that is lost or damaged beyond normal usage. One main cause of damage is ripped PFDs and broken paddles. Paddles are not made for water fights. If you need to push off with your paddle, don't push off with the blade, use the handle. The handle is thicker and sturdier than the blade.
- All equipment should be lashed in the canoe to prevent being lost in case of a tip-over. Valuables should be placed in waterproof containers.
- The River Store has waterproof wallets, rain ponchos, and dry bags available for purchase.

River Food

Cole Canoe Base has developed a partnership with Mountain House Foods which will provide dehydrated meals for all of CCB's river treks. Any time there is a unit on the river for a meal, the menu will be dehydrated. The Base has been using Adventure Foods for the past 5 years on all High Adventure treks, and has been time tested to ensure that quality and taste standards are still met. The option to have refrigerated food is always available for those units who wish to have them. It's your camp – you pick, just let your trip coordinator know in advance. The Cole Canoe Base staff will have your units meals upon arrival at the Jacket and Paddle building.



Cole Canoe Base River Trek Options

1-Day Canoe Treks: (moderate)

Fishing Site to Base (~5.5 miles)

This exciting trip is perfect for those younger members of your unit looking for added excitement during their week of summer camp. This trek normally takes between 1 and 2 hours to complete, though some units may take longer or shorter depending on current skill level. This is perfect to expose the Scouts of your unit to the experience of High Adventure canoeing.

High Banks to Base (~9 miles)

This is one of our most popular day trips. It offers more of a challenge than the "Fishing Site" trip, however it is still within the grasp of most scouts experience levels. The nine mile float plan usually takes about 5 hours to arrive you back at the CCB Main landing.

North Landing to Base (~11.2 miles)

This is our most popular canoe trek. This is perfect for units looking for a High Adventure activity to break up the week of merit badges and in-camp activities. Perfect for the young members of the unit, as well as the older Scouts looking for a challenge. In addition, lunch takes place on the river at one of the many beautiful resting areas and beaches along the way.

2-Day Canoe Treks: (moderate to difficult)

Grousehaven Lake to Base (~27.5 miles)

An extremely popular canoe trek. Ideal for those Scouts already familiar with canoeing, looking to challenge themselves by adding a High Adventure overnight camping excursion to the canoe trek. All meals take place on the river. This is the MOST popular 2-day canoe trek Cole Canoe Base offers. The first night, the unit will camp at Cole Canoe Base's own North Landing. From there, they will depart for day two of the canoe trip before ending at Cole Canoe Base's canoe landing.

Sage Lake Road to Base (~21.1 miles)

This trip is very similar to the above trek, minus the 6 miles of wilderness within the Rifle River Recreational Area. Unlike the trip above, the unit is dropped just after the unique wetlands and headwaters of the Rifle River. Again these units will camp at North Landing before departing the following day to canoe back to base camp.

3-Day Canoe Treks: (moderate to difficult)

Grousehaven Lake to M-70 (~38.3 miles)

This trip combines the 2-day Grousehaven to Base trek, with an added day of canoeing south of the base camp. During this third leg of the journey, the Scouts will see a slower current, but wider parts of the rifle river before ending their trek at Whites Canoe Livery, just west of the M-70 bridge.

North Landing to Omer (~35.6 miles)

This trip combines the 1 day canoe trek from North Landing to base and couples it with 2 days of paddling south of the base camp. The first night the unit will spend in base camp after a day of paddling. The second day the unit will paddle from Cole Canoe Base to M-70 and spend the night.

4-Day Canoe Trek: (difficult)

Rifle River 50-miler (~51.9 miles)

During this trek your unit will be able to experience 4 days of canoeing on the Rifle River. Starting at Grousehaven Lake the unit will spend the day paddling before reaching North Landing for their first night on the river. Here your unit will set up camp and cook their evening meal. The following day your unit will continue with their trek back to base camp. While at Cole Canoe Base, your unit can refresh their supplies and shower. The next day your unit will continue its paddle before resting for the night at Whites M-70. While there, your unit can relax and set up camp for the night after checking in with the main office. The following morning your unit will complete its last leg of the trip. It is recommended to start this last leg no later than 8:30am. This will allow your unit to be on the river and arrive at Omer Fishing Site in time to head back to base camp for the evening activities. At the Friday night campfire your unit will be recognized as having completed the 50-mile trek.

Au Sable Trek (~75 miles)

This trek offers even more of a challenge to those experienced canoeists in your unit. This trek offers more mileage, more challenge and more adventure. Packed into 4 days on the Au Sable River, your unit will grow and develop as a unit as it is challenged on a different river with different currents, challenges, scenery and wildlife. This trip begins just outside the city of Roscommon before ending just outside the city of Mio.



High Adventure for the Real Treker

5-Day Canoe Trek: (difficult)

Fox-Manistique (~100 miles)

Developed to be the most challenging of all our High Adventure River Treks. The 100-miler will challenge your unit's ability to work together and survive 5 days on the wild Fox-Manistique Rivers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Unlike previous river trips, the 100-miler offers the unit to experience the outdoors almost completely independent from outside influence. This provides even the most experienced canoeist a challenge. In addition, the 100-miler takes more out of camp planning, and is only available with pre-camp arrangements. All units looking to take part in the 100-miler canoe trek should contact camp at:

colecbase@michiganscouting.org by May 1.

Cole Canoe Base boasts having one and exciting of the largest selections of High Adventure pro-

Tri-River Challenge

grams available to your unit outside of the National High Adventure Bases. Developed over several years, the Cole Canoe Base Tri-River Challenge will not only provide a high level of activity for your unit over several years, but also give your unit honors when it comes to canoeing. To earn this award and patches, you must complete all three High Adventure Canoe Treks:

- The Rifle Rver 50-miler
- Au Sable 75-miler
- Fox-Manistique 100-miler

Following completion of these three treks, your unit will be eligible to earn all parts of the Tri-River Challenge patch collection, in addition to receiving a name board on the Wall of Honor. This program is only available at Cole Canoe Base where only the few can earn this difficult honor.

This Challenging program was designed after the Philmont Ranger Program, and gives the older youth leaders, junior adult leaders and adult leaders of your unit the opportunity to become river guides on the CCB High Adventure staff. After completing the requirements, the River Ranger be-

The River Ranger Program

comes eligible to earn River Ranger Patch, Rocker and Shirt. In addition, they will be allowed to act as guides on river treks for the inexperienced units on a variety of river treks.

Pre-requirements for the River Ranger Program:

- Participate in at least one river trip during your week at CCB
- Be at least 16 years old
- Help with the daily ins-and-outs of the river program. (Including but not limited to)
 - Pre-Trip safety lecture
 - Putting out river trips
 - Retrieving trailers from the CCB Main Landing
 - Program operation and housekeeping
- Have spent a minimum of 20 nights tent camping with your troop before your arrival at CCB.
- Earn the following merit badges or certifications: First Aid, Canoeing, Swimming, Wilderness Survival, basic CPR training (available at camp), (ANY TWO of the following: Emergency-Prep, Life Saving, Paddle Craft Safety, "Swim and Water Rescue", BSA or Red Cross Lifeguard, Climbing, Pioneering, BSA Kayak, BSA Scuba, PADI Scuba, or BSA Snorkel)
- Show that you have basic knowledge in the following: knot tying, BSA Safety-A-Float, BSA Trek-On-Safely and BSA Hazardous Weather Training.
- Be able to lift at least 50 lbs, with ease. (It is necessary to frequently pick up canoes and kayaks, some of which are weighed down do to taking on large amounts of water.)
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from your scoutmaster. This letter should make mention of the following: your leadership experience, your position in the troop, how you are regarded by your peers and anything else that is seen as noteworthy



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

(Trek must be planned 90 days prior to arrival in camp)

Do your scouts want to hike the great trails of Philmont? See more of what nature holds? If so Cole Canoe Base offers a high adventure backpacking trip designed for the Scouts of your unit to begin venturing into the world of High Adventure backpacking.

Scouts and Leaders from your unit will hike 50 miles along the scenic Pictured Rocks National Seashore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. On this trek, your unit will hike 9-11 miles per day, and camp along the shoreline of Lake Superior. This trek is an excellent platform to prepare your unit for high adventure activities.



This trek must be planned far in advance of your unit's arrival in camp, and is dependent upon tour permits issued by the National Park Service. The more advanced notice Cole Canoe Base receives, the greater probability your unit will be able to obtain a tour permit. Cole Canoe Base has built reputations over past dealings with the National Park Service, however, advanced notice is still required to obtain permits that are issued on a first come first service basis. The National Park Service limits how many people may be on the trail at any time, and the number of people that may camp per campsite.

Great Lakes Kayak Adventure

This trip was designed to offer an adventure where you kayak the pictured rocks in Lake Superior, camping in the straights of Mackinaw, and number of side trips between. This 5 day provisional trip that is staff guided and offered one time a summer at week 8. It will challenge you both mentally and physically, while proving to be *The Time of Your Life*. Contact Cole Canoe Base at 989-873-1516 for more information.

Grand Island Trek

This trip was designed to offer your unit the hiking high adventure experience. It combines the challenges of a multiple level of treks, carry in and out experience, all with a outstanding view. In 3 - 4 days and will prove a challenge and to be *The Time of Your Life*. Contact Cole Canoe Base at 989-873-1516 for more information.

The Retriever Sailing Vessel

An exciting adventure for older scouts and Ventures to learn how to sail the Great Lakes. This trip starts at Mackinaw City and you can have a 5 day trip to remember. Check the Website for more details.

Gear List

Once registered, a packet with details including a gear list will be included. *Remember you will be traversing water. Waterproof bags and containers are needed to protect your equipment from becoming damp and/or unusable.*



Frequently Asked Responses

This is the collection of what experience has taught us regarding merit badges, advancement, and other items:

1. Summer camp is NOT a merit badge mill where you pay a fee and get badges automatically. Instead, camp offers merit badges as one portion of the overall program.
2. The first year Scout camper should not try more than two or three merit badges.
3. No Scout should plan to earn more than three merit badges in one week, unless he has completed most of the work required prior to camp.
4. The most difficult merit badges to earn are those requiring a great deal of physical skill, coordination and stamina. These are Lifesaving, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Environmental Science Canoeing, Rowing, and Archery.
5. Complete advance written work at home. Camp is not an ideal classroom for written work and the prepared Scout will arrive at camp with all written work already done.
6. Each boy should try doing something new at camp and get a well-rounded experience. Try a Crafts, Aquatics, and or Outdoor Skill merit badge combination.
7. Plan time for your Scouts and leaders to enjoy Cole Canoe Base's wilderness lake and river areas.
8. You should come to camp prepared! Have patrols already organized. Work on ideas as patrols and have the patrol leaders represent the group at camp. Elect or appoint a special Senior Patrol Leader for the camp program if your regular SPL cannot attend. Come with some of your own activities planned.
9. Your campsite is your home for the week, so work at making it comfortable. Bring banners and flags to dress it up.
10. Schedule time for rest. That's right, rest. Too often, Scouts and leaders don't take time to sit and enjoy the beauty of camp around you. Don't maintain such a feverish pace that you miss the trees, the nature, and the clean fresh air.
11. A top troop shows spirit! The troop that comes to camp with ideas, spirit and challenges will make the rest of camp come alive. Bring your troop cheer to camp and show everyone that you're Number One. Proper wearing of the complete Scout uniform shows Scout spirit and is encouraged. Troop/camp t-shirts look neat and make a great daytime activity uniform.
12. Be flexible. Each week, more than 300 Scouts attend camp. While the staff is here to meet everyone's needs, we all must practice the Scout Law in camp when dealing with others.
13. Communicate. If you have a special need or want to do something spectacular, tell us about it and we'll give it our best shot.
14. Advise Scouts to leave valuables with a leader. Watches, spending money, and other items of value should not be left in the shower building, waterfront, or in an unattended campsite.
15. Scoutmasters should bring a footlocker or other lockable container to protect both Scout and leader valuables.
16. When in camp, if you need something/anything, let us know how we can help. If you don't know, we can answer or solve most anything.
17. Campership Assistance—No Scout should miss camp because a Scout or family can't afford to. If any Scout cannot afford the full camp fee, he may apply for a campership.
Visit the Council Website to complete and requirements. <http://www.michiganscouting.org>

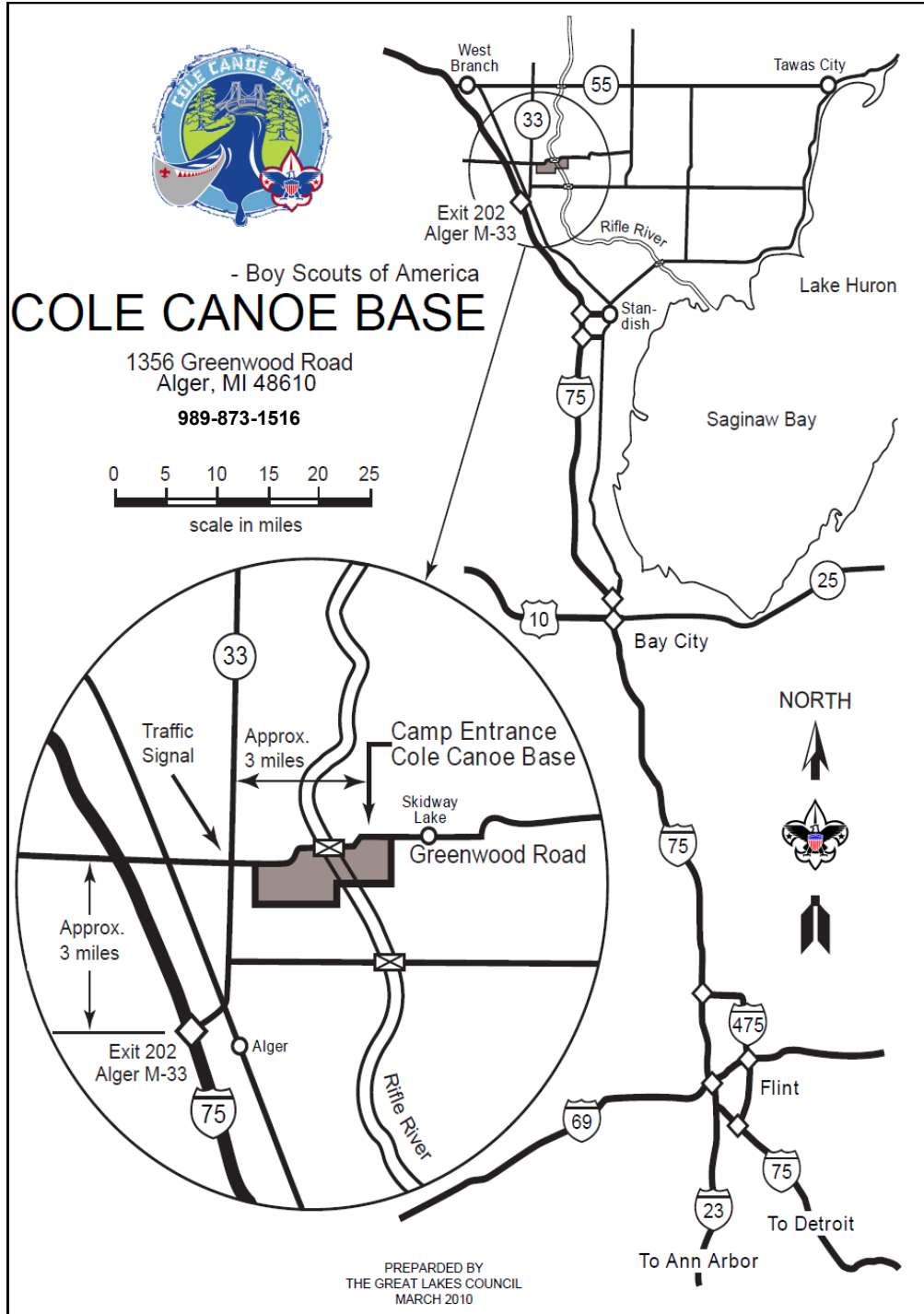
One last thing. We want to make this the best camp in the country. If you have any suggestions, we'll gladly listen to you and your ideas.

Maps, Forms, and Information

All maps and forms for the Michigan Crossroads Council can be found by going to:
www.michiganscouting.org

All Forms and guides : Summer Camp Leader's Guide, Emergency Procedures, Scout Roster, Campership Forms, Equipment Order Form, Annual Health and Medical Record *NEW*, DHS Form, Leader's Recognition Letter Request

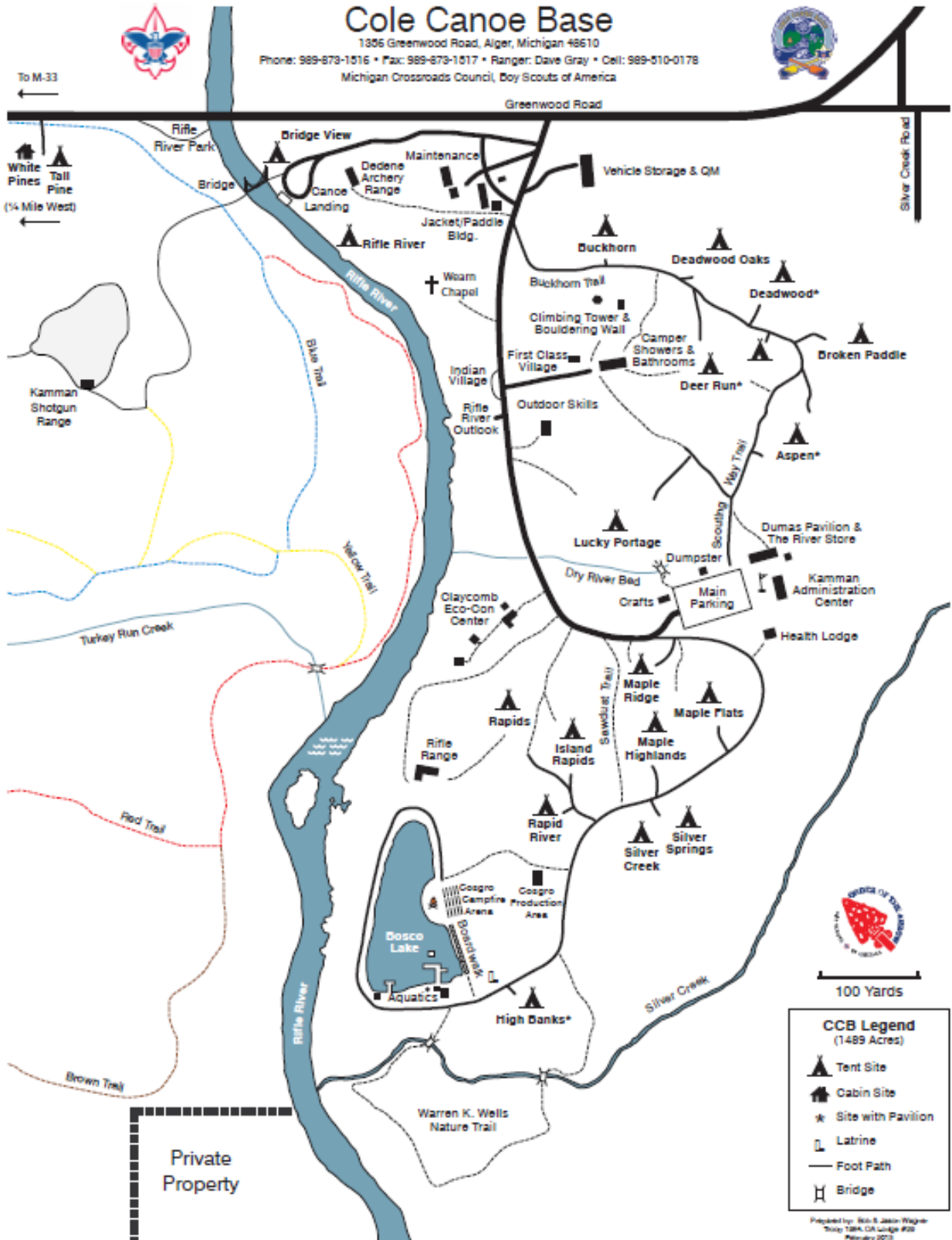
How to get to Cole Canoe Base



Map of Cole Canoe Base

Cole Canoe Base

1306 Greenwood Road, Alger, Michigan 48610
 Phone: 989-679-1516 • Fax: 989-679-1517 • Ranger: Dave Gray • Cell: 989-510-0178
 Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America

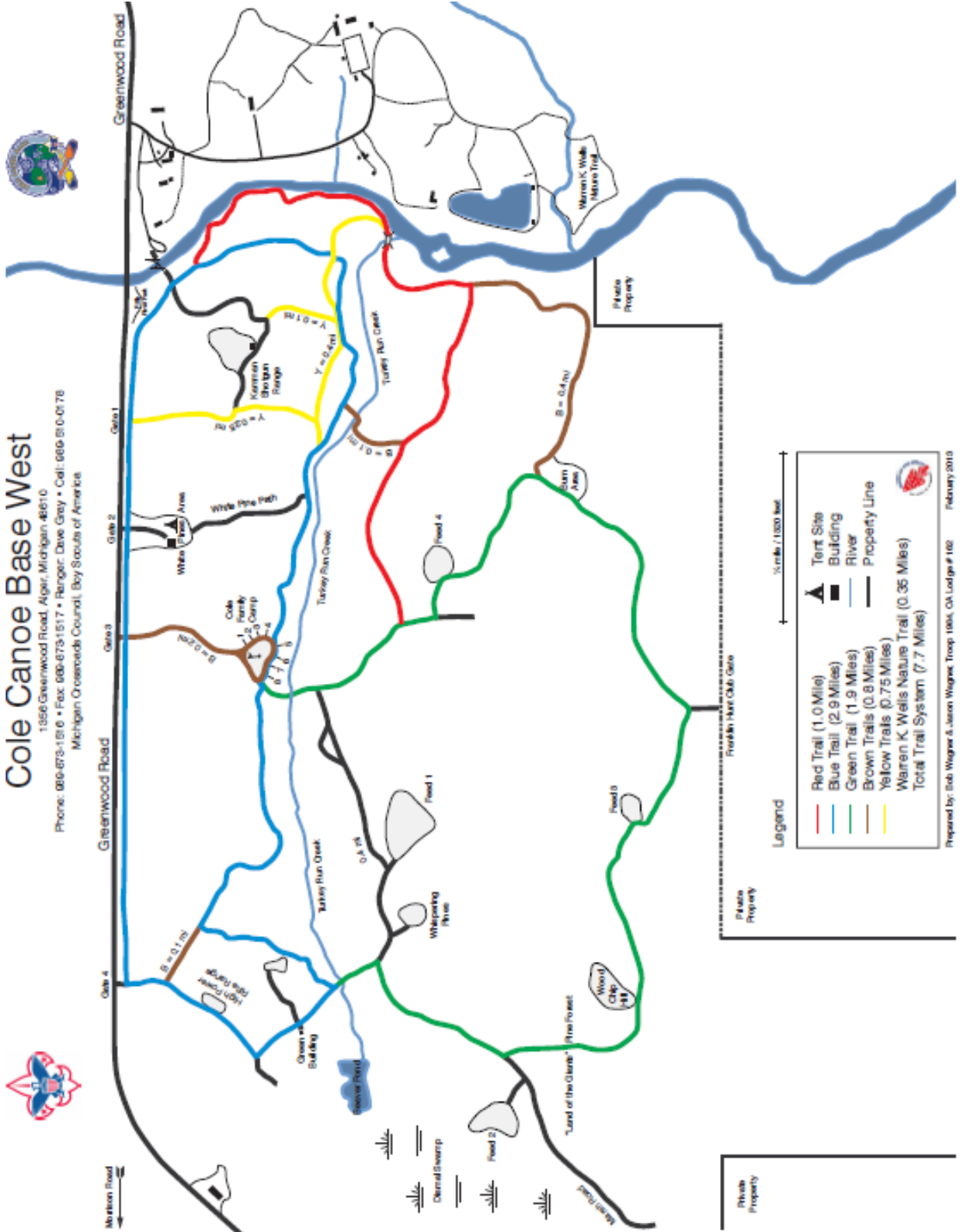


CCB Legend
 (1489 Acres)

- Tent Site
- Cabin Site
- Site with Pavilion
- Latrine
- Foot Path
- Bridge

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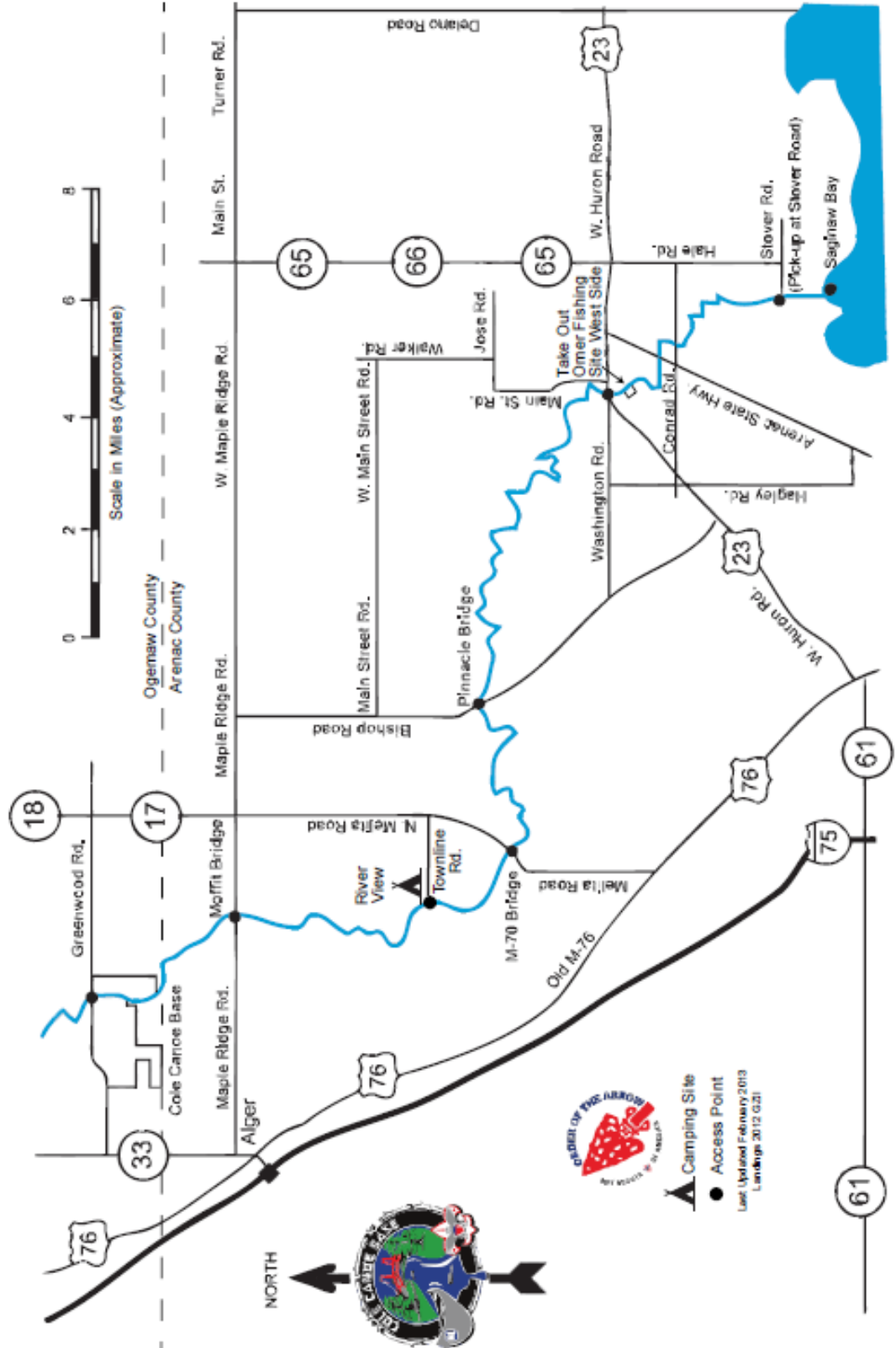
Map of Cole Canoe Base Nature Trails





Cole Canoe Base Lower Run

1856 Greenwood Road, Alger, Michigan 49810
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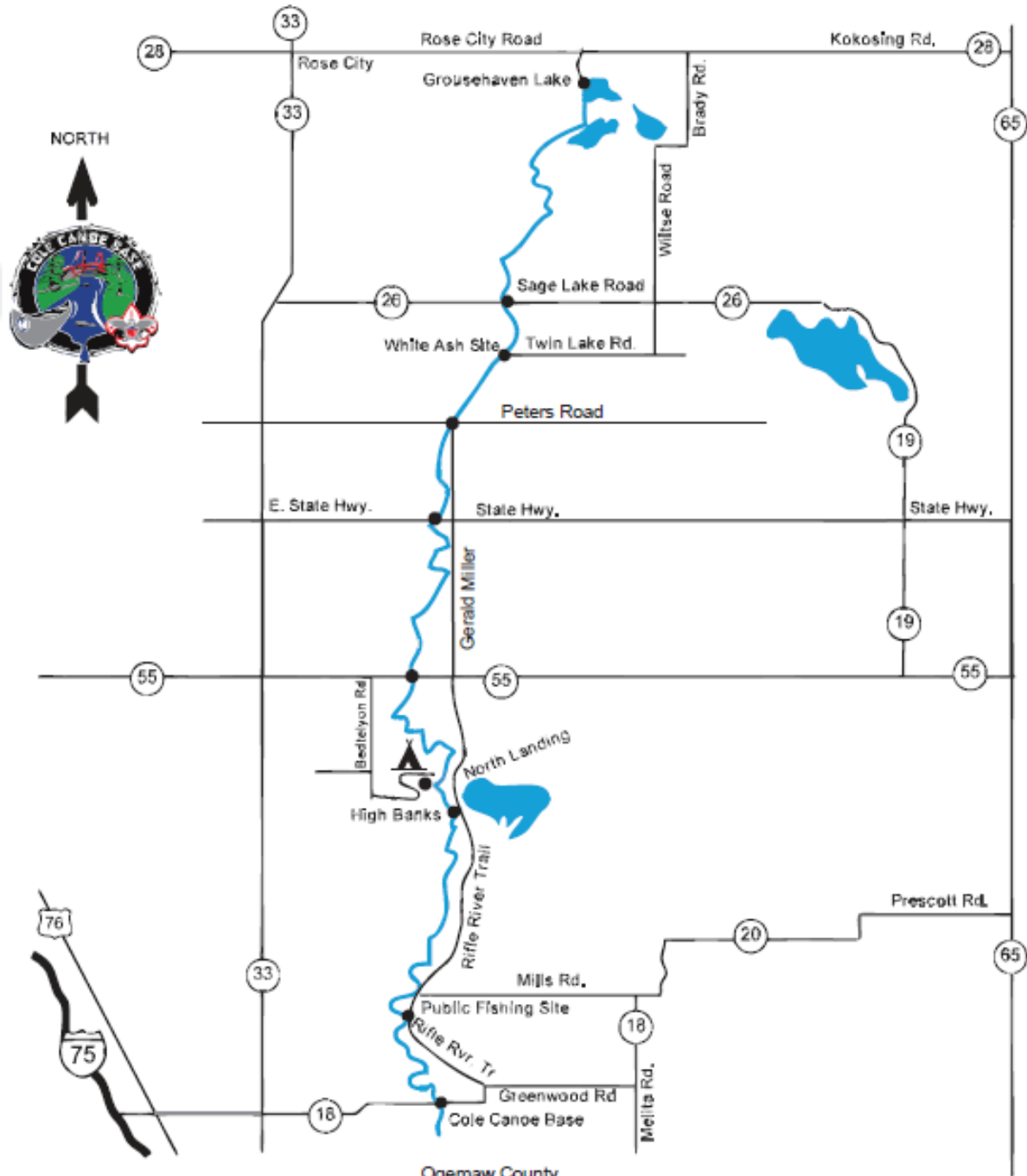


Rifle River Lower Run

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- Camping Site
- Access Point

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Other Important Camp Information

Camp Telephone/ email/ fax:

Incoming calls are for emergencies only. Parents can reach leaders and Scouts through this phone, but this will require camp officials to notify the unit leader, and the return call may require 30 minutes or more.

Make sure the caller knows:

Scout's Name

The NEW Cole Canoe Base telephone number is: (989) 873-1516 Fax number: (989) 873-1517

Troop Number

Campsite

Camp Address:

Proper addressing and troop number will speed mail delivery. Please instruct parents to address mail in the following manner:

Scout _____, Troop # _____
Cole Canoe Base
Campsite _____
1356 Greenwood Road
Alger, MI 48610

Transportation

Plan well in advance to assure adequate transportation for your Scouts. Encourage the parents of your Scouts to give themselves an opportunity to see the camp by bringing a carload of Scouts to camp or taking a carload home. Please remember, that Tour Permits are now required for Summer Camp. **PLEASE CAR POOL!** Parking is limited... thank you.

NATIONAL POLICY FORBIDS TRANSPORTING SCOUTS IN THE BACK OF TRUCKS OR CAMPER. ALL PASSENGERS IN THE VEHICLE MUST WEAR A SEAT BELT. Michigan State Law also prohibits this and there is a hefty fine. Safety comes first!

5 M.P.H. within all areas of Cole Canoe Base. If you can see a dust trail behind your vehicle, you are going too fast.

Rest at Camp

The amount of sleep a boy gets can make the difference between a great camping experience and a poor one. Everyone needs an adequate amount of sleep to function in a cheerful and positive manner. The Scoutmaster is responsible for seeing that each boy has the opportunity to get at least eight to ten hours of restful sleep each day. This means that each troop should respect the quiet time period from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Homesickness

Coming to camp for the first time, and occasionally the second time, may sometimes lead to a case of homesickness. We regard this as a normal, healthy occurrence in a Scout. After all, leaving home and having to fend for one's self can be a jolt. The staff is instructed to be aware of the campers' moods and emotional adjustment. If a Scout is homesick they will encourage him to talk it out and will try to help him understand the emotions he is feeling, but they also make an effort to involve the camper in all camp activities. Experience tells us that within a few days the camper is busy having fun and feeling secure with the staff, newfound friends, and the outdoors.

Camp Wide Flag Ceremonies

Cole Canoe Base has three formal retreats during your stay at camp. On Sunday evening, directly after the camp wide meal is the first formal retreat of the week. The second retreat is for the Scout Leaders and Staff prior to the Scout Leaders appreciation dinner. The Friday evening retreat is a formal event preceding the campfire and family are invited, starting at 8:15pm. The BSA Field uniform is requested for these ceremonies.

Other Important Camp Information

Uniforming

Why do the Boy Scouts have a uniform? For the same reason a football or baseball team wears a uniform: a uniform gives a standard to be met, promotes group spirit, and designates equality from the start among members within the group. We encourage units to wear their uniforms during chapel services, and request all Scouts and leaders to be in full uniform for the flag retreats. A troop or camp T-shirt and official Scout shorts make a great uniform for daytime activities.

Shower Building

A SCOUT IS CLEAN. All Scouts and leaders in camp are encouraged to make use of the camp's hot water showers located behind the Outdoor Adventure Area. Leaders, please give attention to the cleanliness of your Scouts. They should get up in time to wash, brush their teeth and clean up before breakfast. Adults must shower separately from youth. The camp shower building is available 24 hours per day.

The RIVER STORE (Trading Post)

The RIVER STORE is attached to the Dumas Pavilion. The STORE carries a wide range of items, including pamphlets candy, craft projects, camp T-shirts, jackets, fleeces, blankets, towels, variety of cold drinks, camp hats, patches, pins, ice cream, snacks, ladies apparel, personal items, Scout equipment and mugs.

*** Don't forget Troop Specific shirts are available to order****

Please notify the camp in advance to have them ready while you are there.

Personal Flotation Devices

All persons using watercraft must properly wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), supplied by the camp. This includes all adults as well.

Litter

The appearance of the entire camp is everyone's responsibility. Help keep it clean. Urge your Scouts to pick up someone else's thoughtlessness each day. Maintaining a clean, litter-free camp is a matter of pride, not penalty. Teach this to your boys. Don't assume that everyone understands this fact.

Lost and Found

All "found" items are to be turned in to the camp office. If an item is "lost" be sure to check the camp office before you depart. Because of the high number of lost and found items, we will hold all items turned in for a period of one week. After that, they will be given to a local charity.

Buddy System

The buddy system is the rule of camp and is used in all camp activities, at all times. This is the rule of 2.

Totin' Chip

A Totin' Chip will be required of all Scouts who wish to do any carving in an area supervised by camp staff. Scouts must also have Totin' Chip in order to check out woods tools or to purchase woods tools in the River Store. We suggest that all Scouts earn their Totin' Chip before they come to camp. Totin' Chip cards will be available to Scoutmasters in the River Store.

Senior Patrol Leader

Each troop's Senior Patrol Leader is a part of the "Camp Senior Patrol Leader's Council" which meets with the Program Director at his discretion. At these meetings, camp wide activities are planned and important camp information is discussed. If your Senior Patrol Leader is unable to attend camp with your unit, your troop should elect a "camp" Senior Patrol leader for the week.



Fire Prevention

Fire prevention is important. The unit is to use the following guidelines.

- You will be provided with a Unit Fire Guard Chart, which will be explained at time of registration or orientation. It must be filled out and posted on your campsite bulletin board. It is to be signed daily by the Scout on duty.
- Fires must never be left unattended.
- The unit leader should give instructions to all Scouts and adults on the proper procedure for putting out fires.
- Fires should only be started with natural materials. No liquid fuels may be used to start fires.
- In case of uncontrollable or wild fire, notify your camp office at once.
- You will be given the fire alarm signal and response instructions at the Leader's Orientation meeting held the first day of camp.
- There will be no flames of any kind in tents at any time!!

Religious Program in Camp

The twelfth point of the Scout law is "A Scout is Reverent." The religious program in camp will be conducted as approved and provided by the religious committee of the council. Opportunities for daily "quiet period", individual counseling, a vesper service and information regarding the various religious awards will be available. Cole Cane Base offers services on Wednesday evening, starting at 9:00pm (check schedule). The services begin with a nondenominational service for all to attend. The second service is a catholic mass for those that are catholic or would like to learn more about the customs of the catholic religion. Units can reserve the chapel for services of a particular religion. Just inquire at the camp office.

Lost Scout

Quick action at the time a Scout is thought to be "lost" is critical. Please use the following guidelines when there is a "Lost Scout".

- Check tents and bunk to see if the Scout is in camp.
- Find out if the Scout is out of camp with his "camp buddy"
- Check camp and unit program areas.
- Notify the Camp Office and a Lost Scout Search will be enacted
- Always use the buddy system when out of camp. The rule of 2 ... it works!

FORMS You Might be Interested in Having:

Several forms have been mentioned in this Leader's Guide, which you will find useful in preparing for your summer camp experience. In addition to this document being available through the Michigan

Crossroads Council website at www.michiganscouting.org

The summer camp forms can be found on the summer camp home page

www.michiganscouting.org/Camping/ColeCanoBase/



Equipment

What your Unit should bring to camp

Each troop and patrol is urged to bring some of its own equipment for a more independent and quality experience in its own campsite. The following is a recommended list of equipment:

- Lantern
- Patrol flag
- Handbooks and other literature
- Materials to teach scouting skills
- Anything that will make your unit's campsite SPECIAL and UNIQUE to your unit!
- Sharpening stone & file
- American & Troop flags
- Map & compass
- GPS unit for Geocaching

Tents are available for rent along with other camp equipment. For those sites that have cabins, there is a fee for use of gas in the cabins. Refer to the Summer Camp Equipment Rental Form for specifics.

Troop trailers can be brought to camp, but you should check with the camp office ahead of time to be sure your trailer will fit in your assigned campsite. Some of the roads to the campsites are narrow, and a large trailer may not fit or may make the corners safely. **NO VEHICLES** are allowed in the campsites. Each campsite is fully equipped and ready to go from the moment you walk into the camp. The following items are provided in the site and should not be removed from camp:

- Shovel and broom
- Hose
- Picnic table
- Bulletin board
- Flagpole
- Fire Extinguisher

Please Note:

Please DO NOT bring fireworks, TV's or video games to camp. This also applies to electronic devices such as, Game Boys, PS II, etc.

In keeping with the new BSA policy on allowing cell phones, the MCC camps will allow cell phones, but will maintain that they be used at only appropriate times and locations. Cell phones with cameras will need to adhere to the National BSA policy about camera usage:

Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices prohibited. While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants.

More information about cell phones and their uses can be found online at:

<http://www.michiganscouting.org>.



What your SCOUTS should bring to camp

Personal Equipment

- _____ Complete Scout Uniform
- _____ Socks
- _____ Underwear
- _____ Pants
- _____ Shorts
- _____ Shirts
- _____ Hat
- _____ Lightweight jacket
- _____ Raincoat or poncho
- _____ Swim suit
- _____ Sleepwear
- _____ Merit badge pamphlet(s)
- _____ Sandals, swamp shoes
- _____ Shoes (tennis, swamp, etc.)
- _____ Beach towel (swimming)
- _____ Towel and washcloth
- _____ Extra clothes (waterfront MB's)
- _____ Personal hygiene supplies
- _____ Hiking boots
- _____ Mess Kit / Utensils / Cup
- _____ Patrol Flag
- _____ Prescribed medication
(in original bottle)

Miscellaneous Equipment

- _____ Tent
- _____ Sleeping bag or blankets
- _____ Pillow
- _____ Sunglasses
- _____ Scout notebook
- _____ 1st Aid Kit
- _____ Flashlight (extra batteries)
- _____ Pen, pencil, paper
- _____ Pocketknife with Totin' Chip card
- _____ Sewing kit
- _____ Insect repellent (no aerosols please)
- _____ Sunscreen
- _____ SCOUT HANDBOOK
- _____ Spending money
- _____ Water bottle or canteen
- _____ Toiletry Kit

Optional Equipment

- _____ Footlocker _____ Old rugs (inside tent)
- _____ Cot _____ Camera
- _____ Compass _____ Chair
- _____ Hiking boots _____ Work Gloves
- _____ Watch _____ Envelopes & stamps
- _____ GPS _____ tarp



WHAT NOT TO BRING!!!



- ** Fireworks ** Lighters **
- ** Firearms ** Televisions **
- ** Archery equipment ** paint ball guns **
- ** ANY type of toy gun ** Any type of lasers **

Drugs, alcohol, firearms, weapons, etc. are unlawful and never allowed in camp.
If found, appropriate action will be taken.

When in doubt, leave it home!

Fees, Payment Schedules and Incentives

Summer Camp Fees -

Discount fee (if payment schedules followed)	\$330
Regular fee (all payments after May)	\$345
Provisional Scout Fee (1st Week)	\$330
Additional Weeks (For any Scout to attend a 2nd MCC week)	\$200
Crossover Webelos or New Scouts after May 4	\$330
Sibling Discount (1st scout pays/second scout discount)	-\$25/Sibling
Adults (Full Week)	\$160
Part Time Adult(will be pro-rated by the day)	\$33/day

- **All Scouts attending a Michigan Crossroads Council Camp will receive a special edition of the Summer camp patch, made compliments of your Council.**
- **All leaders will receive a special Camp Leader Patch**
- **Scoutmasters will receive a “one of a kind” Camp Scoutmaster Patch.**
- **All Senior Patrol Leaders will receive a special Patch.**

Michigan Crossroads Council—Boy Scout Summer Camp Registration

A list of all registration deadlines from the MCC and a link to register for Summer Camp can be found at:

<http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/boy-scout-camp/bscampregistrationprocess/>



Medical Forms

Health Lodge Information

A health lodge and medical personnel (available 24 hours a day) are provided to see to the health needs of all Scouts and leaders. All injuries and illness must be reported to the health officer. Any Scout with serious illness or injury requiring special medical attention will be taken to the nearest medical facility. Parents will be notified every time that this is necessary.

All Scouts and adults will be required to use the new annual health and medical record. This form is issued by the national office and will be the only accepted form.

An Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) is valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider. Example May 1, 2015 signature expires April 30, 2016.

The new form is available online at the council's website, www.michiganscouting.org, under the document library of the camping department. It is a four page form, that also includes the talent release form and a hold harmless/release agreement.

Note: The State of Michigan, Camp Licensing Div. has some very specific requirements regarding medical forms and these requirements NOW INCLUDED in the new annual health and medical record.

Parents MUST fill out BOTH sides of the Medical Form COMPLETELY.

Medical Policy

The Boy Scouts of America requires that all youth and adults participating in camping experience over 72 consecutive hours (3 days and nights) must have a medical evaluation by a physician licensed to practice medicine.

ANY PERSON COMING TO CAMP WITHOUT HAVING A PROPERLY COMPLETED HEALTH FORM/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN CAMP.

Medication in Camp

If you have campers taking medication, you must let us know during your medical recheck. Prescribed medication must be listed on the medical form with instructions for dispensing. Scouts are requested to bring only prescription drugs or medication being taken under a physician's direction to camp. Medications should be in the original container, clearly marked as to the contents and dosage instructions. Medical Marijuana is not allowed on any BSA property for any reason. Remember to have a "**Parent Medication Control Permission Form**" completed in ink for each medication.

****Any and **ALL** medication must be on the medical form and **Parent Medication Control Permission Form** *****

Insurance

Registered youth members and registered adult leaders in Michigan Crossroads Council units will be covered by Council Accident & Sickness Insurance. Units from the Michigan Crossroads Council will no longer need to purchase unit accident insurance policies. This assistance to units is funded by the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. Units attending camp who are outside of the Michigan Crossroads Council should contact their home Council for their insurance policies.



Central Registry Clearance Request Instructions

Michigan Crossroads Council

The State of Michigan requires all adults (21 and older) that are on MCC camp property to go through a Central Registry Clearance with the Department of Human Services of Michigan (DHS).

Although the rule states that this pertains to “staff”, the state defines “staff” as either a paid employee OR a volunteer who has re-sponsibility for the direct care or supervision of campers or who has unsupervised contact with campers. The state of Michigan re-quires the MCC to document that EVERY individual aged 21 and older on camp property be cleared by the Central Registry / State of Michigan. In addition, the MCC requires that ALL camp staff members (paid or volunteer) be cleared regardless of age. If you are 21+ years of age and plan to attend or visit any MCC Summer Camp (Boy Scout or Cub Scout) this summer, a letter from the State of Michigan stating you have been cleared by the Central Registry must be on file in the camp office.

This is a one-time clearance at no cost to the person asking for the clearance.

Upon approval, the person seeking a clearance will receive a form letter, DHS 1910, from the State of Michigan showing that you have been cleared. You should keep the original for your records and make a copy to be turned in at camp.

Steps to request Central Registry Clearance:

1. Fully complete the “Request for Central Registry Clearance” form; available at

<http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/outdoor-adventures-forms-resources/>

2. Be sure to include a clear copy of your picture identification with your request form.

3. Fill in your address – results can only be sent to the address on your picture ID.

4. Mail the completed form along with a clear copy of your picture ID to the address listed at the top of the form – DO NOT mail to camp!

Once you receive your Central Registry Clearance please keep the original and make a photocopy to turn in at camp this summer.

For more information on Central Registry Clearance requests, please click on the following link: www.michigan.gov/canregistryclearance

To ensure that your Unit’s family & friends who might visit during camp do not get turned away or delayed, please notify your Unit’s families of this State of Michigan rule.

The State of Michigan requires that individuals not cleared must be accompanied by someone with clearance.



Roles and Responsibilities

Scoutmaster / Adult Leader Responsibilities for Summer Camp

******All Adults 18 or older, Must have completed Youth Protection******

(including visiting adults) any adult staying overnight must be registered

- Review the merit badge and advancement programs being offered at Summer Camp with your Scouts, enabling them to effectively schedule their advancement program.
- Review each Scouts planned program, to insure that he is not reaching beyond his capabilities, helping to minimizing the chance of a disappointing experience.
- Review the required prerequisites for each of the merit badges being offered, with your Scouts.
- Completion of the required pre-requisites, prior to camp, should be stressed to each Scout to insure acceptance into the merit badge class. **A few merit badges require signed Partials before arriving to camp. Please ensure Scouts understand the difference between Partials and working on pre-requisites.**
- Provide a signed Merit Badge Application (blue card), for each badge the Scout will be working on.
- Once the Scout has completed the blue card, review the form for completeness.
- Insure that each Scout has a current merit badge pamphlet.
(The current Boy Scout Requirements book contains the latest revision date for each pamphlet. This is available from the Troop Library, The River Store, Waterford Scout Shop, or the Detroit-Toyota Scout Shop.)
- Monitor daily, each Scout's advancement progress and provide support as needed.
- **Communicate with the Program Directors**, as soon as possible, should a problem arise between a Scout and any advancement program staff personal.
- Share both positive and negative comments about the advancement program and staff with the Camp Administration, prior to the end of your Summer Camp experience.
- Collect all advancement reports and completed blue card forms for the unit's Advancement Chair to process and submit them as soon as possible.
- Advise your Scouts that any merit badge that was partially completed must be fully completed prior to their 18th birthday.
- **Each Scout must have a blue card**, for each & every merit badge they will be working on, signed and properly filled out prior to Summer Camp.
- To insure acceptance into the merit badge session, all pre-requisites must be completed in an acceptable manner, according to the guidelines published in the camp handbook.
- Each Scout must obtain and read the merit badge pamphlet(s) for the merit badges they will be working on at Summer Camp.
- Scouts are required to attend all scheduled merit badge sessions until they complete the badge. We recommend each scout to verify completion with the counselor again Friday morning. This ensures there is no miscommunication.
- Scouts may sign up for additional Merit Badges at camp. Just see the program Director or the director of the appropriate program area. This can be done at Merit Badge Expo Sunday Night.

Roles and Responsibilities (Cont.)

Scoutmaster / Adult Leader Responsibilities for Summer Camp (cont.)

- Each Scout should review his progress with their unit leaders or merit badge counselor, on a daily basis, asking for help and guidance as necessary

Advise the Program Directors or merit badge counselors of the areas of assistance that can be provided by your Unit's adult leaders. The adult leaders should expect to contribute to the overall success of each camp program area. Adult leaders should also be available to assist the Scouts from their unit while at their campsite.

Merit Badge Counselors Responsibilities for Summer Camp

- Counselors are responsible for the four processes of Advancement: Learning, Testing, Reviewing and Recognition.
- Be qualified, knowledgeable and skilled in the merit badges they will be counseling.
- The counselor will train all instructors in the proper methods of instructing Scouts.
- Each counselor and instructor must maintain the exact standards as outlined in the merit badge requirements: NOTHING DELETED AND NOTHING ADDED.
- Make him/her self or any member of their staff available to Scouts who may request extra help.
- Each Merit Badge Counselor will work with the Program Directors to insure that all required equipment and resources relating to advancement are available for use.
- Maintain daily attendance records for each merit badge class.
- All advancement records are to be posted daily in a highly visible location for unit leaders to review. Scouts may also review the advancement records to determine their remaining requirements.

Each counselor will review with their instructors, each Scout's progress. Signing of the merit badge application for a partial or full completion is the responsibility of the merit badge counselor, not the instructor.



Policies & Regulations

Bullying and Hazing is prohibited

The Scout Oath and Law are a constant guide to all relationships within the camp. The staff members are interpreters of the spirit of Scouting, as well as the skills of Outdoor Skills. A camper shall not be deprived of food or sleep; be placed alone without staff supervision, observation, or interaction; be subjected to ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint.

The Boy Scouts of America prohibit language or behavior that belittles or puts down members of the opposite sex, unwelcome advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, or any other actions or comments that are derogatory of people. Any form of hazing, initiations, ridicule, or inappropriate teasing are prohibited.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Inc. reaffirms its nondiscrimination policy, that this policy shall mean in its application that:

It is the policy of the MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC. to offer equal employment opportunity, training, development, advancement, and continuation of employment on the basis of relative qualifications and ability without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or religion. An employee of the Boy Scouts of America whose job requires direct involvement in its program must be willing to subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle.”

Both of the above policies, if violated, are civil rights violations and are therefore federal violations.

Health & Safety

Adequate planning, proper instructions, and supervision must assure the Health and Safety of every boy and adult. Some regulations that must be observed are:

1. No liquid fuels may be used in camp for fire starting. Only adults may handle lanterns and other devices using liquid fuels.
2. Each boy should have proper instruction in the use of knives and axes, and earn his Totin' Chip card.
3. No "moonlight swimming!" NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Adult supervision must be present at all times. At least two adults are required in camp.
5. Keep "horse play" to a minimum. More Scouts are injured in horseplay than from any other cause.
6. Campers or leaders may not bring firearms, archery equipment, ammunition, fireworks, or other propellant exploding devices to camp. The camp will provide all necessary equipment for archery and shooting sports.
7. Shoes must be worn in camp at all times to prevent foot wounds, which could result in costly and painful medical services, and a curtailed program.
8. No Scouts should leave camp property. Leaders must inform the Camp Office when they leave. The Scoutmaster must checkout with the Camp Office any Scout leaving camp before that Scout may leave.
9. Alcoholic beverages, drugs, and fireworks are not allowed in camp under any conditions.
10. BUDDY SYSTEM!

Violation of regulations 3, 6, or 9 will require dismissal from camp.

Discipline

Discipline of youth is the troop leader's responsibility. Only exception is in emergencies or extreme cases where the camp director may have to intervene. However, the Camp Director, Program Director, or other competent staff member is always willing to help leaders in the proper exercise or assistance.

Tour Plan (Out of State)

For all non-Michigan Crossroads Council Units, a tour plan is now required to attend a MCC camp for your summer camp. More information can be found at <http://www.michiganscouting.org>

Policies & Regulations (Cont.)

Guests in Camp

Please be aware that parents are welcome to visit a Michigan Crossroads Council camp at any time. **All guests and parents need to sign in at the camp office upon arrival into camp, before being allowed to visit any portion of the camp.** On the way out of camp, please remember to have them check out as well. All adults staying in camp overnight must be registered in the BSA, have a completed camp medical form, and have DHS clearance. Guests / parents must follow the appropriate attire / clothing policy listed below.

If guests plan to on being in camp for a meal, please make reservations with the commissary staff.

Please Note: Due to the increasing number of campers (and the fantastic food we serve), dinner space for parents' night is limited. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance for all guests eating in camp.

Meal prices are:

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>DINNER</u>	<u>Friday Night Dinner</u>
\$7.00 /person	\$9.00 /person	\$11.00 /person	\$12.00 per person

Smoking and Tobacco

Smoking and the use of tobacco products by anyone under age 18 is illegal in the state of Michigan, and the Boy Scouts of America strongly discourages the use of tobacco products by anyone. All buildings, tents, and vehicles in camp are smoke-free. There are designated smoking areas for those who smoke.

Alcoholic Beverages

As a facility of the Boy Scouts of America, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in a Michigan Crossroads Council camp. Individuals or groups found in violation of this policy **will be sent home immediately.**

Drugs

Possession of unprescribed drugs, or abuse of prescribed drugs, are expressly prohibited in the Boy Scouts of America program. Individuals or groups found in violation of this policy **will be sent home immediately.**

Driving

Michigan has a mandatory seatbelt law, and the speed limit of 10 mph in camp is strictly enforced. Individuals or groups found in violation of this policy **will be sent home immediately.**

Pets

Other than those required for assistance, pets are not allowed in camp as mandated by State Law.

Attire / Clothing

The policy of the MCC and the BSA is that appropriate attire/clothing is required at all times. The wearing of inappropriate attire/clothing can lead to the dismissal from camp. Examples of inappropriate items include, but are not limited to: inappropriate wording/logos, daisy dukes, low neck shirts, short shorts, spaghetti tank tops, two piece bathing suits, sagging of pants,



Cole Canoe Base strongly discourages smoking within the Camp and around youth. Scoutmaster Corner is the ONLY approved smoking location in camp.

Bike Safety

Bikes in Camp

Personal bikes are allowed in camp. **Riders must wear personal protection equipment.** A bike helmet is the only accepted minimum safety equipment, and may only be ridden on camp roads. **No trail riding.** Refer to the National BSA guidelines for helmet requirements, football, hockey, lacrosse, helmets are acceptable substitutes for a real bike helmet.

Failure to follow the rules will result in confiscation of the bike by the camp staff. As with all personal items, the camp is not responsible if your bike is lost, stolen or damaged. Bring the proper equipment to store your bike. All Scouts & adults riding bikes at camp must attend a camp bike safety course.

The following guidelines and procedures apply to all BSA units, councils, and national program activities involving bicycling.

1. **Qualified Supervision**

All unit, district, council, and national event activities must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult at least age 21 who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the safety of children in his or her care, who is experienced with the skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with these BSA safety guidelines.

2. **Physical Fitness**

Biking is strenuous. Long treks and hill climbing should not be attempted without training and preparation. For Scouting activities, all participants must present evidence of fitness assured by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. The adult supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, proof of an examination by a physician should be required by the adult leader.

3. **Helmets and Clothing**

All cyclists must wear a properly sized and fitted helmet approved by either the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards. Layer your clothing for warmth on cool days so you can avoid chilling or overheating. Cover up for sun protection on clear days.

4. **Buddy-Up**

When the program activity is a bicycle expedition or trek, the buddy system must be used. When there is program activity emphasizing individual performance skills, one buddy observes while the other takes his turn. In competitive activity where the buddy concept cannot be practically applied, all activity must be directly observed by the adult supervisor. (Youth members should be taught that biking with a buddy is best. When biking alone, apart from Scouting activities, youth members should be encouraged to tell someone their route, schedule, and destination before departing.)

5. **Keep Right**

Ride with the traffic flow, as far to the right as possible. Avoid curbs, storm drains, soft or loose gravel on shoulders, and other hazards.

6. **Be Smart**

Obey all traffic laws, signs, signals, and street markings. Watch for changes in road conditions. Ride only one to a bike. Do not ride after dark. No stunts - trick riding is only for professionals who use special equipment. Yield to motor vehicles even if you think you have the right-of-way. Never hitch a ride on another vehicle. Keep your head and ears open and do not wear headphones while riding.

Bike Safety (Cont.)

7. Turns and Intersections

Look left, right, back, and ahead before turning. Stop and search all directions when entering a street from a driveway, parking area, sidewalk, or an alley. Signal all turns using universal hand signals. Walk your bike through or across busy intersections.

8. Right Bike

Ride only a bike that fits you. Select a bike that permits you to put both feet on the ground while sitting on the seat. The handgrips should be no higher than your shoulder or lower than your seat.

9. Accessories

Every bike needs a horn or bell and reflectors (front, back, and sides). Items should be carried only in baskets, saddlebags, or on a rear carrier rack. If you must ride in traffic, a bike- or helmet-mounted mirror is recommended. For long trips, a bike-mounted container for drinking water is recommended.

10. Maintenance

Keep your bike clean and well-maintained - especially the brakes and drive chain.

11. Race Right

Open street racing is dangerous. Race only with supervision on marked courses that have been set up to exclude other vehicle or pedestrian traffic, to eliminate fall hazards and minimize collision risks, and to define clearly "start" and "finish" points.

12. Planning

Plan both the route and timing of bike trips to avoid heavy traffic and hazardous conditions. Biking is unsafe on wet pavement and on windy days. Plan for at least hourly rest stops and a maximum of approximately six hours on the bike per day.

13. Discipline

All participants should know, understand, and follow the rules and procedures for safe biking, and all participants should conscientiously and carefully follow all directions from the adult supervisor.

Source: BSA Guide to Safe Scouting # BSA 33416B

* Bikes must be parked in appropriate & safe locations. All areas have a bike corral to help keep down the congestion near the program areas.

THE KEY ELEMENT OF BIKE SAFETY IS COURTESY



Camp Leadership - Guidelines for Youth Protection (BSA # 34227)

Two Leaders in Camp (THE RULE OF TWO)

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that meetings, trips, and outings must never be led by only one adult. At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all meetings, troops, and outings. Troops may camp together and share leadership, but each troop must agree to share the leadership at all times. If two or more troops intend to share leadership, the leaders must meet together before camp and get to know one another, and both troop committees must approve of these arrangements. All troops must fill out a separate reservation form.

Your second adult must be at least 18 years of age or older. The term "adult leader" includes officially registered leaders (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, etc.) and parents of Scouts. **Parents who agree to serve in this role must register as adult leaders prior to camp.**

Summer camp is an important part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is in the camp atmosphere and in the outdoor program that the character building and citizenship purposes of the Scouting program are best taught. It is also at camp that the responsibilities for caring for the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers becomes a 24-hour-a-day duty.

Members of the Boy Scouts of America come from all kinds of backgrounds, and they bring their experiences to camp with them. In meeting your leadership responsibilities, you may be confronted with situations that are alien to your experience. You may be unsure how to resolve them. Child abuse is one such situation, and regardless of your background, you are responsible for the physical and emotional safety of those in your care. Be a source of strength and help to the Scouts in your camp.

Reporting Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation (Michigan State Rule #400.115)

Child abuse is a crime against youth. Child abuse can involve the mental, physical, and sexual victimization of children. Most camp staff and unit leaders are not trained to make judgments about whether a child has been a victim of any kind of child abuse. The Boy Scouts of America has made it a policy that the Scout executive of each council as well as key members of the professional and volunteer staff become familiar with child abuse and its various manifestations. It is the responsibility of the Scout executive to identify the reporting requirements in the state(s) in which the council operates and to establish the council's reporting policy accordingly.

If you suspect that a child in camp is a victim of child abuse, you **must** report this to your camp director or program director. They will discuss your suspicions with you and possibly talk to the child. In most states, persons with knowledge of suspected child abuse are required to report the case to the child protective services agency. Failure to report may carry criminal penalties. All states provide immunity from prosecution for reporting suspected child abuse in good faith. Your camp director will be able to explain these responsibilities to you.

Detecting Sexual Molestation (Michigan State Rule #400.119)

Some forms of abuse may not leave obvious physical evidence. There are, however, behavioral signs that may indicate abuse. This is especially true of children who have been sexually molested. You should be alert to these signs of sexual abuse:

- Changes in behavior, extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearfulness, and excessive crying.
- Bed-wetting, nightmares, fear of going to bed, or other sleep disturbances.
- Inappropriate sexual activity or showing an unusual interest in sexual matters.
- Regression to infantile behavior.
- Pain, itching, bleeding, fluid, or rawness in the private areas. A physician or nurse should attend to these problems.

Detecting Sexual Molestation (cont.)

•A fear of certain places, people, or activities— especially being alone with certain people. You should note that some of the behaviors might have other explanations. A child who comes to summer camp or other outdoor activity is coming to an unfamiliar environment and may experience homesickness or anxieties that can lead to behaviors similar to the signs of sexual molestation. Do not simply discount the behavior as homesickness, however. Immediately bring it to the attention of the camp director or camp nurse. Even if the child's behavior is a result of homesickness, his outdoor experience can be much more enjoyable if the cause of the distress is addressed. You are in a position to be a real help to youth placed in your care.

What to Do (Michigan State Rule #400.113)

At some point, a youth in your care may tell you that someone has molested him. If this happens, we want you to be prepared to help the child. Follow the guidelines below if a child indicates that he or she may have been the victim of abuse or exploitation:

- **DON'T** panic or overreact to the information disclosed by the child.
- **DON'T** criticize the child.
- **DO** respect the child's privacy. Take the child to the camp office, away from other Scouts. It is important that you discuss the child's situation *only* with the camp director and camp nurse, who will discuss the situation with the Scout executive and with the child protective services agency in your state. It should not become the topic of conversation in the staff lounge. Camp is a hard place to keep information confidential. Your Scouts should not become the subject of camp gossip.
- **DO** make sure that the child feels that he is not to blame about what happened. Tell the child that no one should ask him to keep a special secret and that it is okay to talk about what happened with appropriate adults. Try to avoid repeated interviews about this incident. This can be very stressful for the child.
- **DO** report any concerns to the Camp Director at once. It's the law!

Precautions Against Accusations of Sexual Abuse or Exploitation (Michigan State Rule #400.107)

Child abuse is a serious criminal offense. As a camp leader with the responsibility for caring for children, you may be placed in sensitive situations making you vulnerable to charges of child molestation. If you take these simple precautions, however, you need not be afraid of groundless accusations.

- Have other leaders present when supervising showers, changing into swimming suits, and other circumstances in which the child may be dressing or undressing.
- Respect the privacy of the child. Do not become intrusive in such areas as bodily functions more than is necessary to monitor the health and safety of the child.
- The child has the right to reject displays of affection if he feels uncomfortable about them. Not every child comes from a background in which affection is openly displayed. Respect the child's wishes.
- Protect your own privacy. In some camp living situations, camp staff lives with their campers. There will be a natural curiosity about boyfriends or girlfriends, personal relationships, and with some of the older campers, sexual activity. You should use common sense in discussing these subjects with your campers, and keep private the details of those areas of your life that are nobody's business but your own.

Sexual exploitation should not be confused with physical contacts that are true expressions of affection. A warm and healthy relationship can exist between the camper and camp staff if staff members respect the child and place reasonable limits on their physical interaction.

Camperships

Campership Assistance

No Scout should miss camp because a Scout or family can't afford it. If any Scout cannot afford the full camp fee, he may apply for a campership. You must be a registered youth member of the Michigan Crossroads Council. Camperships may be requested for the following council sponsored summer camp activities:

[Boy Scout Camperships at: Cole Canoe Base](#)

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Campership (financial assistance) a youth must be:

1. Registered and in good standing in a unit.
2. In need of financial help in order to attend summer camp.
3. Recommended for aid by a unit leader.

We request your help in making camperships available to deserving youth members of your unit. Will you and the unit leader please review the youth in your unit and make recommendations. Provide the applications for parents to complete the parent information on the front. You are to complete and sign the back. The Unit Campership Chair will send the completed forms to the Council office. It is our belief that each applicant should pay a portion of his fee and that the unit and chartered partner should also pay a portion of the fee.

Credit for Campership

The amount of the campership will be credited to the unit's camp account, or in the case of provisional Scout camping and Cub Scouts camping to the individual Scout's account. It is important to know that camperships are awarded to individual Scouts and may not be transferred to another boy. The balance of camp fees over and above the campership awarded must be paid according to the schedule on the camp application. A campership cannot be used for any deposit that may be required.

Completing the Request for Campership

It is important that all questions on the request for campership form be answered completely. Camperships are awarded based on need, and can only be determined from the information on the form.

Incomplete forms will be returned to the campership representatives to be completed. All request MUST be submitted on the council website at <http://www.michiganscouting.org>.

Awarding Campership

We desire that all camperships be awarded with a minimum of publicity in order to avoid any embarrassment for recipients. There must be no promise made to applicants that they will receive campership support.

Campership Notification

Notification of camperships awarded will be sent to the campership representatives recorded on the request. It is the unit's responsibility to show proof of campership awarded on check-in at camp. If for any reason a boy will not use a campership award, please notify as soon as possible so the campership can be used for another Scout. The Campership Committee will review each application and will notify the unit Campership Chair of the award(s) and notify each parent.

All Scouts that are granted a campership, will be requested to write a letter of thanks to a person that donated money to the campership fund. Submit these to your FSC Directly.

<http://www.michiganscouting.org>

[CAMPERSHIP REQUESTS ARE COMPLETED ONLINE](#)



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