



The Michigan Crossroads Council Executive Board Announces Unique Long-term Agreement to Allow Continued Availability of Camp Agawam for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Use

- ***Orion Township to acquire Tommy's Lake camp properties from Boy Scouts of America***
- ***137 Acre Camp to be available for Boy Scout and community recreation and camping***
- ***Boy Scouts will retain key yearly exclusive scheduling dates***
- ***Orion Township and DNR will maintain new recreational facility in southeast Michigan***

The Michigan Crossroads Council (MCC) of the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board has reached a unique agreement with The Charter Township of Orion to purchase the 137 acre Camp Agawam property, located on Tommy's Lake in Lake Orion Township. The property which is adjacent to Bald Mountain Recreation Area will be under the management of the Township, and will continue to provide camping and recreational facilities for the Boy Scouts as well as being available to other community organizations through the MDNR Reservation System.

This property has been a Boy Scout camp since 1918 and has primitive campsites, several bunkhouses, trails, areas for field activities and lake fishing. In recent years, it has served local Scouting units as a convenient nearby camp for weekend adventures and Cub Scout activities. The agreement demonstrates Township's, the MDNR's and the Boy Scouts of America's commitment to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the State's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

Ray Davis, Michigan Crossroads Council Properties Committee Chairman, commented "We are excited that this agreement adds to the outdoor recreational opportunities in Southeast Michigan while ensuring the property will continue to be available to the local community and the Boy Scouts for camping and recreational activities far into the future".

Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett agreed; "We are thrilled with the outcome of over a year of work with the Boy Scouts and the MDNR. This is the ultimate win-win for Orion. Not only will Scouts for generations continue to enjoy Camp Agawam, but the rest of Orion will as well. We recognize that many of our residents chose Orion because of our amazing natural resources and amenities, and this forever establishes Camp Agawam as one of our gems."

Proceeds from the sale of the camp have been designated by the MCC Executive Board to fund the enhancement and maintenance of the 13 Scout camps and outdoor adventure facilities the MCC owns in Michigan. Throughout the year, more than **37,000** Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and their families from all over Michigan and the Midwest used these camps for their outdoor adventure and skills development.

About the Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America:

The Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America was chartered to the Boy Scouts of America in 2012 as part of a consolidation of 9 legacy Michigan Councils. Scouting in Michigan is now in its 104th year. The Council provides a variety of youth development and camping programs that promote character, leadership and life skills to more than 68,000 Michigan boys and girls. The Council works with nearly 25,000 adult volunteer leaders in conjunction with over 2500 partner organizations to teach young people the values and behaviors they need to succeed in life. More information on the Michigan Crossroads Council can be found at www.michiganscouting.org/.