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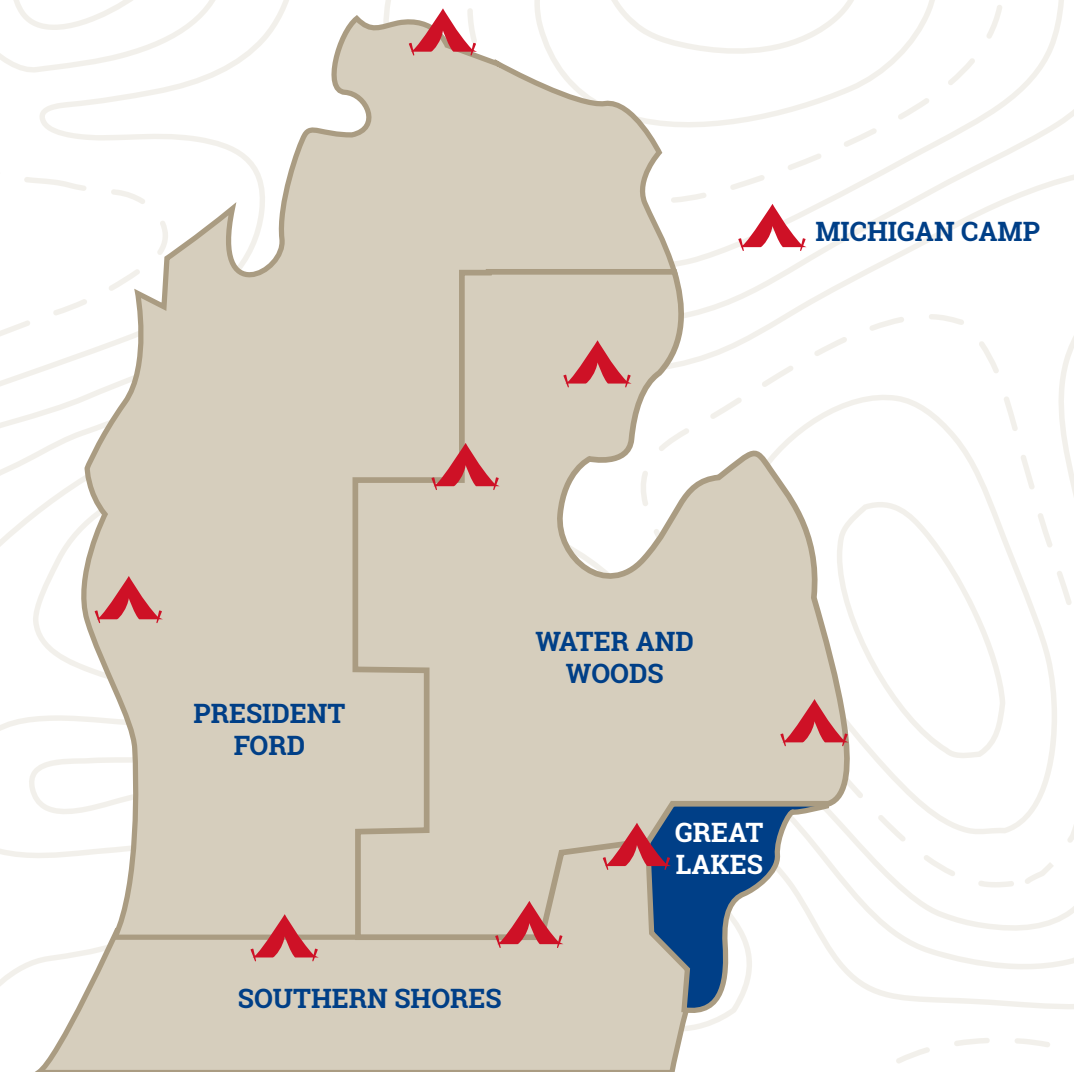
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# ★ MESSAGE FROM THE KEY 3 ★



**MARIANNE SIMANCEK**  
Council President

As we reflect on what individuals have done in support of Scouting the past year, we are continually impressed. It makes us feel good to see families realize how Scouting is still valuable to our current and future generations of youth. And yet, we have so much still to do. We grew our membership and community outreach once again while costs of insurance, supplies, and so many items went up for us like every business. Sometimes those increases exceeded our revenue!

The following report provides extensive detail into the triumphs of the Council last year. Some of our significant accomplishments to highlight include:

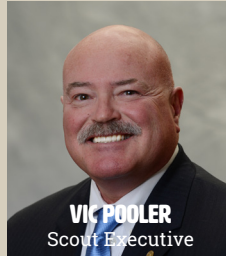
- Growth in overall youth participation for the fourth consecutive year!
- 417 young men earned the Eagle Scout rank – our highest achievement!
- Over 110 tons of food collected through our annual food drive for local distribution!
- Increases in the annual Friends of Scouting campaign, popcorn sale and special events!
- More volunteers recruited for local committee to support our volunteers working directly with our young people!



**STEPHEN FOSTER**  
Council Commissioner

We look forward to sharing next year's great achievements because of things people like you will do this year! We hope you will join us in helping Scouting PLAN FOR THE NEW FAMILY PROGRAM ROLLOUT in August!

Join us at one of our Day Camps this summer!



**VIC POOLER**  
Scout Executive

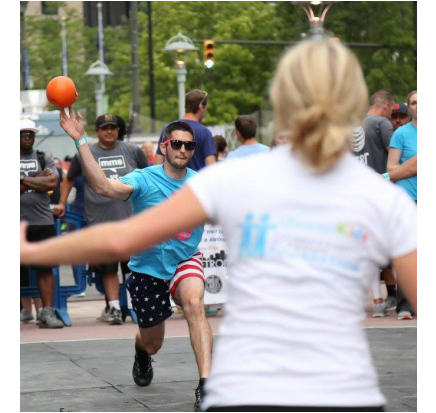
*Marianne Simancek*

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# ★ 2017 HIGHLIGHTS ★

Our Third Annual Dodge for Detroit was an enormous success raising almost \$50,000 to support our inner city youth Scouting programs! We had 48 teams compete in the round robin style tournament in the heart of Downtown Detroit. Over 400 attendees enjoyed this fun and active spin on happy hour. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$100,000 for Scoutreach programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.



Kyle S. is a Bear Cub in Pack 21 at Detroit Merit School. With his mom's encouragement, he joined the Pack last school year while in 2nd grade. "Kyle was an extremely shy young man. He spoke softly. He didn't have very many friends at school. And he didn't talk very much," said his mom. In fact, Cubmaster, Carl Mitchell observed that when Kyle first joined the Pack he would often isolate himself from other boys. And he didn't participate when the boys were doing group activities. "I would always encourage Kyle to talk to the other boys. I would invite him to lead the Oath and Law at the beginning of our meetings. By the end of the year, Kyle was the leader of the Pack! Not only did Kyle ask to lead the Oath and Law at meetings but he'd be the first boy to raise his hand whenever a volunteer was needed." Kyle's mom agreed with Mr. Mitchell. She said, "By May I had a different kid. He was talking and laughing with his friends. At home, he was taking on extra responsibility by cutting the grass and doing things that I typically had to tell him to do around the house. I really believe that Kyle's new found confidence was because of his time in Scouting. Scouting empowered Kyle to believe in himself!"

Lavell K. is a Cub Scout in Pack 1318 at Nolan Elementary School, part of our Scoutreach program in Detroit. During one recent Cub Scout meeting Lavell's mom surprised the Pack by bringing in a cake to celebrate Lavell's birthday. She shared with the Pack leader that for about 3 months last winter her and her children had been homeless. "When you are homeless you just feel different than everyone else. Cub Scouts was the one thing that made Lavell feel normal. I am really appreciative that this program is available at my son's school"

# ★ WHO WE SERVE ★

**15,695**  
Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program designed to let kids ages 5-10 have fun while teaching them skills that will help them later on.

**6,180**  
Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts ages 11-17 can go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures they can't get anywhere else.

**395**  
Venturers/Sea Scouts

Sea Scouting & Venturing's purpose is to provide a positive, co-ed, adventurous experience to help prepare young people ages 14-20 to become responsible and daring adults.

**3,197**  
Explorers

Exploring provides real-world, hands on career experiences to young men and women ages 11-20.

**417**  
Eagle Scouts



**15,016**  
Merit Badges Earned

