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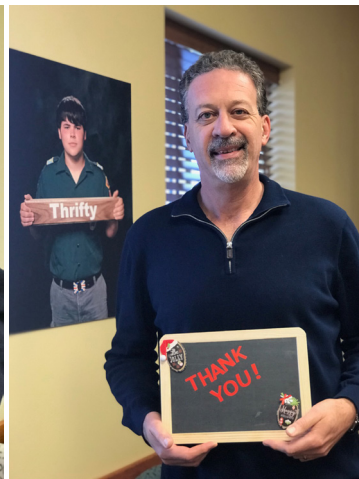
On behalf of the Michigan Crossroads Council leadership we would like to extend a warm holiday greeting to you and your families this holiday season. 2017 has been a tremendous Scouting year with a wide array of activities, the National Jamboree, excellent summer camping programs and a Fall that blessed the Scouting program with so many new families to share the memories with in the future. We are grateful for your leadership, family involvement and investment in a Scouting program that is unparalleled thanks to each of you and your commitment.

May 2018 be an even better year of Scouting throughout Michigan. We look forward to working together to make Michigan Scouting the best it can be for the families served. Blessings to each of you and may you experience a happy Scouting new year!

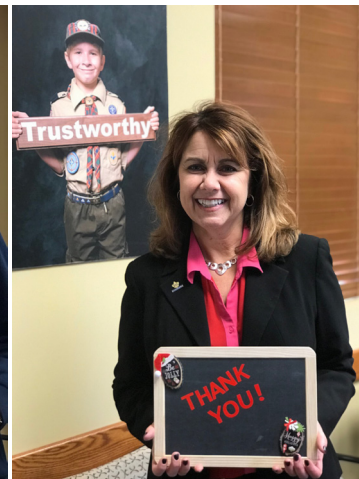
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THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE IN SCOUTING



A Scout is a Scout, regardless of special accommodations they may require because of physical or mental limitations, said Midge Savage, Chairwoman of the Michigan Crossroads Council's Special Needs Committee.

"We all benefit when someone

succeeds," Savage said. "There is one young man who is 18-years-old. It is unlikely that earning Eagle is in his future, but he loves Scouting, reciting the pledge and he loves to be around the group. They

wanted to make him assistant Scoutmaster and he has received registration beyond the age of eligibility and he continues to be part of that group's opening and closing. For him that's an important part of his life."

About two percent of Scouts registered with the MCC require registration beyond the age of eligibility and the more significant accommodations that may come with that to complete their advancement work. These are usually Scouts with very severe limitations that may prevent them from participating fully in meetings or fulfilling advancement requirements without a higher level of assistance.

"It needs to be pretty significant or pervasive," Savage said, "like a significant cognitive delay or a severe emotional impairment."

Whether they are eligible for beyond age of eligibility or have special needs, about 95 percent of Scouts are in units chartered by schools and churches.

Merit badges have to be done just as the requirements are written, but sometimes there are ways to make accommodations. The Scout may have to master it several times to get through it or may need to be questioned through multiple choice or "yes" or "no" questions or may have to accomplish the requirements by actually demonstrating what they're trying to do.

"A Scout can have mild learning disabilities and would be expected to participate through normal Scouting channels," Savage said. "For instance, a child who uses a text to talk computer,

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but is getting A's and B's in school, would have a Merit Badge counselor who would use text to talk, but would not be a candidate for beyond the age of eligibility."

Other accommodations could include allowing a Scout on the autism spectrum who may not be able to sit through an entire meeting to come late or require a list of instructions to be broken up into pieces that are easier for them to manage. Sometimes they can't stand in a group and need to be in the front or the back and this is when, Savage said, the buddy system works well. She said these are small accommodations that can make a positive difference.

Some units also have found that it's helpful to have a quiet area which benefits everyone and not just Scouts with special needs.

"Accommodations can be made that are reasonable and still meet Scout standards and there's more that we can do," Savage said. "Everything is on a continuum. Good Scoutmasters have discovered that kids need rest time and

quiet time."

A key part of making the experience successful for Scouts with special needs is making sure leaders are comfortable working with a young man with special needs and parents have to be comfortable with the relationship between their child and those they will be interacting with.

Each Field Service Council is responsible for processing advancement beyond the age of eligibility. Savage's committee does trainings at Scouting University and Roundtables to ensure that every Scout gets the full benefit of Scouting.

The committee includes a psychologist, a therapist, and a social worker, in addition to Savage who is a retired director of Special Education professional. She also has been a long time Scouting volunteer wearing numerous hats.

Making these accommodations has met with resistance from some in Scouting, she said. Savage said one individual was upset that a young man

had been approved for registration beyond the age of eligibility.

"This gentleman thought that we were weakening the Eagle and just giving it away. He had concerns about breaking it down into pieces," Savage said. "We explained that the requirements were being achieved in a segmented, slower way and by the time we were done with the committee meeting, they understood.

"The adults around us make it a bigger deal than it needs to be. Kids will bring their buddy along and they get it," Savage said. "We get caught up in rules and regulations and they just do it. It's a bond and if other Scouts take the time to respect an individual Scout, that respect leads to growth. Units that foster that have successful Scouts."

The bottom line for Savage and those on her committee is to make Scouting as accessible as possible so that every youth who wants to participate has that opportunity.

- Story by Jane Parikh



Photo Credit: Sarah Hotchkiss

CHANCE'S TO GIVE BACK



Nate Chance said he is keeping his son's memory alive by giving to others. As Chance, his wife, Carrie, and two remaining children continue to mourn the loss of their son and brother, Malachi, they are finding opportunities to honor his memory through the establishment of a foundation named for Malachi and a recent Toy Drive at Sparrow Hospital.

"We want to keep his memory alive and still honor what he would have wanted to do," Nate said.

Malachi, a member of Cub Scout Pack 260, passed away on October 31, 2016, five days after he was struck by a vehicle while crossing a street in downtown Grand Ledge. He was 11-years-old at the time of his death. His brother, Zephan, who was 8 at the time, also suffered serious injuries, but has recovered.

On October 31 of this year, the Chance's observed the first anniversary of Malachi's death through a Toy Drive they organized at Sparrow Hospital. The family delivered dozens of toys, games, blankets and other items donated by community members to Sparrow's pediatrics playroom. Many of the

items will become gifts for children admitted to the hospital.

"We're working on setting up a foundation in Malachi's name," Nate said. "We've done some small things where we had some things crocheted and gave them away in Malachi's name. We're planning on a cloth drive to be able to donate different materials to the Sparrow Foundation to make blankets and pillows for kids at the hospital."

Nate said he has been asked many times about where the strength comes from to organize these giving moments. He said a dedication to family and a focus on honoring his son's memory has a lot to do with it.

"It's just knowing who he was and the type of kid that he was," Nate said. "We, as a family, always try to look at the positive in everything. Malachi passed away and there's nothing we could do about it. We have to be forward-thinking about honoring his life the best that we can and we have two children who we need to be there for."

"We will develop a new sense of normal."

The Toy Drive and other giving opportunities have given Zephan, age 9, and sister, Miranda, age 7, time to talk about their brother with others which is helping them get through the loss of their brother.

In addition to his family's ability to take a tragedy and maintain optimism for the future, Nate said their Scouting family rallied around them and have

been a great source of support at a difficult time.

"We've cried and taken a bad situation and tried to make it good," Nate says. "He was a very giving young man. He was always looking to help the next person."

Even in death that giving support shined when Malachi became a "Gift of Life" donor. However, the extent of his many acts of kindness were not known to his family until his death.

Classmates related stories to the Chance's about how Malachi would befriend those deemed "unfriendable."

"He would go out of his way to help kids who were being bullied," Nate says. "He would tell me that they need a friend so why wouldn't I be a friend to them. There was a boy, who whenever Malachi would see him, he would always say hi to him and that was something we preached to the kids. We've told them that it makes people feel good that they were noticed."

In at least one memorable moment, Malachi's generosity came back to his family.

"He had \$1 and gave it to a classmate," Nate said. "She actually brought that \$1 back to help our family because of the impact that had on her."

"That's who he was. That's kind of his legacy of giving."

- Story by Jane Parikh

SAGINAW SCOUT LIVES WHAT HE'S LEARNING IN SCOUTING

Zachary "Zack" Mitchell's swift actions saved the life of a classmate who was planning to kill himself.

For his quick-thinking to avert a potential tragedy, Zack, a member of Troop 345 in Saginaw, was awarded the Medal of Merit from the Boy Scouts of America during a special presentation in May, four months after his classmate announced his intent to commit suicide on a live YouTube feed.

Zack, who is a 9th-grader at Swan Valley High School, was home alone doing his homework when he received a notification that YouTube was live.

"I clicked on the link to see what was going on," Zack said. "I saw my classmate saying that he was going to spend his last few minutes playing his favorite game. I was confused at first and then he stated that 'anybody just joining, I'm going to kill myself. I am very depressed.'"

After "freaking out" for a minute or two while trying to figure out how to handle what he just saw and heard, Zack said he emailed his classmate to try and calm him down and also to make sure he was O.K. At the same time, Zack called the principal of his school to let her know what was going on. When she didn't respond, he emailed her and called his parents.

"My mom and dad called 911 and my principal emailed me back to make sure I was O.K. and to let me know I was doing the right thing," Zack said.

About two hours later Zack learned that his classmate was O.K. and would be receiving help.

Dave Howe, Scoutmaster for Troop 345, said he was in awe about Zack's quick response.

"This is so much of what we hope they get out of being a Boy Scout. It made me so proud that I was his Scoutmaster," Howe said. "I knew right away that we had to do something to recognize Zack for this as a Scout going above and beyond what you'd think. He didn't even think that it was that big of a deal that he did it."

After doing some research Howe found the Medal of Merit which honors Scout, Venturers, and Scouters who have performed an act of meritorious service above and beyond what is normally expected of a youth or adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. Michael Hussar, Committee Chair for the Water and Woods Field Service Council, recommended Zack for the Medal of Merit "due to his willingness to get involved in what could have been an unhappy ending."

"I didn't know how to react at first and I was scared and then I just called because I knew that would be the right thing," Zack said. "It was kind of just instinct."

Tom Mitchell, Zack's father, said doing the right thing is something his son has grown up with. He said he doesn't think anyone else who was watching the YouTube stream that night stepped up to take action as his son did.

"Zack's always been a very sensitive and conscientious young man," Tom Mitchell said.

"He's always concerned for others and is always making sure they're involved. He's very respectful and is a great example for other boys and the other Scouts in his troop."

Zack said his involvement in Scouting taught him to do the right thing and to be the best person that he can be. He joined as a Cub Scout in first grade and said he plans to stay involved because of the leadership and camping opportunities.

Tom Mitchell said he fully supports his son's decision to stay involved in Scouting.

"I think it's important for them to be involved in something," he said. "Scouting teaches them how to be good citizens and overall good human beings."

Howe said for many Scouts, doing the right becomes an automatic response.

"You spend enough time in Scouting and start to follow Scouting values without even thinking about it," he said.

- Story by Jane Parikh

To protect the privacy of the minor involved in this incident and his family, this story is not available for public distribution. However, we have full permission from Zack's family to print the story in its entirety in this publication. Please contact Kim Manor, MCC Director of Marketing/Communications, at kimberlee.manor@scouting.org with any questions.

ALEX JOHNSON — YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO PRACTICE BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT



During a Cub Scout camp at Camp Munhackle in July seven-year-old Alex Johnson, of Chief Okemos District Pack 121, discovered his very first ga-ga pit. And as luck would have it, Camp Munhackle had two, where Alex and his fellow Scouts could be found playing whenever they had time to spare.

Ga-ga ball is a fast-paced, high energy sport like dodge ball, that's played in an octagonal pit. The sport combines skills such as running, jumping, and dodging while trying to hit opponents below the knees with a soft foam ball.

Alex's dad, Derek Johnson said, "After talking with his Boy Scout Camp volunteer, Alex discovered that some Eagle Scouts across the country have built ga-ga pits for their Eagle Scout projects."

Alex's school, St. Gerard's in Lansing, did not have one, so he decided he wanted to build a ga-ga pit at his school.

His dad explained that it was a big project which required Alex to ask the permission of many people, including the Boy Scouts national office, to get approval for his idea to install a ga-ga pit.

Determined to get the project done, Alex approached Corrie Groth, Chief Okemos District's Field Director and asked, "Can I build a ga-ga pit at my school for my Eagle Scout project?"

Corrie smiled and said, "You have to be a Boy Scout first, not a Cub Scout."

"I've never seen Alex look so heartbroken" his dad said, "although he instantly revived when Corrie told him, 'However, you could get your pack involved and do it as a community service project.'"

"What's a community service project?" Alex asked.

Corrie explained, "It's like practice for an Eagle Scout project and you still get to build it."

With his Dad's help, Alex was up and running, researching how to build a ga-ga pit, find sponsors and organize the project over the next two months.

"Several sponsors were found, some who provided total costs, while others provided at their cost, or just charged freight expenses," Derek Johnson said. Some businesses were only open during school hours, so Alex could not be there, but, I had pictures and the story," he explained. The overall project which included items like lumber, limestone, sand, AstroTurf, wood chips and other materials cost around \$5,000.

Local sponsors included JP Builders, MPC Cash-way Lumber, Hammond Farms Landscape Supply, Delta Floats, and Flat Rock Bagging. Professional volunteers included Dale Frank and

Tim David who assisted with carpentry and AstroTurf Installation.

In addition to expenses, the project required many volunteer hours as well. Help came from boys in Alex's Wolf Den pack and their parents, as well as other Scouts from Tigers to Webelo's, family members, and even local Unit Service Executive Abel Rubio.

Derek Johnson said, "It took four working days and over 150 volunteer hours to complete what may be Michigan's first and only artificial grass ga-ga pit." The ga-ga pit was officially opened on October 10.

After the project was completed, Alex said, "I feel really good because everybody likes it and has fun in it."

"It was an important project for the school and the community, Wendy Johnson, Alex's mother, said. "I am proud of him. Alex never looks at anything and thinks he cannot do it. I love that what makes him happy is that he does things for other people to make them happy."

Earlier this year, Alex represented the Boy Scouts of America, Michigan Crossroads Council, at the State Capitol during Report to the State, and in 2016, he came in second as a top popcorn seller for the Chief Okemos District, and 5th in the State of Michigan.

This may have been practice, but from the results, it looks like Alex is on his way to someday fulfilling his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout.

- Story by Rosalie Petrouske

DAVID-MICHAEL PETERSON — ALMOST AN EAGLE



It took David-Michael Peterson two years to take his Eagle Scout project from concept to reality, but he says the wait was worth it.

During a ceremony on October 13, the Disc Golf Course he created at Holt High School was dedicated. The project cost \$5,000 to complete.

“Raising the funds to pay for the equipment and signage were the most challenging obstacles to overcome,” he said. David-Michael began asking local businesses for sponsorships from the time he was 14 years old. “I made over 30 requests, and got a lot of “no’s,” he said, “however, the first Gold sponsorship for \$500.00 I secured really motivated me to keep going.”

In addition to equipment and signage, the money raised was used to purchase discs and a curriculum for the Physical Education instructors at Holt High School to use in the classroom.

David-Michael’s dad, David Peterson, who is an engineer, mentored David on the structural design and logistical knowledge needed to plan and build the course.

It is rare for someone who just turned 16 a few months ago to raise such a large amount of money for a project,

but his mother Heather Peterson said he was determined to reach his goal.

“It was both a family and community effort,” she said.

“His troop has been very supportive along the way. It really does take a village.”

David-Michael is a member of the Chief Okemos District, Troop 43 in Dimondale.

The project required hands-on help and support from many family, friends and troop members to complete. David-Michael said they volunteered a total of 500 volunteer hours.

Planning, organizing, recruiting volunteers and raising funds taught him about how to manage, not just a project, but people as well.

“I had to learn how to give directions and tell others what to do,” he said. He also learned how to get up in front of 30 or more people at a time and take control. “I learned a lot about time management and being a leader.

It really has prepared me for life. From camping to people skills, every single aspect of life is covered and this is one of the greatest parts about Scouting. “David-Michael and his dad are avid disc golfers who have played in tournaments and on courses in North Dakota, North Carolina and Nevada.

“Not many youths know about disc golf,” David-Michael said.

He feels his project will open a new door for students and get people connected through the sport. The

Disc Golf Course will not only benefit students at Holt High School and be part of their Physical Education curriculum, but will also be open to the public.

David-Michael began his Scouting journey in kindergarten. He has accumulated many favorite memories, but the best one was taking a 100-mile canoe trip with his troop.

“This past summer my troop canoed the Fox and Manistique rivers in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. We traveled about 20 miles per day. One day we paddled for 12 hours,” he said. David-Michael offered some advice for younger Scouts. “One thing I would like to tell younger Scouts who aspire to the rank of Eagle is to work on one task at a time.”

When he was younger, he set small goals in order to complete all of the merit badges that he would someday need to become an Eagle Scout. He advises younger Scouts to bring their book with them to each meeting and have one or two tasks signed off on to help them stay motivated.

David and Heather Peterson are overwhelmingly proud of their son for what he’s accomplished.

“We need leaders that know how to set goals and accomplish them,” his dad said.
“We need leaders that can communicate.”

Although he still must submit the paperwork and prepare for his Eagle Board of Review, David-Michael Peterson is already one of those leaders.

- Story by Rosalie Petrouske

SOUTH HAVEN CUB SCOUT SELECTED AS REPORT TO NATION DELEGATE



When a national delegation of Boy Scouts travels to Washington, D.C. to present their Report to the Nation, an 8-year-old Cub Scout from South Haven will be with them.

Donnell Thomas, a member of Pack #188, was selected from thousands of Scouts who applied to be a part of the delegation that will present an update on the state of Scouting to the speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Known as the Report to the Nation, the presentation focuses on who the Boy Scouts of America is; programs and initiatives supported by the BSA; and major accomplishments and contributions the organization has made during the past year.

The delegation includes between six and 10 Scouts.

On a recent Saturday during a visit to the Scout Shop in Kalamazoo, Donnell appeared to be taking his delegate-status in stride.

"I'm excited to go and see the White House and the Pentagon where my grandma worked," Donnell said.

Equally as excited are Donnell's grandparents Pastor Jeff and Lynn Dick. Pastor Dick ministers at the First Congregational Church which charts his grandson's Pack and a Boy Scout Troop. He is also the Scoutmaster for Donnell's Pack and nominated his grandson for inclusion in the delegation.

While scrolling through emails, Dick said he saw one about the Report to the Nation.

"I had never heard of it. It was just mind-boggling and I thought of Donnell," Dick said. "Here's a young man who's moved around a lot and doesn't get opportunities like this and I thought why not give it to someone who really deserves it."

Dick wrote a letter of recommendation to the nominating committee thinking that perhaps his grandson would get a mention for being nominated. When the telephone call came from the BSA's National office letting him know that Donnell had been selected, Dick said he was surprised and beyond thrilled.

"I'm ecstatic about this opportunity for him to be able to go to Washington and see all these places and meet these people and also spend time with older Scouts," he said.

The recommendation letter was an honest representation of Donnell's ability to overcome challenges at a very young age.

"I told them that this is a young

boy who has had virtually no contact with his birth father and really doesn't know him," Dick said. "I wrote about the importance of Scouting in his life and the maturity he showed at camp this summer which was tremendous."

During a camping trip this summer to Rota Kiwan Scout Reservation, Donnell, a non-swimmer, passed a swimming test and was able to swim without assistance to a large, inflatable platform on Eagle Lake.

While this may not seem to many people to be a major accomplishment, it is for Donnell and his family.

The Dick's adopted Donnell's two uncles when they were young and adopted his mother, Keyana, after his birth.

"We developed a relationship with Keyana when she was a teenager living in a children's home in Kalamazoo," Dick said. "She was always calling us 'mom' and 'dad.' We adopted her and she moved to South Haven."

The adoption made the Dick's Donnell's legal grandparents, and also gave them the ability to be there for Keyana if she needed medical care or required hospitalization. In addition to Donnell, she has a daughter, Raziyah, age 5, and a son, Josiah, age 3. Donnell, his mother, and siblings currently live in Chicago, but are planning to move back to Michigan next year.

"We see Donnell every weekend at this point. On Sunday, there's usually a Den meeting and Pack meeting we're going to," Dick said. "His mom and the other kids come up once a month to see us. We try to time weekend events for mom to come up when Scout things are going on."

SOUTH HAVEN CUB SCOUT SELECTED AS REPORT TO NATION DELEGATE

Dick got Donnell involved in Scouting two years ago after seeing the positive impact it made on his two older sons. The family's initial involvement with Scouting began after the family moved to South Haven 25 years ago. Their son, Josh, now 30, earned his First Class rank and younger son, Brandon, earned his Life rank.

Dick said Scouting was something he could do with his sons and gave them opportunities to camp and participate in activities they might not have otherwise had the opportunity to do. He said his sons learned the importance of friendship and the value of loyalty and community service and continue to live what they learned as Scouts.

Dick has stayed involved because the need for Scouting in the lives of the young people he sees has never been more critical. He said there are a lot more boys who are being raised by a single mom or a grandparent.

"As I was entering names into the database, I was noticing that there were a number of boys who had different last names than their parents," Dick said. "I became aware of just how important an organization like Scouting is because it puts them in touch with adults and good role models.

"When Josh joined the Cub Scouts there was one single mom and the rest were from two-parent homes. Now, there may be 18 boys and eight of them may be in two-parent homes. It takes a toll on the kids."

The community's recognition

of the value of Scouting has enabled Dick to double the size of the Pack, which now has 85 youth, and also increase the size of the Troop to 20. A total of 70 new Scouts were registered this year under his leadership.



But, more important to Dick than the numbers is the diversity of the Pack and Troop and their ability to respect and support one another.

"We have white, black, and Hispanic youth mixing together on a regular basis," he said. "This is hugely important for them because many of them come from homes with couples who aren't married and are significantly low-income."

Despite their family circumstances, four Scouts are working on their Eagle Scout, including one young man who has raised \$4,000 to purchase two AED machines that will be given to the Bangor and South Haven public libraries as his Eagle project.

These older Scouts are the role models for their younger counterparts.

"You want them to see young men that are not that different from them doing great things," Dick said. "It's important for them to be able to look up to these boys as examples and role models."

- Story by Jane Parikh

STAFF PROFILE: NATE CHANCE



Nate Chance
Office Assistant/Eagle Scout Processor
Chief Okemos District

Why did you choose a career in Scouting?

I love the values it teaches our youth, and if I can support the growth of the BSA, I will do my part.

Share something about yourself that nobody knows, i.e., a hobby, a special interest, etc.

Scouting is my life right now. When I'm not in class working on an education degree at the age of 43, I am Scouting. Scouting is Life.

What do you consider your best quality or characteristic?

Helping others, and making others laugh. I want everyone to feel accepted and belong to the greater good of friendship.

When you want to get away, where do you go?

The woods with family and friends, even my Scouts. my escape is Scouting. This may sound odd to some, but I have more fun Scouting than another time. Teaching and learning is the best part of life.

Name someone who has made or continues to make a positive impact on you?

Corrie Groth. she inspires me to work as hard as she does. Her endless love for the Scouting program just makes me see the benefits I put forth in to my units and other units I help.

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Hannah Meixner

Michigan Crossroads Council STEM Executive

Hannah Meixner – is the newest STEM Pro for the Michigan Crossroads Council. Joining the MCC STEM Team on November 15th, she recently moved to Grand Ledge from Powell, Ohio. A 2015 graduate of Ohio University, she has a Bachelor of Science in Geology. During college, Hannah worked at an outdoor education camp in Bellefontaine, Ohio. She worked three summers at Philmont Scout Ranch where she enjoyed her work as a Ranger, and then a Mountain Trek Ranger. This past summer, she held the position of Program Counselor at the French Henry geology and mining camp at Philmont, passing up the offer to be a Ranger Trainer. Her love of the back country and her background in geology served many scouts well at the Geology and Mining Camp. She also served as a wilderness first responder, and participated in Search and Rescue operations at Philmont. In her spare time, she likes to do magic tricks and paint. Hannah will serve the Council as a STEM Pro, focusing on innovative new STEM Programs including our Special Initiatives Programs at Camp Teetonkah. Welcome Hannah!

ADULT TRAINING - EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER



Wilderness & Remote First Aid Course (Session 1)

Dec 6
Dauch Scout Center
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Leader Position-Specific Training Extravaganza

Dec 9
Dauch Scout Center
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Leader Training at Merit Badge College

Dec 9
Delta College
[REGISTER HERE](#)

American Red Cross Blended Learning

Jan 13
Camp Munhacker
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Wilderness & Remote First Aid Course (Session 2)

Jan 20
Dauch Scout Center
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University of Scouting

Jan 27
Lamphere High School
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Winter Wood Badge

Feb 2
Silver Trails Scout Reservation
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Adult Leader Training Day & Eagle Process Workshop

Feb 2
Howell
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Adult Training Day

Feb 3
Latter Day Saints Church
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Pancakes with Santa

Dec 9
Camp Rotary
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Cub Winter Shoot

Dec 9
Camp Munhackle
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Merit Badge College

Dec 9
Delta College
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Brunch with Santa

Dec 10, 16 & 17
Camp Munhackle
[REGISTER HERE](#)

1-2-3 Go/Designed to Crunch/ Number Don't Lie

Dec 16
Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Boy Scout Winter Camp

Dec 26-30
Camp Rotary
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Winter Camp

Dec 28-30
Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Basketball Scout Day

Dec 30
Crisler Center
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Merit Badge Mania

Jan 6
Wayne County Community College
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Toledo Walley Scout Experience

Jan 13
Huntington Center
[REGISTER HERE](#)

OKPIK Cold Weather Camping Training (Indoor)

Jan 13
DeVos Family Center for Scouting
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Polar Cub Camp

Jan 13
Camp Rotary
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FIND MORE EVENTS AT [MICHIGANSCOUTING.ORG/CALENDAR](https://michiganscouting.org/calendar)

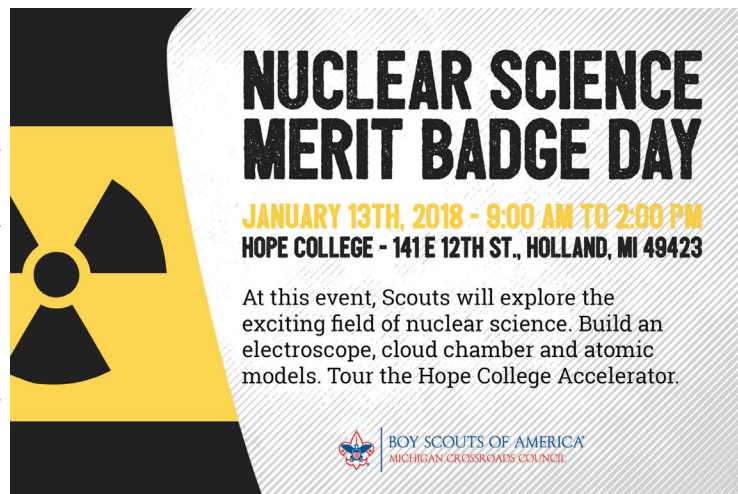
STEM ADVENTURE

Nuclear Science Merit Badge Day at Hope College.

Saturday January 13, 2018 9AM – 2 PM (Holland, MI)

Join us for a full day of exploring the field of Nuclear Science. Scouts will build atomic models as well as an electroscope and a cloud chamber, while working on requirements for the Nuclear Science MB. NOTE: Pre-requisite required: Please complete 2B prior to attending this course.

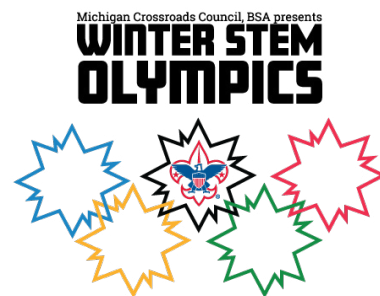
The day will also include a tour of the Hope College Accelerator. Bring a sack lunch, your signed blue card, and your curiosity for Nuclear Science. Space is limited, register [HERE](#).



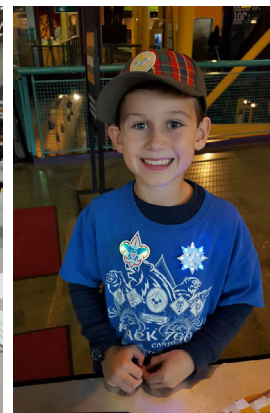
Winter STEM Olympics at Kensington Metropark

Saturday February 10, 2018 8AM – 6PM (Milford, MI)

Celebrating the 23rd Winter Olympic Games, come join in the fun with the STEM Team! Activities include: Cardboard Sled Racing (Individual and/or Team entries); Learn to Solder; Snow Snakes; Winter Science Activities, Petting Zoo, Kettle Cooking and more! Bring the entire family – register for the activities you'll participate in and we will see you on the slopes! (Kensington Metropark will have TWO snowmaking machines, insuring that we will have a guaranteed SLED HILL for the cardboard races). Start by registering [HERE](#)!



STEM Nova 'Start Your Engines' Day at GM Plant in Wyoming, MI on 12/2/2017



STEM Adventure Day at Yankee Air Museum on 12/2/2017



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Troy Scout Shop Early Closure

The Troy Scout Shop will be closing at 2:00PM on December 9th to conduct our annual inventory which is 1 hour early.

Scouting for Food Outcomes

President Ford Field Service Council

November 11, 2017

3,500 items collected

231 youth participated

753 service hours recorded for the drive

Great Lakes Field Service Council

November 4 & 11, 2017

Over 207,000 pounds collected

Over 3,000 youth participated

Approximately 3 hours per person per day of service hours recorded for the drive



Camp Card Sale

Paying your own way to awesome Scouting adventures has never been easier and we've got the cards to prove it.

Beginning on February 10 each of our Scouts will have a great opportunity to sell Camp Cards offering discounts on purchases made from national and local vendors. The cards will be sold for \$5 each and \$2.50 from each card will go back to the Scout selling them to help them pay the cost of their camp and other outdoor adventure experiences.

Even though the Camp Card sale doesn't start until February, we encourage all Scouts to start thinking about potential customers which could include parents, grandparents, Popcorn customers, or just about anybody else who loves to save money and get a good deal.

Please look for additional information about the Camp Card sale in the coming months.

Recharter

It's that time of the year again! If you have not done so yet, NOW is the time to get your unit rechartered.

What is the charter?

The chartering process is one of the oldest traditions in Scouting. It is the formal document that certifies the agreement between a Chartered Partner – an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as a part of its service to youth and community outreach – and the Boy Scouts of America, setting expectations for the quality of program to be delivered to the Charter Partner's youth population. The BSA grants charters to sponsoring (chartered) organizations who must report to Scouting annually to renew their local charters. Rechartering is the process where a Scout unit renews its charter as an official part of the Boy Scouts of America.

[More information](#)



Congratulations!

Jeremy H.

Pack 296 - Marine City

Jeremy is the winner of the 2017 Disney Vacation popcorn prize drawing!

He will receive a \$3,000 travel voucher to use at Walt Disney World Resort® in Orlando, Florida. Jeremy and his family can plan a Disney World vacation that best suits them, arranged through an agent provided by Michigan Crossroads Council.

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

CAMPING HIGHLIGHTS

\$10 Discount on Cabin Rental

The Deal: Rent a cabin at any of our MCC camps from November 1 to December 31, 2017 and register for 2018 summer resident camp while you are there to receive \$10 off per Scout for summer camp 2018. For more information and details, please check out our FAQ's at <http://www.michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/10-Cabin-Discount-FAQ.pdf>

Attend any of the listed events and save on your 2018 Summer Resident Camp registration!

Time is running out to save! Attend any of the events listed below and register for summer resident camp 2018 while you are there and save \$10 on your registration.

Camp Rotary

Boy Scout Winter Camp - 12/26 - 12/30

[More information and to register.](#)

MIC 2020

We are seeking Michigan troops and crews to participate in the Michigan International Camporee in 2020. Troops will serve as MIC "host units." For host units, MIC 2020 will be a two-week experience. The first week, they will host an international contingent of Scouts and leaders in their homes. The second week, contingents from all the MIC 2020 host units and the international contingents they are hosting will camp together at Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation in a week of international fun, friendship, and fellowship. This is a great commitment but is a great experience for the Troop leadership and Scouts.

Individual MCC volunteers are needed as part of the MIC all-volunteer staff. We are especially looking for individuals who are qualified and might be interested in filling key MIC 2020 Leadership and Administration positions. For those with tight schedules, there are several positions that do not require spending a whole week in camp.

[Learn more about the Michigan International Camporee](#)

We're hiring at Rota-Kiwan for Summer Camp 2018!

Open interviews will be held on December 9th at Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Open positions include:

Aquatics Director

Archery Director

Trading Post Manager

Village Director

Ranger

Day Camp Staff

Shooting Sports/BB Gun Director

Archery Staff

Trading Post Staff

Kitchen Staff

Waterfront Staff

For questions or more information, please contact Aaron Collins at Aaron.Collins@scouting.org or at (734) 807-0201.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

GLSA

Are you looking for a new, exciting adventure for your Scouts? Come aboard the the Retriever! Based in its home port of Mackinaw City, Michigan, the Retriever will utilize harbors throughout the northern Great Lakes as classrooms to teach youth how to sail. Programs are available for any BSA Troop, Team, Crew or Ship. This is a great opportunity to go beyond traditional Summer Camp and explore the Great Lakes!

For more information and to register for your 2018 great adventure, [click here](#)

D-bar-A

Join us on February 10th at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch for the Cub Winter Adventure Day. We are celebrating winter and hosting the Lincoln Pilgrimage, which is a rededication ceremony for our Lincoln statue. We will have winter games and fun, along with some 1800's themed activities, such as candle making and outdoor cooking. We will also have a special visit from Abraham Lincoln himself! We cannot wait to see you at the ranch! For more information and to register please visit us at

[More information and to register](#)

Summer camp might be over for 2017 but weekend camping is in full swing at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. We host numerous troops and packs each weekend, field service council events, and OA events. On October 13-15, we outdid ourselves by simultaneously hosting four events on camp property with a total of just over 3,000 happy campers upon our wonderful ranch soil!!

All Y'all Family Camp at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

On October 27th-28th, D-Bar-A hosted our very own family camp. With a fall harvest theme, 109 participants celebrated fall in the best kind of way, the Ranch way! Scouts and Scouters had a blast playing games, pumpkin bowling, potato sack racing, hayrides, archery, BB guns and sling shots, and horse riding. We also did gourd painting and scarecrow building. Join us for our next family camp in early May with a Highlands theme!

Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation

Upcoming Events at Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation:

1-2-3 Go NOVA Day | December 16, 2017

Come out to camp and learn about the mathematics aspect of STEM. We will focus on the Cub Scout NOVA from 9-12 and will work on the Boy Scout/Venturing NOVA from 1-4. Cost is \$10 per person.

[More information and to register](#)

Cub Scout Activity Day | February 24, 2018

Whether it is BB gun, archery, or ga-ga ball, come out to camp for a day of fun in the snow. We will have hot chocolate and a day full of activities planned. Cost is \$10 per person.

[More information and to register](#)

Camp Rotary

Boy Scout Winter Camp | December 26-30, 2017

Join us December 26 - 30, 2017 for Camp Rotary's Annual Boy Scout Winter Camp Expedition for 4 days & 4 nights of Scouting winter fun! Don't miss this outstanding opportunity for fun, fellowship, and advancement to include the following Merit Badges being offered: Animation, Chemistry, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Exploration, Home Repairs, Fishing, Inventing, Programming, Robotics, Signs & Codes, Snow Sports. Cost is \$135.00 for youth & \$95.00 for adult

[More information and to register](#)

Camp Rotary 2018 Summer Camp Chili Kickoff | January 20, 2018

This complimentary invitation is for ALL registered unit leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders, OA members, and any other youth and adults involved in your unit's summer camp planning. The Chili Luncheon will include information on all Boy Scout Summer Camp programs at Camp Rotary for 2018.

FREE for any adult or youth leader in a unit attending Camp Rotary in 2018

[More information and to register](#)

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Polar Cubs | January 13, 2018

Join Camp Rotary for the first of a 2-part family camp as we travel through the worlds of Science-Fiction! Join us as we venture into the final frontier and bend the laws of space and time! Scouts will participate in activities themed around science-fiction, and will receive the first of a 2-part patch. Cost is \$20.00 for youth & \$15.00 for adult. Make sure to join us again in February for more magical fun and the 2nd part of your patch.

[More information and to register](#)

OKPIK Training | February 2-4, 2018 and/or February 9-11, 2018

OKPIK, which is Inuit for "Snowy Owl," is the Cold Weather Camping Adventure program offered by the Boy Scouts of America. OKPIK will give you the skills to go where few dare. This two day and two night adventure develops confidence and skills in camping and living in the outdoors during extreme weather conditions. Receive training in physical preparation, cold weather dress, first aid and emergency procedures, food and water, equipment use while experiencing cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and winter shelter building. This experience is the embodiment of the Boy Scout's motto to "Be Prepared". Cost is \$60 per person

[More information and to register](#)

Arctic Cubs | February 17, 2018

Join Camp Rotary for the second of a 2-part family camp as we travel through the worlds of Science-Fiction! Join us as we venture into the final frontier and bend the laws of space and time! Scouts will participate in activities themed around science-fiction, and will receive the second of a 2-part patch. Cost is \$20.00 for youth & \$15.00 for adult

[More information and to register](#)

Camp Munhacke

Boy Scout Gold Rush & Pancake Breakfast | December 2, 2017

It's like an Easter Egg hunt for the older scouts! Come out to camp and have breakfast. And when you are released the Gold Rush begins. Gold will be found in all parts of camp and some of the nuggets will have information to gain even more. Cost is \$15 for youth and 48 for adult

[More information and to register](#)

Cub Scout Indoor Shooting Ranges | December 9, 2017

Come out to camp to practice your archery and BB gun skills in an indoor area. Camp will be providing indoor archery and BB guns at \$5 per cub. Cost is \$5 per Cub Scout

[More information and to register](#)

Brunch with Santa | December 10, 16 & 17, 2017

The Big Guy is coming to camp and you have an opportunity to share some Christmas with him and camp staff, as you belly up to a brunch bar and decorate make-and-take cookies along with a photo with Santa. Limited seating/tickets available. Cost is \$10 per person

[More information and to register](#)

Boy Scout Winter Hike | January 13, 2017

Hike either 2 1/2 , 5, 7 1/2 or 10 miles. All trails are on State Property and start and end at Camp Munhacke. Cost is \$5 per person

[More information and to register](#)

Boy Scout Camp Antarctica | January 13 - 14, 2017

Get your winter gear together and prepare to spend a night outside. In the morning, you will be treated to a warm pancake breakfast! Cost is \$15 per person

[More information and to register](#)

Gerber Scout Reservation

Gerber Scout Reservation would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. 2017 is coming to a close and what a year it was. Thank you to everyone who came out to one of our events or spent time with us during the summer. Lots of plans are being made for 2018 and we cannot wait to see you all again for another great year of Scouting!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Calling all future staff of Gerber Scout Reservation! We will be holding staff interviews December 26th-27th at the Grand Rapids DeVos Center for Scouting and December 28th at Gerber Scout Reservation Chaffee Bunkhouse. These interviews will be for all staff positions. Please fill out the staff application online at <http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/campstaffapp/>. If you have any question please reach out to Shawn Dennany at Shawn.Dennany@scouting.org

Cole Canoe Base

The Pictured Rocks Deadline for registration is January 1, 2018. Because, we have to register with the Park Service early to secure your spot on the trail. Registration for the 100 Milers, 75 Milers and 50 Milers will be open until May 1, 2018 because we need to order necessary supplies for your trip. Registration for the Great Lakes Kayak Adventure will be done on-line during the summer. For more information, please contact Gus Chutorash at Gus.Chutorash@scouting.org.

Is your troop looking for a cool place to camp during the winter? Cole Canoe Base is open all year long and camping is available every weekend. Come up to Cole and camp in a cabin or a tent if that's your choice. All of the tent sites are available but the warmest places are the cabins. White Pines cabin has a full kitchen and beds for 24 people. Turkey Roost cabin (the Health Lodge building) also has a full kitchen and sleeps 10 people. At Cole you can use the sled hill behind the Turkey Roost cabin, rent snowshoes from camp or plan your own fun winter activities. Consider Cole for a cool winter camping experience.

Silver Trails

Hello from Silver Trails!

We wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful year at Silver Trails. A special thank you to all the attendees and volunteers for Mom and Me and Dad and Lad. These two events were the best attended in over three years! A big thank you to those who came out to our inaugural Shoot Out at Silver Trails this past month. Scouts had a blast shooting everything from 3D Archery to Muzzleloaders. We have another one on the calendar for next October, 2018. Check out our YouTube or Facebook over the next two weeks for videos of each event.

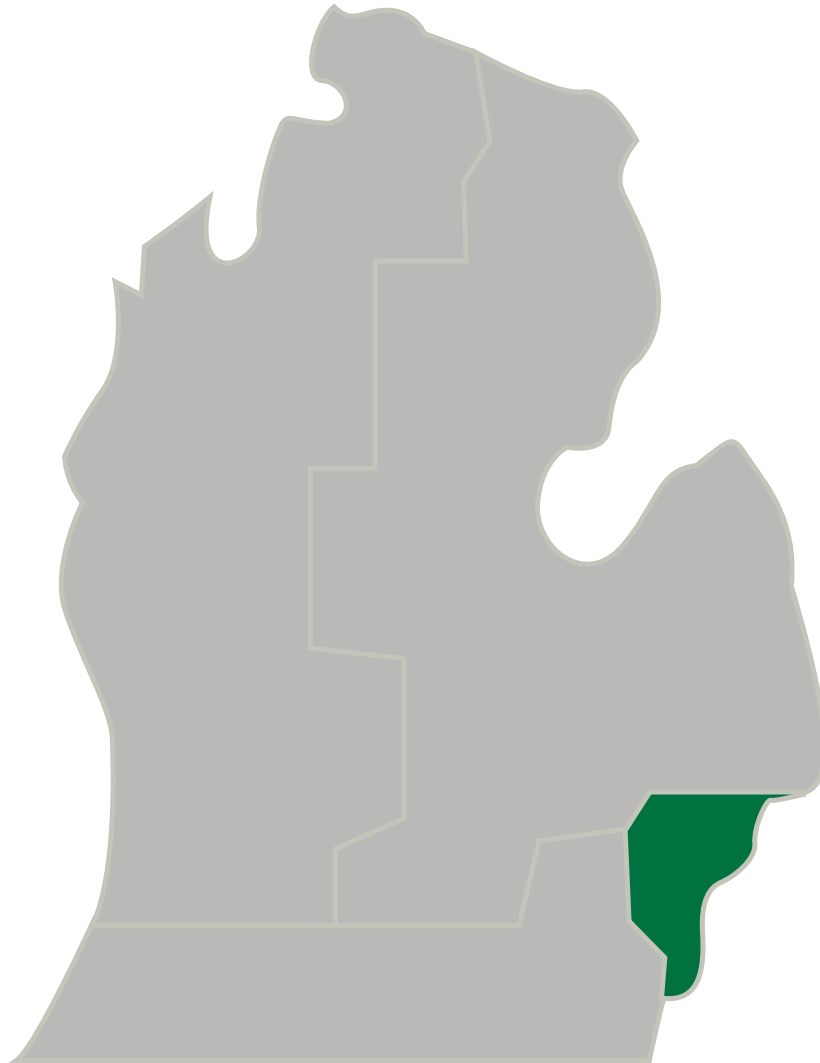
Next year we are adding 5 Merit Badge Weekends to the mix. Stay tuned to MichiganScouting.org/silvertrails for what badges will be offered what weekends. Our first weekend is in February and you can sign up now at <https://scoutingevent.com/272-15128>

In April we having a spring cleaning weekend. If you need service hours come on out, plus lunch is free!
[Register here](#)





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GREAT LAKES

Corporate Pinewood Derby

The Corporate Pinewood Derby is a hands-on competition, challenging the skills of some of the region's finest engineering and manufacturing minds. Participant teams will contend for winning finishes in several categories, including car build, truck build, and on-site speed build. All races will be conducted on site. As an adults-only event, it will feature appetizers and a bar, and conclude with an awards presentation and short update on Scouting in Southeast Michigan. For more information, contact Denver Laabs at Denver.Laabs@Scouting.org

Rendezvous 2019

What an incredible Rendezvous we had in 2016 and we could not have done it without all the participants and staff! I am in the process of planning the 2019 Rendezvous and I need your help, experience and connections to make this the best possible event for our Scouts in Southeastern Michigan. Interested in being involved in the planning/being on staff for 2019? Let us know [HERE!](#) Be sure to save the date of September 27-29, 2019 for the Rendezvous 2019: Dare in the D! Yours in Scouting, Dave Goetz, 2019 Rendezvous Chair, 248-990-6904, Dgoetz777@yahoo.com

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food was a success yet again this year. Partnering with Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, we passed out over 600,000 bags to our communities in Southeast Michigan. This year we were able to collect over 207,000 pounds of food. This is an incredible achievement! Because of all of you, Scouting will be able to be a blessing to our friends and neighbors in need. If you still need to order Scouting for Patches visit [HERE](#). Also be sure to track your service hours [HERE](#), so that your unit receives credit in JTE.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting is an adult leader's learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled single day of supplemental training where you choose the sessions you wish to take. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers and professionals who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the Scouts. The University of Scouting offers a wide range of unique adult leader training courses from the various Colleges of: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Sea Scouting, Venturing, S.T.E.M., and General Studies. Saturday, January 24, 2018 at Lamphere High School in Madison Heights. Sign up [HERE!](#)

World Jamboree

The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree is Unlock a New World and was developed by the youth bid team, also known as the Dream Team. This theme speaks to the new adventures, cultures, and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world during the 12-day event in North America, a continent often referenced as a "New World."

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will take place at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia from July 22, 2019 to August 2, 2019. For more information and to interview to be a leader, visit us at <http://www.michiganscouting.org/2019-world-scout-jamboree/>

GREAT LAKES EXPLORING

Whether its 'Hands-On Learning' or 'Learning through Service', Explorers in the Great Lakes Field Service Council 'Learn by Doing'.

In a Skilled Trades program like Explorer Post 1981 sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Construction Skilled Trades coordinated by Lowell Baker through the A. Philip Randolph Career and Technical Center in conjunction with Chandler Park Academy and Cesar Chavez Academy High Schools, students 'Learn by Doing' while getting exposed to over 10 different Skilled Trades vocations. Students rotate to 8 different Apprenticeship Schools including Electrical, Carpenters, Plumbers, Pipefitters, Masonry, Painters, Iron Workers, Sheet Metal. They also participate in a Field trip to the Michigan Construction Career Day and visit the Operating Engineers at their office. These programs give opportunities under the watchful eye of skilled professionals to operate heavy duty equipment and many other things as they get exposure to the great educational, training and career opportunities of the Trades.

Explorers also 'Learn through Service'. Explorers provide service through community clean up days and provide service support at 'Metro Detroit Youth Day' and many other special days and activities and to their charter partner and it's collaborative partners in their communities.

Explorers also 'Learn through Celebration'. Explorer Post 4711, sponsored by the Detroit Police Department marched in a parade to 'Honor our Veterans' on Veteran's Day: November 11, 2017. They marched from Mound Road and 8 Mile to the American Serbian Memorial Hall. They also helped pay tribute to a variety of our veterans who have served with distinction in one of the branches of our military at the Ceremony and Luncheon after the parade.

Another Outstanding group of Explorers had an opportunity to Learn through Celebration. Dearborn Police Department Law Enforcement Post 1177 Captain Hussein Abdallah supported by his Advisor Cpl. Dan Bartok led the Dearborn Police Explorer Recognition Banquet on Wednesday, November 15th. This Annual event provided an opportunity for Explorers to learn about the fruit of hard work and perseverance as they celebrated promotions and provided awards for the outstanding accomplishments of Post members.

All in All the Explorers of the Great Lakes Field Service Council are:

'Youth in Action...Learning for Life....Preparing for Life...Now...For their Future!'

For more information on Exploring in Great Lakes, contact John W. Fort II at john.fort@scouting.org

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following School Districts:

Anchor Bay, Armada, Avondale, Chippewa Valley, Clintondale, Lanse Cruse, Mt Clemens, New Haven, Richmond, Rochester, Romeo, and Utica.

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
(Excluding June & July)
7 PM @ Utica United Methodist Church
8650 Canal Road,
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

As the year comes to an end be sure that your charter has been renewed. It is imperative that all charters be turned in by December 31, 2017 so that your unit can continue to meet in the new year.

New Scouts. If you have any new scouts that have joined your pack since your first Join Scout Night, please make sure that all applications are properly filled out and turned into Keegan Springfield, Doug Rohrabach, or Dan Welsh as soon as possible.

FOS Scheduling is well underway. If you have not scheduled an FOS presentation for your unit, please contact Doug Rohrabach at douglas.rohrabaugh@scouting.org or Dan Welsh at dan.welsh@scouting.org. FOS presentations are typically held at a Troop's Court of Honor or a Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet. The presentation should not take more than 10 minutes and is typically conducted by a Chippewa District volunteer.

The 2018 Skills, Thrills, and Chills Klondike will take place on January 19-21, 2018 at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. This event is open to Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Webelos. Questions? Contact Dave Oakley at oak2153@yahoo.com or (313) 386-2141. For registration info go to www.scoutingevent.com/272-SkillsThrillsChills2018.

Winter Wood Badge is just around the corner. Winter Wood Badge will take place February 2-4, 2018 and February 23-25, 2018 at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. For more information please contact Steve Buckman at sfbuckman@comcast.net or (586) 463-8495

The 2018 Fish-O-Ree will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills, MI. This event will take place regardless of ice conditions. Reservations can be made at www.scoutingevent.com/272-FishORee2018. Please feel free to contact Kim Newberry with any questions at knewberry@meadowbrook.com or (248) 672-8927



MAHICAN DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

November Membership Incentive

Packs who recruit 5 new Cub Scouts or Lion Cub applications and submit them before our December Roundtable December 15, 2017 will receive a free pizza party to the first 4 Units. Please turn in applications as soon as possible so your new Cub Scouts don't miss out!

Please contact Sue Knoch 734-502-1467 sueknoch@aol.com for details.

Scouting for Food

Register to order Scouting for Food patches -

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-Scouting4FoodPatch>

If ordered after November 6th, they will be in your unit mailbox for the December Roundtable.

Be sure to track your service hours online at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

Thank you for participating in this year's Scouting for Food Drive.

The Ethan Giving Tree

It's time again for the Scout Shop's Annual Ethan Giving Tree. The Detroit-Toyota Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Ethan Giving Tree program starting November 17 through December 20, 2017. The Ethan Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. An Ethan tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Ethan cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout's name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out the information below and return to the store by November 16, 2017 for every scout who would benefit from donations from the Scouting community to complete their full uniform.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the store staff by email at DetroitToyotaScoutShop@scouting.org or phone us at (313)898-8920.

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ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ WCC-Downriver Campus
(Ray Mix Room)
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Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Troy, Lamphere, Royal Oak, and Madison School Districts and the Bloomfield Hills Stake (LDS)

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
(August-June)
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM @
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 East 14 Mile Road,
Birmingham, MI 48009

NORTH STAR DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family. This is the season to be thankful, and here in the North Star District we have a lot to be thankful for! We are so incredibly thankful for all our volunteers. Without your help and dedication, we would not be able to achieve such great success.

Our popcorn sale was phenomenal this year, and it would not have been made possible without the help of Joe Louis-Ferdinand. Everyone that participated in the sale received phone calls and emails from Joe communicating information and providing assistance to those who needed it.

Membership has also been extremely successful this year thanks in large part to Mike Keith. Mike stepped up and was a great leader for us this year. We are well on our way to potentially achieving year end growth!

Despite the rain we had a great turnout at our Blast Into Scouting Event. Thank you to Linda Thornley (Pack 1940), Regina Reid, Justin Williams, Holly Williams, Tricia Meade, Troop 1610 scouts, Chris Werner (Troop 1610), and Steve Kramer (Pack 1591). They all donated their time to make sure we had a successful event! A big thank you goes to Chris Werner who provided his own water rocket launchers and is always willing to help. Another big thank you to Steve Kramer who I asked at the very last minute and never hesitated to help. He provided the Estes rockets as well.

Thank you to Ethan McClure who took charge of Scouting for Food! He led the way in organizing this campaign and we had a great turnout.

Our FOS season has kicked off and we have started out very successful due to the efforts of Barnie Leahy. He has worked so hard to make sure we have another great year. Scott Bednas has also had a huge impact on FOS and we could not ask for a better duo!

Thank you to all our district committee members and unit commissioners. What you do is so important and extremely helpful to all our units. You are always there for our other volunteers when they need a helping hand.

Chris Pariseau is not only an outstanding District Commissioner, but has been an unbelievable help with the rechartering process. She has been an excellent resource for everyone.

Jim Trask is our fearless leader and District Chair. He's had his hands in every one of these initiatives to ensure that we are on our way to achieving Gold again for 2017.

There is never enough room to thank everyone, but please know we are grateful for you! We appreciate what you do to keep this program going and making sure the youth are there to enjoy it. We appreciate what you do whether it be donating money, time, knowledge, or resources. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!

OTTAWA DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Dave and Rebecca!

On behalf of the Ottawa District, I would like to welcome aboard Dave Laabs, new District Chair and Rebecca Kowalski, new Unit Service Executive.

Dave lives in Northville and is married to Sue, an Ottawa Unit Commissioner and Chartered Org Rep for Troop 1315 in Renaissance District. Dave & Sue have three Eagle Scout sons, among which is Denver, our Council Development Director. Dave is very excited to be involved as one of Ottawa's leaders, many of whom have served in roles longer than himself. He sees the District as progressive, but feels improvement opportunities are there for all of us. He relishes serving youth with the character ideals of Scouting that is paramount in their development and maturity, and looks forward to working in his capacity with the many Scouters of the Mighty Ottawa District.

Rebecca is a graduate from Western Michigan University ("GO BRONCOS!"), where she studied Child Development and was a member of student government. She is a Lifetime member of the Girls Scouts, worked 10 summers at resident camp and is a firm believer in starting a fire with a single match. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with her friends and watching Survivor on Wednesday nights with her family. Her goal is to impact youth in our community and bring scouting to all. Please introduce yourself the next time you see Rebecca.

Family Friends of Scouting

As we kick-off our 2018 FOS campaign, we provide the opportunity for each unit to "build the adventure." A brief presentation can be conducted at a Court of Honor, Blue and Gold banquet, Troop/Pack Meeting, Pinewood Derby, etc. and the USEs will be reaching out to schedule. Thank you in advance for your support!

Wendy Fowler continues to lead the charge in Family FOS. With her detailed-orientated style, she is a key asset to the team. Thank you Wendy for your leadership!

Holiday Greeting

From the Mighty Ottawa District, we wish you a happy holiday season. We bless your celebrations with good fun and loved ones, kindling the warm spirit of the holidays. All the best!

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following School Districts:

Farmington, Huron Valley, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and West Bloomfield

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
Fellowship-7 PM
7:30 PM @ Walled Lake Church of Christ
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Serving the following School Districts:

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ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ The Church of Jesus Christ –
Latter Day Saints
5464 Waterford Road,
Independence Charter Township,
MI 48346

PONTIAC-MANITO DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Pon-Man welcomes the new scouting families into the program! We hope you and your family has the best scouting experience! Congratulations to Pon-Man for recruiting over 300 new scouts!

A special thank you to those packs, troops and crews that participated in Scouting for Food!

If you have not completed your recharter yet and need help, please contact your unit commissioner, District Commissioner Jim Colvin or Scout Professional Jen Jordan.

Friends of Scouting 2018 campaign has kicked off! We appreciate your support to scouting and would like to ask each pack, troop and crew in the district to hold a Friends of Scouting presentation. Please contact Jen Jordan for more information.



RENAISSANCE DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Membership – Recruit a Friend

Attention all Renaissance Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts! If your Den/Patrol recruits 5 new members by Friday Dec 15th we will sponsor a Pizza Party for the boys in that Den/Patrol at one of their January meetings. To be considered recruited, their application must be turned in, with the appropriate fees, to the GLFSC office.

(Limited to the first 4 units to recruit 5 new scouts)

Questions? Contact Leon Bell at: leon.bell@scouting.org

Leader Specific Training Extravaganzas

We had a great Cub Scout Leader training on Saturday Nov 4th. The next Leader Specific training will be Saturday Dec 9, 2017 at the Dauch Scout Center – 1776 W. Warren Ave Detroit, MI

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/272-PSSTE021718>

If you have a question about training please contact Michael Manthiram 313-282-3789 mantmike@sbcglobal.net

Program – Winter Events

We have a lot of program activities for our scouts this winter! Please look at the upcoming winter schedule at

<http://www.michiganscouting.org/program> for more information!



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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following School Districts:

Detroit, Ferndale, Hamtramck, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Oak Park, and Southfield covering the entire city of Detroit

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Monday of every month

7 PM @ Dauch Scout Center

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Detroit, MI 48208

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Woods, Lakeshore, Lakeview,
Roseville, South Lake, Van Dyke,
Warren Consolidated, and Warren
Woods

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Warren Woods Tower High
School
27900 Bunert Road,
Warren, MI 48088

SUNRISE DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

I was caught selling popcorn!



Timothy Czajka and
George Gilbert | Pack 1447

Brandon Fera and Chris
Scheinplug | Pack 1493

Andrew Bellamy |
Pack 1927

"To do my duty to God and my Country"

Tristan Whitwell | Troop 86

Tristan had the honor of placing the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during his class trip to Washington DC. Not only did he volunteer his services, he met a veteran and active soldiers, and did it all while proudly wearing his scout uniform.



Noah Tances, Simon House and Thomas Hintz | Troop 273

This year, the American Veterans Post 57 out of Harper Woods, erected a monument to honor those lost in the 9/11 tragedy. Three scouts from Troop 273 raised the American Flag to half-mast at the dedication while the rest of the Troop stood at attention with respect and support.



Shout Out to Laura Sawgle | Operation: Webelos Crossover

Laura has once again gone above and beyond the call of duty. For the last couple of months, Laura has dedicated herself to the mission of helping our Webelos find a troop for when they crossover. We had a great turn out from troops and Webelos thanks to Laura's hard work and commitment to our scouts!



SUNSET DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Scouting for Food 2017

Scouting for Food 2017 was another success. Many of the District's scouts handed out bags and picked up food resulting in several Service hours and more importantly, helping to feed our neighbors this holiday season.

Spotlight on Sunset Scouters

Welcome to the newest addition to the District newspaper: A spotlight on one of our volunteers. This month's Spotlight on Sunset Scouter features Ken Norin. Catherine Buckalew, our District Director had the opportunity to talk with Ken during one of the District's Recharter Turn-in Nights in November. Ken joined Scouting in the Chicago Area and earned his Eagle in 1973 with Boy Scout Troop 386. As a Scout, he went to Philmont and earned his 50 Mile Afloat Award in Ely Minnesota. His favorite Scout memory was going to the 1973 National Jamboree West in Idaho. Ken has been involved in Scouting for 28 years and has held many positions including Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner and is currently one of the Great Lakes Field Service Council's Assistant Council Commissioner.

[Read more here](#)

2018 Friends of Scouting

It's not too late to sign up for your Friends of Scouting presentation. Every parent deserves the chance to see how the Council spends its money and to support the Scouting program and a Friends of Scouting program will do both of those. In addition, Packs, Troops and Crews that have 60% or more of their families making a donation to the Friends of Scouting campaign are eligible for a free weekend campsite at any Michigan Crossroads Council camp in select months. To schedule your unit's presentation, please contact your district professionals, Catherine Buckalew 313.361.1248 or Catherine.buckalew@scouting.org or Rick Mazyck at 313.361.1258 or Richard.mazyck@scouting.org

The Personal Management Merit Badge Bonanza

This event will be an opportunity for Scouts to meet with a Personal Management Merit Badge counselor and enjoy presentations on personal finance made by a staff member of the Community Choice Credit Union (Redford Branch) which donated generously to sponsor this event in support of the Boy Scouts of America in the state of Michigan. The event is from 8 AM - 12 PM on December 16, 2017 at 25447 Five Mile Road, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48239. Refreshments will be served. Parking is in the municipal parking lot behind the building. Please bring proof of the completion of your merit badge prerequisites and be prepared as possible to complete the requirements that require direct engagement with a merit badge counselor to complete at the event with the merit badge counselors present.

Holiday Wishes from Us To You!

The 2017 Holiday Season is well underway and our District Volunteer and Professional Staff would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Here's to 2018!

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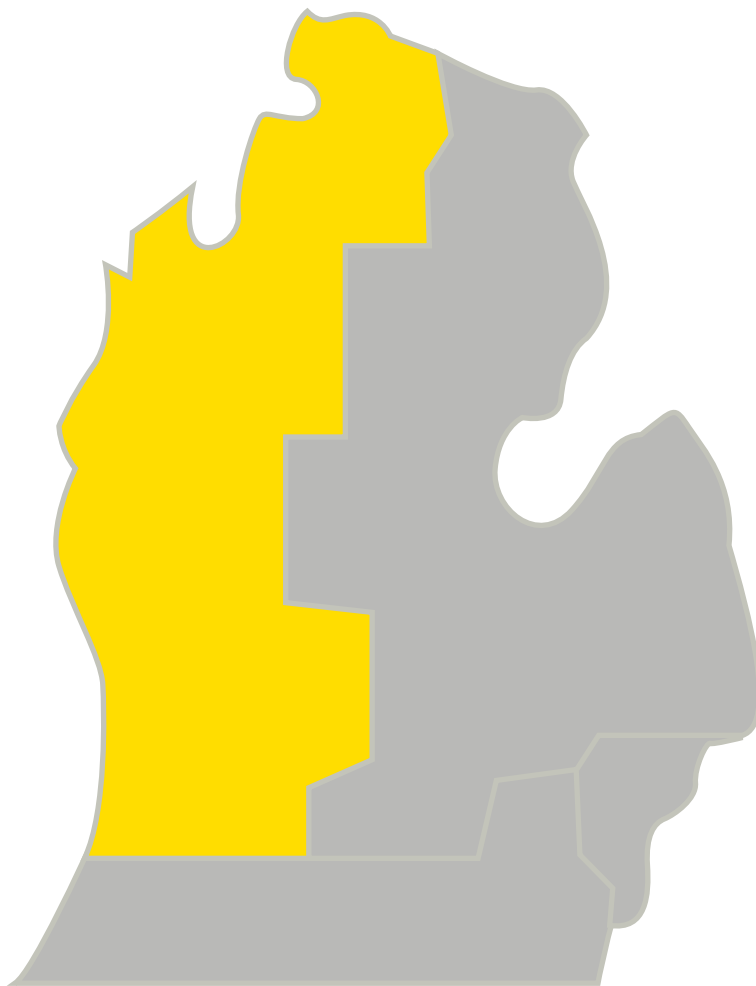
Clarenceville, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Plymouth/Canton, Redford, Romulus, South Redford, Van Buren, Wayne/Westland, and the Westland Stake (LDS)

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ St. Aidan Catholic Church
17500 Farmington Road,
Livonia, MI 48152



PRESIDENT FORD FIELD SERVICE COUNCIL



SERVING 25 COUNTIES OF NORTHERN AND WESTERN MICHIGAN WITH SERVICE CENTERS IN GRAND RAPIDS AND TRAVERSE CITY

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

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Leelanau Counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ 7:00 pm LDS Church
Traverse City
3746 Veterans Drive,
Traverse City, MI 49684

BAY TRAILS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Trailblazer Adventure Day Blasts Off in Traverse City!

Over 500 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Leaders, and Parents blazed the trails of Camp Greilick near Traverse City, Michigan on October 7, 2017. Scouts shot off rockets that they built, shot bb guns, slingshots, and bow and arrows, fished, made rope, played games, climbed bouldering walls, and learned new skills.

[Read more here](#)



Merit Badge Camporee a big success at Camp Kellogg in Kalkaska, Michigan

Over 250 Scouts, Leaders and Parents took part in a camporee hosted by Troop 27 in Traverse City on the weekend of October 20-22, 2017. Scouts camped in the beautiful wooded setting of Camp Kellogg and they could work on merit badges during the weekend.

[Read more here](#)



Congratulations to our new Eagle Scouts in Bay Trails District

Troop 115-Acme, MI -
Ben Loew and Kevin Quinlan
Troop 31-Traverse City MI -
Jacob Harrand and Jacob Taber
Troop 20-Interlochen MI -
Dillon Chapman



New Eagle Scout Dillon Chapman with Michigan Senator Wayne Schmidt.

Northern Michigan Scouts visit with US Congressman Bergman at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island

Scouts from Northern Michigan got a chance to meet their United States Congressman, Jack Bergman who serves Michigan's 1st Congressional District. Over 2000 Scouts and Leaders from all over Michigan were on Mackinaw Island on Saturday, September 23, 2017 as part of the Mackinaw Rendezvous which takes place every 2 years. The event is organized by volunteers from the President Ford Field Service Council headquartered in Grand Rapids MI.



[Read more here](#)

EAGLE SPIRIT DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Eagle Spirit would like to welcome our 2 newest Unit Commissioners. Melissa Molchan from Rockford and Stuart Baker from Grand Rapids. Welcome!



Eagle Spirit Scouts honored Veterans

Troop 325 from St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, honored 30 veterans at Lincoln Square Retirement Home in Grand Rapids on November 9th. And, Deacon Leo Ferguson, our very own Executive Officer of Troop 325 was honored on November 11th as Kent County Veteran of the Year. Thank you Troop 325 and congratulations Leo!



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SERVICE AREA

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Kent County and Barry County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM-9 PM @ LDS Church
2780 Leonard Street,
Grand Rapids, MI 49525



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Serving the following counties:

Montcalm, Mecosta, Ionia and Kent
County Communities of Lowell,
Sparta, Kent City and Cedar Springs

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Church of Latter-Day Saints
10700 W. Carson City Road,
Greenville, MI 48838

FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



LAKESHORE DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you Lakeshore Scouters for a fantastic popcorn sale this year! With your help, over \$390,000 in popcorn was sold in support of your Scouting programs.

A Legacy of Scouting

At the November Roundtable, Rich Maike, former President Ford FSC Council Commissioner, presented a 55 year Veteran Award to Arlen Dove of Troop 93 in Allendale. When not involved in Scouting, Arlen is the District Chaplain for the VFWs in Southwest Michigan. Our Congrats on 55 years of Scouting!



Would you like a free weekend at one of our Camps? How about a Cabin to go with that?

We have just the thing for you! All your unit as to do is be a "Team Player" and meet some goals while participating in the Friends of Scouting campaign. Qualifying units could earn a ribbon for your unit flag, a free weekend campsite reservation at a Council camp, or a free weekend cabin rental at a camp! Contact your unit serving executive team for more details.

Launch was Successful!

On October 14th, brave Scouts and their families battled the rainy weather to launch their model rockets and learn about physics. Every new Cub Scout received their very own model rocket to build and launch at our Blast into Scouting day. Scouts also learned about Newton's Laws of Motion, cryptography, and the planets on a model solar system. Check out the fun we had!



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SERVICE AREA

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Ottawa County, Allegan County,
Byron Center and Grandville

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Second Reformed Church
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan,
Emmet, and Otsego Counties

ROUNDTABLE

1st Thursday of every month

7 PM @ LDS Church in Petoskey

707 Alcan Drive,

Petoskey, MI 49770

NORTHERN TRAILS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Blast Off Camporee held in Boyne Falls, Michigan!

Over 200 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Leaders, and Parents camped on and visited the grounds of the Northern Michigan Flywheelers Club in Boyne Falls, Michigan over the weekend of October 13-15, 2017. Scouts shot off rockets that they built, shot bb guns and bow and arrows, played games, learned about astronomy and astronauts that were Scouts. New Cub Scouts received a free rocket kit and engine when they joined this fall. Thanks to event chair Chris Anderson, Bruce Emaus, and all the volunteers that helped to support and run this great event.



Local Scouting Units start 9/11 Memorial Event in Cheboygan

Scouts and Leaders of Pack 187 and Troop 1240 held the first 9/11 Memorial Event in Cheboygan MI this year. Scouts and Leaders stood at attention and then saluted the flag for 10 minutes at a time from 5pm - 7pm September 11th 2017. Since there wasn't a Cheboygan City 9/11 memorial event the Scouts opted to have our own. Way to go Scouts!!



New Eagle Scout in Troop 5 Petoskey, MI

Congratulations to Corbin Mainland who received his Eagle Scout Award at a special ceremony on Sunday, October 8, 2017 in Petoskey MI. Corbin is a member of Troop 5 chartered by the United Methodist Church of Petoskey. Pictured are his father Ken, his mother Megan, and his brother Kurtis.



PERE MARQUETTE DISTRICT

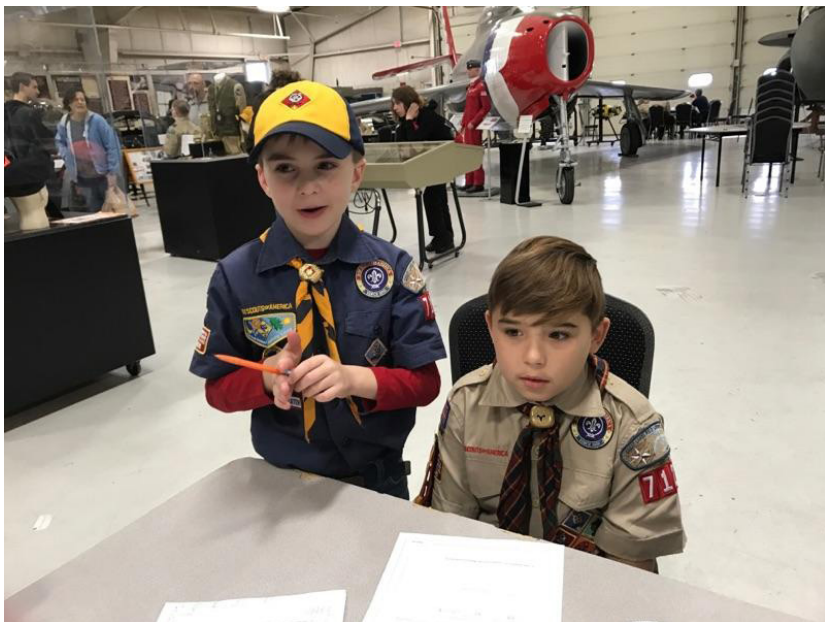
DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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Hats Off to Our Popcorn Sellers!

We wanted to share our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in popcorn sales. Because of your efforts, we raised over one hundred and forty thousand dollars for Scouting in our district. I can't wait to see all of the adventures you all have funded! Way to go Scouts and Scouters!



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SERVICE AREA

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Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo
and Oceana counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month

7 PM @ First Evangelical Lutheran
Church

1206 Whitehall Road,
Muskegon, MI 49445



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Osceola, and Wexford counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Wednesday of every month
7 PM @ United Methodist Church
1020 E. Division Street,
Cadillac, MI 49601

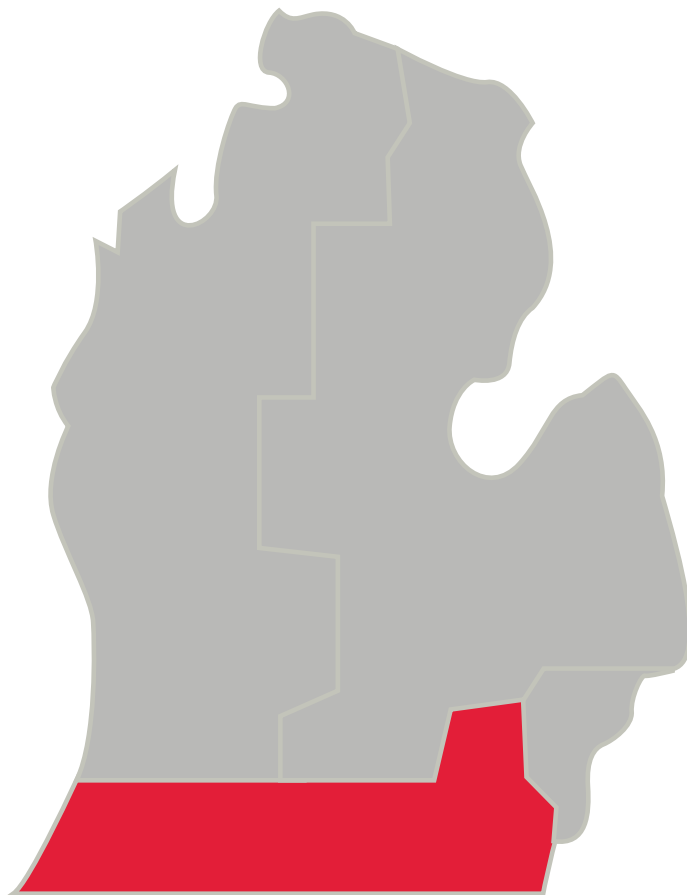
RIVER TRAILS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS





SOUTHERN SHORES FIELD SERVICE COUNCIL



SERVING 11 COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN MICHIGAN WITH SERVICE CENTERS IN ANN ARBOR AND KALAMAZOO

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SOUTHERN SHORES



Seasons Greetings

Happy Holidays from the Southern Shores. This has been an exciting year for Scouting. We heard great stories of scouts advancing, merit badges earned, and pins achieved. In our communities thousands of hours of community service were performed by you, your scouts, and your scouting family. Our young men and women in the program learned valuable lessons that they will use the rest of their lives as they grow and develop. On behalf of all the Scouts in Southern Shores, thank you for a great 2017.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2018. Happy Holiday's!
Jim VanderRoest Ron Garrison Melissa Stricherz
Council President Council Commissioner Scout Executive

Southern Shores was honored to recognize Russ Collins, Executive Director of the Michigan Theater Foundation as our Washtenaw County Distinguished Citizen on Tuesday, November 7th in the Rogel Ballroom at Michigan Union. We celebrated Russ's outstanding commitment and dedication to the arts community throughout Michigan and his connection to Scouting through his own experiences and then with his son Allen.



Del Dunbar and Ken Fischer served as hosts, Life Scout Alan Holloway shared his personal scouting story and testimonials to Russ were provided by Judy Dow-Rumelhart, Ambassador Ron Weiser and Allen Collins. Our major sponsors for the evening were Dick & Norma Sarns and Jiffy Mixes.

Friends of Scouting

The 2018 Friends of Scouting Campaign will kickoff at the start of the new year. We look forward to presenting to your unit about building the adventure of Scouting. Donor recognition options this year include a branded knit hat, 2018 Friends of Scouting Council Service Patch, and an Eagle art piece. Units that have 60% of their families make a FOS pledge before June 30th will receive a free weekend tent campsite! Units will also have a chance to earn a free weekend cabin rental by meeting a agreed upon Unit FOS Goal by June 30th. Please make sure that your unit is scheduled for their presentation! If you have not scheduled your presentation yet, please do so through your FOS Family Chair or your Unit Serving Executive.

Scout Sunday

Many Scout units have religious-based chartered organizations, and all Scouts share a Duty to God. There are special times of year dedicated to celebrating those partnerships that benefit all parties involved: the religious institution, Scouts, Scouters and the communities they serve. These days are timed to fall near the Feb.

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SOUTHERN SHORES

8 anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and Scouts celebrate by giving back in visible and meaningful ways.

Units can bring a cake to their charter organization, or wear their full uniform to worship services. Scouts can conduct a service project to benefit the religious organization. This year Scout Sunday is February 4, 2018. How does your unit participate?



Klondike Derby

In a Klondike Derby, Scout patrols acting as huskies pull specially designed homemade sleds around a field course marked by stations. At each station the Scouts tackle exercises in problem-solving, as well as contests and other activities. Boy Scouts have been participating in Klondike Derby's since 1949. Registration opens December 1!

2018 Emergency Services Camporee

The 2018 Emergency Services Camporee is being held April 20-22 in Marshall, MI. It will have five different areas in dedication to five different Emergency Service Agencies, both professional and volunteer. Scouts will be participating in activities that are themed in Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Emergency Medical Services, Search and Rescue, and Emergency Services. All of the event areas will have representatives from many different professional and volunteer agencies.



[Register here](#)

Spring 2018 Wood Badge Course

Wood Badge has been called the Ultimate in Leader Training. Wood Badge courses aim to make Scouters better leaders by teaching advanced leadership skills, and by creating a bond and commitment to Scouting. Wood Badge demonstrates the aims and values of scouting using the latest team development theory. It will be a mountaintop experience for you in your Scouting service. This two-weekend course is April 20-22 and May 4-6.

[Register here](#)

59th Scout-O-Rama

This year's Merit Badge and Activity Fair is being held May 11-13th, 2018. This event is open to: Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, Sea Scout Ships. Scout-O-Rama is a unique event in the Scouting world. It is part Camporee, but mostly Scout Show. It is an opportunity for current Scouts and Scouters to show the public how much fun Scouting is and why they should join. This event is also an exciting way for each of us to share the Scouting spirit with other Scouts and Scouters from around the Council. Save the Date!

Kalamazoo Scout families can enjoy discounted tickets to shows at Miller Auditorium!

[Register here](#)

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following areas:
Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor and
Battle Creek

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Location TBD

HEROES DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome New Units Pack 696, Pack 698, Troop 654 and Club 654 Benton Harbor 21st Century units have joined the Scouting Family

Please welcome our newest 4 units to Southern Shores Field Service Council. They began meeting last month and look forward to all the opportunities that Scouting has available. Youth are being served at the following locations in Benton Harbor. International Academy at Hull has K- 2 grade students. MLK Stem academy is serving 3-5 grade youth and the Academy of Arts and Communications is hosting both a Troop as well as an Exploring Club serving 6-8th graders.

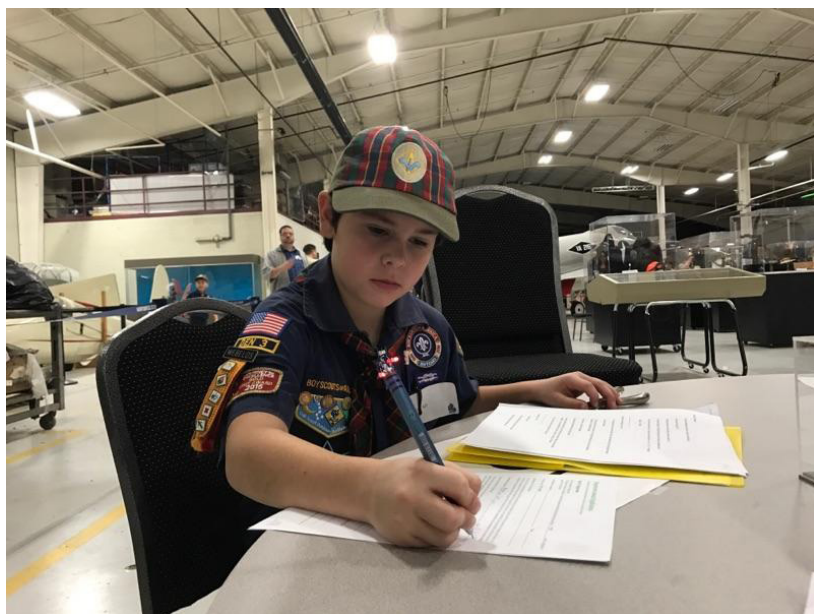
Welcome District Superheroes!!

Heroes District is happy to welcome our newest Superheros! Scouting is what it is because of your efforts. Thanks for all that you do. Athina James is the program facilitator that leads the Benton Harbor units. Keith Williams and Kerry Webster have come on board to guide and help lead the newest units in the Kalamazoo and Comstock areas.

HEROES is expanding!! Here we grow again!!

HEROES our brand new district since May of this year currently has just under 100 registered Scouts to date.

HEROES in partnership with the Battle Creek and Comstock Area School Districts is starting new Winter and Spring units. There are four more new Scouting units in the planning and organizing stages. We look forward to expanding our scouting family by reaching more students and families that live in the inner city and rural areas of our field service jurisdiction.



CASCADES DISTRICT

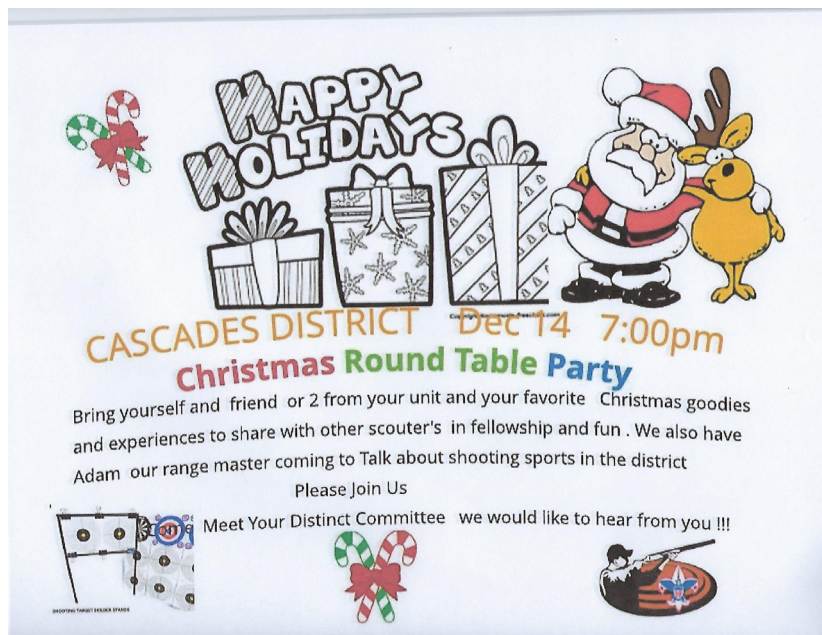
DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Sign up for your unit 2018 Family FOS presentation

Scouting in the Southern Shores FSC and Cascade District depends entirely on the support of leaders, parents and volunteers. One way to show your support of Scouting is through the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Volunteers and staff conduct the friends of Scouting Campaign annually. Presentations occur during the early part of the year to give parents leaders and volunteers the opportunity to support Scouting financially. Presentations occur at a unit meeting where parents are in attendance. The presentation usually happens at a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor or other meetings and take approximately 10 minutes. Please consider securing an early presentation date to ensure a successful campaign. The information we need is your unit type and number, presentation date, time location and whether it is a Blue and Gold or Court of Honor. You can email this information to Dan Deverell at drake.deverell@scouting.org

December Roundtable

We would like to start an old-new tradition of a Christmas Round Table Party. This is a time for your unit to meet and greet other Scouters and wish them well in the coming year and have some fun. Please see the flyer below.



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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
Jackson County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ First Presbyterian Church
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
Lenawee County and Hillsdale County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Adrian United Methodist Church
1245 W Maple Avenue,
Adrian, MI 49221

CHIEF LENAPE DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Munhacke Cub Scout Winter Shoot

Event includes indoor BB shooting from 9AM until 2PM on December 9th. The cost is \$5 per shooter. This is a great opportunity to get to see our wonderful camps that have not been there yet.

[Register here](#)

University of Michigan Basketball Scout Night

On December 30th, the University of Michigan Men's Basketball program hosts Jacksonville at 6PM. Tickets cost \$13 per person, to get tickets go to mgoblue.com/go/promo and type in SCOUTS to receive the discount. All Scouts in attendance will receive a special patch.

Toledo Walleye Scout Night

On January 13th, the Toledo Walleye will be hosting the annual Scout Night at the Huntington Center in Toledo.

[Register here](#)



HURON TRAILS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Blast into Scouting at Camp Munhacker!

On Saturday, October 14th, despite the day-long torrential downpour, more than 160 families from Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Washtenaw Counties attended an event...

[View full story](#)

Eagle Board of Reviews & Project Proposals

The next Eagle Project approval and Eagle Board of Reviews are being held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

[View full story](#)

Do your Leaders need training?

Did your unit recruit new Leaders recently? Are there adults in unit that have changed their position?

[More information & registration](#)

Fund your Adventure with Popcorn!

Key popcorn dates to keep in mind: December 1st: Final Payment Due to Council AND Fill a Sheet due for Disney Drawing - December 29th: Final Day for Prize Orders. Questions? Contact Angela Chidester at popcornkernelhurontails@gmail.com.

Chelsea Breakfast

On Thursday November 2nd, community members from Chelsea met in the Maple Room at the beautiful Silver Maples Retirement Community...

[View full story](#)

Re-Charter THANK YOU!

A HUGE Thank you to all units who have completed their Recharter paperwork. If you have not turned in your paperwork, it needs to be turned in ASAP.

[View full story](#)

Now Scheduling!!!

Did you know that Friends of Scouting donations make up 14% of our budget?

[View full story](#)

Ray Detter Local History and Community Service Award

Earn up to a \$1,000 cash award!

[View full story](#)

New units in Ypsilanti!

Huron Trails is home to three new units in previously underserved areas with another unit on the horizon to begin meeting before the end of the year!

[View full story](#)

Thank you to our District Sponsor!

Rick Taylor of Reinhart Realtors is the 2017 Huron Trails District Sponsor. Rick has received the President's Award each year of his 16 year career. In 2016 Rick was ranked in the top 1% of all realtors in the United States. Thank you Rick for investing in the youth of Washtenaw County!

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Washtenaw County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month

7 PM @ REI

970 W. Eisenhower Parkway

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

(March only)

Thank you
to our Blast
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
Calhoun and Branch Counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Chapel Hill United
Methodist Church
157 Chapel Hill Road,
Battle Creek, MI 49015

NOTTAWA TRAILS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Services 2018 Camporee

Test your skills at the Emergency Services Camporee! This exciting event will take place April 20-22, 2018 at the Calhoun County Fairground, Marshall, Michigan. You will have a chance to: Put out Fires, Practice First Aid, Search for People, Learn about careers, wilderness survival, a live car accident demonstration by Emergency Services and more. . .

[Register here](#)

Troop 158 of Albion, Michigan has a rich history of Eagle Scouts

Tom Kresky will be the 55th Eagle Scout to come up through the ranks of Troop 158 of Albion Michigan which founded in March of 1916. The troop has been chartered through the 1st United Methodist Church of Albion, since 1925.

Tom Kresky started his scouting career with a Cub Scout Pack out of Parma MI back in 2010. He advanced through the Cub Scout ranks quickly. He then joined Webelo program earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over to BSA Troop 158 of Albion MI in June of 2012.

[View full story](#)

Making the Holidays Special for Local Scouts

The Kalamazoo Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Ethan Giving Tree program starting November 17 through December 20, 2017. The Ethan Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. An Ethan tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Ethan cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout's name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

If you know any local scouts who may benefit from this program, please contact Tim Barnes, Nottawa Trails District Executive at tim.barnes@scouting.org by November 16th for more information.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the store staff by email: kevin.kuss@scouting.org or 6931kalamazooscoutshop@scouting.org.

We encourage you to tell our family and friends about this great program and how they can help by making a donation to the Ethan Giving Tree program. Consider being a shining star this holiday season for a local youth by making a contribution to this program. Donations may be made at the Scouting Store.

PATHFINDER DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership/Eagle Resources:

- THE DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE IS MOVED TO 12/9 to avoid conflicts at the Church.
- The December District Committee Meeting is moved to 12/14 to accommodate Roundtable, 7PM at the Kalamazoo Scout Office.
- January District Committee meeting is Thursday, January 4, at the Kalamazoo Scout office.
- January Roundtable is 1/11 at 7PM at Vicksburg United Methodist Church, 217 S. Main Street, Vicksburg, 49094.
- National Youth Leadership Training will be June 17-22, 2018 at Rota-Kiwan, Contact Julia Bloch, Course Director at julia.bloch@yahoo.com
- Eagle Project Reviews and Boards of Review are the 1st Wednesday of each month; E-mail PathfinderDistrictEagles@gmail.com to schedule an appointment

Activities:

- K-Wings Hockey Night on November 10 in Kalamazoo, contact the K-wings
- Kalamazoo Holiday Parade, November 11, contact Jack Price at ka8aob@hotmail.com
- NOVA Explore Engineering Day for Cub & Boy Scouts at Rota-Kiwan on November 11 <https://scoutingevent.com/272-15159>
- Michigan International Camporee 2020 Open House at Rota-Kiwan from 2-5pm on Sunday, November 12. Learn about hosting a foreign Troop, or serving on staff!
- 2019 World Jamboree Open house at Rota-Kiwan from 2-5pm on Sunday, November 12. Learn about joining the MCC Council Contingent, or serving on staff!
- NOVA Award Day for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Ventures at Rota-Kiwan on December 16 <https://scoutingevent.com/272-8311>

Adult Training:

- Cubmaster Specific Training on 1/11 at 6:30pm before Roundtable at Vicksburg UMC
- Merit Badge Counselor Training on 1/20 at 9am at Centreville UMC, 305 East Main Street
- Life-to-Eagle Seminar for Scouts, parents and Troop Leaders on 1/20 at 10:30am at Centreville UMC, 305 East Main Street

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Kalamazoo and St. Joseph County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month

7 PM @ St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Monroe County and the city of Flat Rock

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
(September-May)
7 PM @ Ida Middle School
3143 Prairie Street,
Ida, MI 48140

RUNNING WATERS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Sign up for Your Unit for the 2018 Family FOS Presentation

Scouting in the Southern Shores FSC depends entirely on the support of leaders, parents and volunteers. One way to show your support of Scouting is through the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Volunteers and staff conduct the Friends of Scouting Campaign annually to give parents, leaders, and volunteers the opportunity to support Scouting financially.

The information we need is your unit type and #, presentation date, time, location and whether it is a Blue & Gold or Court of Honor. Please email louise.malvitz@scouting.org with this information.

[View full story](#)

Up Coming Events

- December 2nd Stem Adventure at the Yankee Air Museum
- December 2nd Boy Scout Gold Rush at Camp Munhackle
- December 9th Cub Winter Shoot at Camp Munhackle
- December 10th Brunch with Santa at Camp Munhackle
- December 14th Running Waters Roundtable at Ida Middle School
- December 30 – University of Michigan Basketball Night

[View more](#)

Cub Scout Programs Offered!

Did you know that the Monroe County Museum offers Cub Scout programs to support requirements found in the latest editions of the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos handbooks? Multiple programs are available for each of these Cub Scout ranks at no cost to the participants, but interested Packs or Dens must contact the Museum to schedule rank-specific workshops in advance. We do not have Lion specific programs at this time, but they are coming soon!

[View full story](#)

Your District Executive Wish to all of You!

As the calendar year is coming to an end, we as Running Waters District are looking to make 2017 the best year this District has seen in 5 years, with 28 months of continuous membership growth and our largest membership since 2012. What an accomplishment that would be, as we are almost to our 1,000 Scouts dream. This could not happen without all of the dedication that all of the Scout leaders and volunteers of Running Waters to provide the best program possible to the youth of Monroe County and the Community of Flat Rock!

As your District Executive, I want to thank each and every one in Running Waters for all you do for Scouting. This District would not be what it is without all of you! This is the point where I am going to be politically incorrect and wish each and every one a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I say that because that is what is said in my house, if the greeting you use in your house is Happy Holidays than I want to wish you Happy Holidays! Either way may you take some time and enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends! Have a happy and healthy 2018!

THREE FIRES DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Holidays!

The Three Fires District would like to wish each one of our Scout families, a wonderful Holiday season. Thank you for everything you all do to promote and support the Scouting program. We truly appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Have a wonderful Holiday!

Webelo's Meet and Greet

At our December Roundtable, we will be holding the first annual Webelo's Meet and Greet event. Webelo's 1's and 2's from every Pack in Livingston County have been invited to come and check out ALL the troops in Livingston County and see what each one has to offer. That program will run from 7pm-8pm. We will have food and snacks. If you have questions, please contact Cristina Van Putten.

Popcorn Sale 2017

Thank you to everyone for their hard work during this year's popcorn sale! Because of all of you, we increased our sale over last year. Great Job!!!



Journey to Excellence

If you didn't turn in your 2017 Journey to Excellence form with your recharter paperwork, it's not too late! Please scan and email to your Unit Commissioner by the end of the year! Thank you!

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
Livingston County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
(September-June)
6:30 PM @ Livingston County
EMS building
1911 Tooley Road,
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
Van Buren and Berrien County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
(Excluding June)
7 PM @ VanBuren Conference
Center
490 South Paw Paw Street,
Lawrence MI, 49064

WABANO DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

MASSIVE TURNOUT OF NEW PARENTS JOINING CUB SCOUTS

Pictured above is the 61 families that recently joined Cub Scouts in Coloma. Here they are at their Parent Orientation Meeting. Pack 188 in South Haven also recruited a massive 70 boys. Wabano District was the first district to achieve year-end membership growth in the State.



2018 KLONDIKE DERBY - SAVE THE DATE

Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation- | February 9-11, 2018
Registration will be open on December 1, 2017 — February 2, 2018.
Register by January 15, 2018 for the Early Bird discount. More info coming soon!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CAMP IN 2018

Register for Boy Scout camp [HERE](#) | Register for Cub Scout [HERE](#). The 2018 brochures on Camp can be downloaded here. [Cub Scout Camp](#) | [Boy Scout Camp](#)

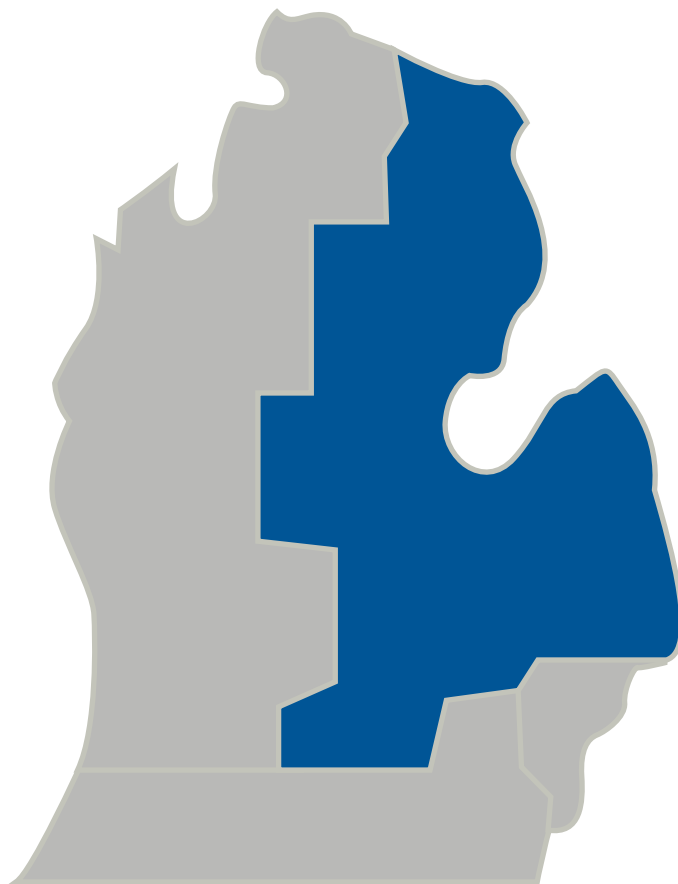
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND CAMP

Please ensure all families in your unit have access to the following campership application so they can receive financial assistance to attend camp next year. Click [HERE](#) to view/download.





WATER AND WOODS FIELD SERVICE COUNCIL



SERVING 27 COUNTIES OF NORTHERN AND EASTERN MICHIGAN WITH SERVICE CENTERS IN FLINT, AUBURN, MIDLAND, AND PORT HURON

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WATER AND WOODS

Training For Boy Scout Leaders:

There is still time to register for some of the Boy Scout Leader trainings being offered at the Delta College Merit badge College on December 9th. Visit the registration page for a list of trainings.

[Register here](#)

Commissioners Conference 2018

All Commissioners are invited to annual conference on January 13, 2018 at Mott Community College in Flint. Program includes an update of the online Commissioner Tools, gathering feedback on the 2017 Rechartering process, sharing the 2018 Unit & District JTE requirements as well as other topics of interest for Commissioners. We will have some guest speakers from the Michigan Crossroads Council and the Water & Woods Executive Board. There will also be a Commissioner recognition ceremony. See you there!

[Register here](#)

Pinewood Derby - Port Huron

Scouts are invited to show off their speedy cars at the Blue Water Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Location is the Birchwood Mall in Fort Gratiot Twp. This year we will be including Lion Scouts and Siblings (ages 5-11) races; Scouts bring your brothers and sisters!

[Register here](#)

Klondike Derbys

Two fantastic Klondike Derby's are being offered in Water in Woods. [Silver Trails Scout Reservation](#) on February 10, and [Camp Kiwanis](#) in Frankenmuth on February 17.

Winter Fun Day- D Bar A!

Bring the whole family out for fun in the snow at the Winter Adventure Fun Day on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 10 AM- 4 PM at D Bar A Scout Ranch in Metamora. Visit the registration page for a list of activities.

[Register here](#)

Water and Woods Council Camporee October 5-7, 2018!

Scoutcraft Survivor is the theme. All levels of Scouting invited.

[Register here](#)

Powder Horn

Water and Woods is offering a Powder Horn Course August 17-19, 2018. Powder Horn is a resource course* that will teach you how to plan a safe and exciting high adventure trip, how to find the experts to help with your trip, all while having the time of your life. Click the registration link to see the list of topics.

[Register here](#)

Wood Badge 2018

Water and Woods is hosting Wood Badge over 2 weekends in September of 2018 (September 7-9, 28-30. Must attend both weekends). Wood Badge is the premier Leadership Skills Training course for all Scouting leaders. Watch our monthly newsletter for more info!

WATER AND WOODS SCOUTREACH



6th graders at Attwood are preparing for snowshoeing.



The 6th graders at Attwood are earning their Bobcat. Since September, three of the 6th graders have earned their Bobcat award.



Zip-lining was one of our September demos. The youth had an opportunity to strap into a harness and gain the experience of zip-lining from a tree.



Averill, a school in Lansing assembled a tent as a team.



Our ScoutReach youth are currently learning knots.



International Academy of Saginaw earns Bobcat awards

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Lapeer County

Serving the following School Districts:

Davison, Lakeville, Beecher, Bentley, Clio, Flint, Flushing, Genesee, Kearsley, Mount Morris, and Westwood Heights

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Tuesday of every month
7 PM @ Davison United Methodist Church
207 E 3rd Street,
Davison MI 48423



<https://www.facebook.com/bluestardistrict/>

BLUE STAR DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Please welcome and congratulate Wayne Morey for accepting the position of District Chairman for Blue Star District. Wayne is a well respected and long time Scouter and will be an asset to the District. Pictured below is Blue Star District Key 3; Ron Erwin, Wayne Morey, and Deontrae Wilson.



Thank you to Troop 31 and Pack 310 for representing the Boy Scouts of America at the City of Flint's Mayor Karen Weaver's, State of the City Address. The Scouts and Adult Leader did an amazing job!



Congratulations and Thank you to our Scouts for a Great popcorn sale. As a District we sold over \$200,000 in popcorn. That means we earned \$67,000 that will go towards our Scouts adventures, camping trips, and making memories.



Upcoming Events:

Camp Rotary Polar Cub Camp

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-CRPolarCubs18>

Skills, Thrills, Chills Boy Scout Klondike (D-bar-A)

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-SkillsThrillsChills2018>

Winter Fun Day - Flint

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-WFDayFlint2018WW>



BLUE WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Our Blast into Scouting Event was a great success this year! Over 150 boys enjoyed all the activities that were offered, especially launching their rockets into the sky! We thank our wonderful sponsors: Gerry's Distributing Co., Koegel's, Wells Fargo Advisors, Trail's End Popcorn, and Northgate Ford-Lincoln, for helping make this event such a success.

Lots and lots of popcorn! All the units in the Blue Water District did a tremendous job with popcorn sales for this year. We grew over \$5,700 from last year's popcorn sales all thanks to the units for a great job selling popcorn!

Have you seen the new sign out at Silver Trails? Thank you Les LaBroski for all your hard work!



Pictured: Les LaBroski, and his wife, Chris.

We are in the middle of recharter season. Please make sure to get your recharter done in a timely manner. Recharterers and JTE forms are due November 17th. The Unit Service Executive and Unit Commissioners are here to help with your recharter, so please get in contact with them if you need any assistance!

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:
St. Clair and Sanilac Counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Wednesday of every month
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties

Serving the following School

Districts:

Portland

ROUNDTABLE

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CHIEF OKEMOS DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Chief Okemos Fall Camporee

333 Scouts, Webelos and unit leaders from 22+ units enjoyed the Chief Okemos District Camporee on Oct 20-22.



Troop 763 from Mason, MI was the program Troop. They worked hard to create and run the "Escape Room" events. Awards were given to:

Tangoes Puzzle - Troop 97, Haslett - WW Chief Okemos
Lava River - Troop 43, Dansville - WW Chief Okemos
Gator Pit - Troop 337, Marshall- SS-Nottawa
Minefield - Troop 252, Eaton Rapids - WW Chief Okemos
Bag Drop - Troop 234, Kalamazoo SS- Pathfinder
Compass Course - Troop 337, Marshall- SS-Nottawa
Spirit Award - Troop 43
Puzzle Master, overall winner - Troop 337

Chief Okemos District is planning a Spring Camporee for the 3rd weekend in May. Please mark your calendars!!

[View full story](#)



New Units:

2017 has brought in multiple new units to the Chief Okemos District. Please welcome:

Pack 940 chartered to Greater Lansing Islamic School, East Lansing
Crew 47 chartered to First United Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids
Post 989 chartered to Clinton County RESA, St. Johns

Post 989 is the newest fire post to the Chief Okemos. The youth members consist of high school students who are dual-enrolled in Clinton County RESA's fire program. They will be participating in Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN where they will compete in various activities.

[More information](#)

Chief Okemos District Dinner:

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Chief Okemos District Dinner! This event will take place April 12th 2018. The time and venue are TBD. Last year, almost 90 scouters attended the event to congratulate the scout leaders who were recognized for their continuous service to scouting.

HEARTLAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

SPARKS Visits Camp Rotary

Students from Beaverton Elementary and Meridian Elementary were bused to Camp Rotary to enjoy a day of scouting activities. The students engaged in paper rocket building/launching, a nature hike, archery, orienteering, outdoor games and of course, S'MORES!



On November 8th, 2017 (National Philanthropy Day) one of our scouting families was honored at the annual Association of Fundraising Professionals philanthropy event. The White Family received the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award. The White family built their foundation on faith, love, gratitude and a genuine desire to serve others. While raising their four sons, Kim and Paul have enlisted the help of several things, including the 12 core values of scouting: "A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent". Because of the utilization of a self-directed endowment fund and an immense number of volunteer hours each family member has put into the area, the White family is constantly making this community a better place to live. We are so proud and lucky to know and work with this family. Thank you for all that you do for scouting and the community. Congratulations Kim, Paul, Luke, Adam, John and Eric!



Pictured above is Paul, Kim, and Adam White with their award.
Not pictured: Luke, John and Eric White

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Serving the following counties:

Midland, Gladwin, Clare, Isabella
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ROUNDTABLE

2nd Wednesday of every month

(September-May)

7 PM @ West Midland Family Center

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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Saginaw County as well as the communities of Reese and Vassar in Tuscola County

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ First United Methodist Church

4790 Gratiot Road,
Saginaw, MI 48638

OJIBWAY DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Save the Date! The 2018 Great Lakes Bay Region Support a Scout Breakfast will be held on Thursday March 8th, 2018 at the Great Hall Convention Center in Midland, MI.

Join the Great Lakes Bay Region community to celebrate Sen. Ken Horn and Jeff Martin as they receive the Distinguished Citizens Award from the Boy Scouts of America. The dinner will take place on December 10th at Bavarian Inn Lodge. Proceeds from the event go to benefit the Scouting program across the region.

[Register here](#)

Thanks to all the volunteers and families who joined us for the 2017 Blast Into Scouting event held in October! Over 300 Scouts, siblings and families came out to build and launch rockets, archery, bb guns, and much more.



Congratulations to the Scouts of International Academy of Saginaw and Stone Elementary School for earning their Bobcat awards in October!



RIVERS NORTH DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Popcorn Season is Wrapping up!

As a District, we have sold over \$250,000 worth of Popcorn! This means that over \$83,000 has gone into unit's hands to be spent on program! Just think of all the amazing adventures and life long memories that will be created with that kind of support!

Thank you to all our team members, parents, and leaders that assisted throughout the sale! WE could not have done it without you. Also, thank you to all of those that supported the Scouting program and purchased popcorn from our Scouts.



Winter Camping Is coming soon! But have no fear, we've got your back!

You're frantic. Panicked even. In exactly one hour, your troop is heading out the door on a cold weather outing — and you're struggling to pack. What clothes do you need to bring? How about extra gear? No worries.

Just take a deep breath and use this handy checklist. In addition to the basic camping gear, you'll also need:

- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants (fleece or wool)
- Sweater (fleece or wool)
- Long underwear (polypropylene)
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- Socks (wool or synthetic)
- Warm parka or jacket with hood
- Stocking hat (fleece or wool)
- Mittens or gloves (fleece or wool) with water-resistant shells
- Wool scarf
- Rain gear
- Extra underwear (for longer trips)

Check out <https://www.michiganscouting.org/calendar-black-pug/> for upcoming events near you!

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Shiawassee County

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ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Mary Crapo Community Center
8197 Miller Road,
Swartz Creek, MI 48473



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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Bay, Ogemaw, and Arenac Counties

ROUNDTABLE

2nd Tuesday of every month
7 PM @ Bangor Lincoln Elementary
School
2771 N. Euclid Avenue,
Bay City, MI 48706

SHORELINE DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Members of Troop 108 and 121 volunteered to help dedicate the first Gold Star memorial in Michigan. Gold Star memorials are being installed in all 50 States to remember families who have lost a loved one in our Military. Our Scouts welcomed Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams to Bay City for this dedication.



A big thank you to the ladies from Alpha Sigma Alpha at SVSU for helping us to raise over \$1700 for the Shoreline district and over \$3000 for the Great Lakes Bay Region, and help us prepare membership materials for our recruitment efforts. With the materials they helped put together we recruited over 200 Scouts this Autumn.



THUMB DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



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7 PM @ United Methodist Church
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SERVICE AREA

Serving the following counties:

Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Iosco,
Montmorency, Oscoda, Presque Isle,
and Roscommon Counties

ROUNDTABLE

1st Thursday of every month
7 PM @ AuSable River Center
211 North Main Street,
Roscommon MI

2nd Thursday of every month
7 PM @ Spratt United Methodist
Church
7440 M 65 South,
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THUNDERHEAD DISTRICT

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Troop 979 in Grayling received the MCC Grand Slam camping award and had an article in the Crawford County Avalanche written about them. Here is the article.

"Boy Scout Troop #979 of Grayling was recently recognized for being camper champs for obtaining a well-rounded offering of experiences made available to them throughout the state.

The troop received the Grand Slam Award from Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts on Oct. 1 for attending four Boy Scout summer camps located in the State of Michigan.

Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts established the award five years ago, and Boy Scout Troops #979 of Grayling is only the fifth troop to receive the recognition. The Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts covers all troops located in the Lower Peninsula.

The troop attended Camp Rotary in Clare and Camp Gerber in Fremont, which feature more rounded nature programs. They also attended Cole Canoe Base in Alger, which is located on the Rifle River and features canoeing, boating, and water activities. This past summer, the troop attended the D-bar-A Scout Ranch, a working horse ranch in Metamora.

Loren Goodale III, a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop #979, said troops often form connections with a particular camp. "A lot of troops seem to get stuck in a camp and that's the camp they always go to," Goodale said.

The troop attended the Cole Canoe Base camp twice before learning about the Grand Slam Award. The troop members were driven to earn the award.

"We heard about it, we took it upon ourselves, and we went and we got it," said Dylan Messenheimer, who obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and is attending Kirtland Community College. "With stuff like that, you've got to really go for it."

Jordan Wakeley, a ninth grader at Grayling High School, said the troop appreciates experiencing the activities which each camp has to offer. "We love to go all over the place and it's all around just a lot of fun," Wakeley said.

Jacob Carnes, an eighth grader at Grayling Middle School, has attended three of the summer camps.

"I thought it was great that we committed to something that wasn't in a huge cycle already," Carnes said. "It's just an enjoyable experience that is pretty fun." Goodale said the award inspires the troops to plan and raise funds for their trips.

"By moving around and going to variety of camps, the kids are always looking forward to going to camp," Goodale said.

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