

Trail to Eagle XXIII 2017

For First Class Scouts and above entering at least the 7th grade



D-A Scout Ranch
880 E. Sutton Rd.
Metamora, MI 48455

Michigan Crossroads Council, BSA





What is Trail to Eagle?

June 25 - July 1, 2017



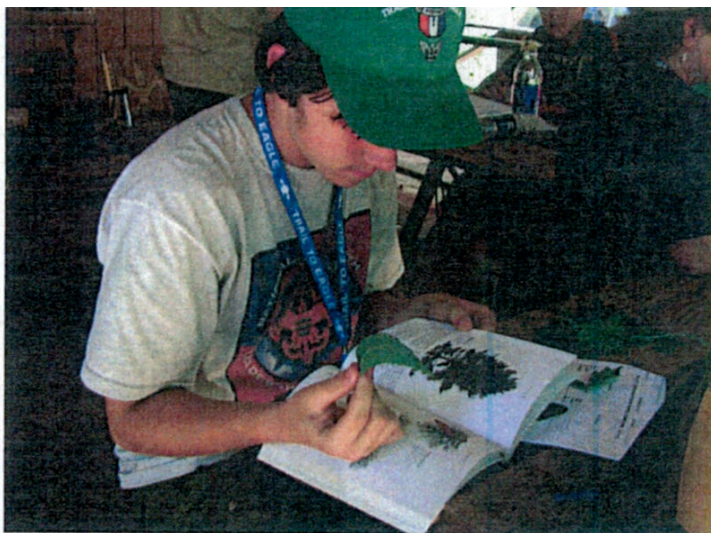
The Trail to Eagle (TTE) program is specifically designed for the older scout to give him the opportunity to work on the merit badges he needs to finish his Eagle Scout rank requirements. It is a one week, highly structured program sponsored by the Michigan Crossroads Council and held at D-A Scout Ranch. Scouts must be entering at least the seventh grade and have at least the First Class Rank. The Michigan Crossroads Council is proud to sponsor the 23rd year of the Trail to Eagle Program.



Since its inception in 1995, over 2600 Eagle candidates from 12 states, 32 councils, including the Far East and Trans Atlantic Councils, have attended this unique, one of a kind program. All field service councils from Michigan have been represented.

Over 58% of our candidates have attained the rank of Eagle Scout and even more are still working on achieving this lofty goal.

We have over 100 volunteer staff members, the majority having fifteen or more years with our program. Twelve have been with the staff for more than 20 years.



Yearly, our scouts earn over 800 merit badges, with an average of 6 badges per scout. However, TTE is not a merit badge mill, but a highly structured program which allows ample time to work on merit badges. A scout must earn his merit badges; he is not just given them.

The TTE camp in 2017 will offer over 70 "scheduled" merit badges. Our specially-picked staff will counsel at least 13 Eagle required merit badges. Also, scouts may pass many other merit badges, not on the schedule, for which they have a special interest.

All participants, who are called "Eagle Candidates," will be divided into eight troops and will be housed in cabins. Overseeing these scouts will be at least two Scoutmasters and one JASM, many of whom are Eagle Scouts, and in most cases have gone through the TTE program. All meals will be served in the Wyckoff Dining Hall.

While the emphasis is on earning merit badges, there will be many high adventure activities which add to the fun. These include a water-ball competition, war canoe races, "Basarball" (volleyball), Jeopardy, vespers, pin dodge ball, foosball, chess tournament, euchre tournament, and the ever popular Order of the Arrow ice cream social.



There are recognitions given to the troops for the best patrol flag, as well as the highly coveted troop spirit award. Troops demonstrate their spirit with cheers and songs performed at assemblies before and during all meals.

A distinction a scout may earn is the George Thomas Award. This is presented, upon their



Scoutmaster's recommendation, to Eagle Candidates who exhibit the same spirit and enthusiasm that this outstanding scouter showed for the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Upon completion of Trail to Eagle, there is a special honors ceremony on Saturday morning for the Eagle Candidates. This special event is open to all family members and friends.

The cost for this fun, exciting and challenging week is \$335.00 per scout which includes a troop hat, neckerchief, patch, and T-shirt. A \$50.00 deposit,

which will be applied to the total eagle camp fee, must be submitted with the application. Your deposit is non-refundable. All fees must be paid in full by June 1st. Directions for registration is on the back page of this brochure.

For more information on the Trail to Eagle Program, contact the following people:

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Registration web site:

www.scoutingevent.com/272-TTE2017.

As an Eagle Candidate we encourage you to set the standards and be an example for other scouts to follow.

One of those examples is wearing a complete Class "A" uniform at important functions. The Trail to Eagle program is such an occasion and we are requesting that every Eagle Candidate that registers for our Trail to Eagle week have a complete class "A" uniform for formal programs and class "B"'s (scout shorts and Tee shirts) at all times.

We know this is an added expense but one worthy of investing in the future of an Eagle Scout.

Ed Basar TTE Director

Trail to Eagle adheres to the MCC payment and refund policy which can be read on line at - michiganscouting.org

All TTE camping fees must be paid in full by June 1st.

Scout physical forms will not be returned at the end of camp. Bring a copy of the BSA physical form to the registration table on the first day of camp. School or sport physicals are not acceptable.

The scout physical form is available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

If you download the "are you going to summer camp," you will get a fill able that you can take to your doctor.



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