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# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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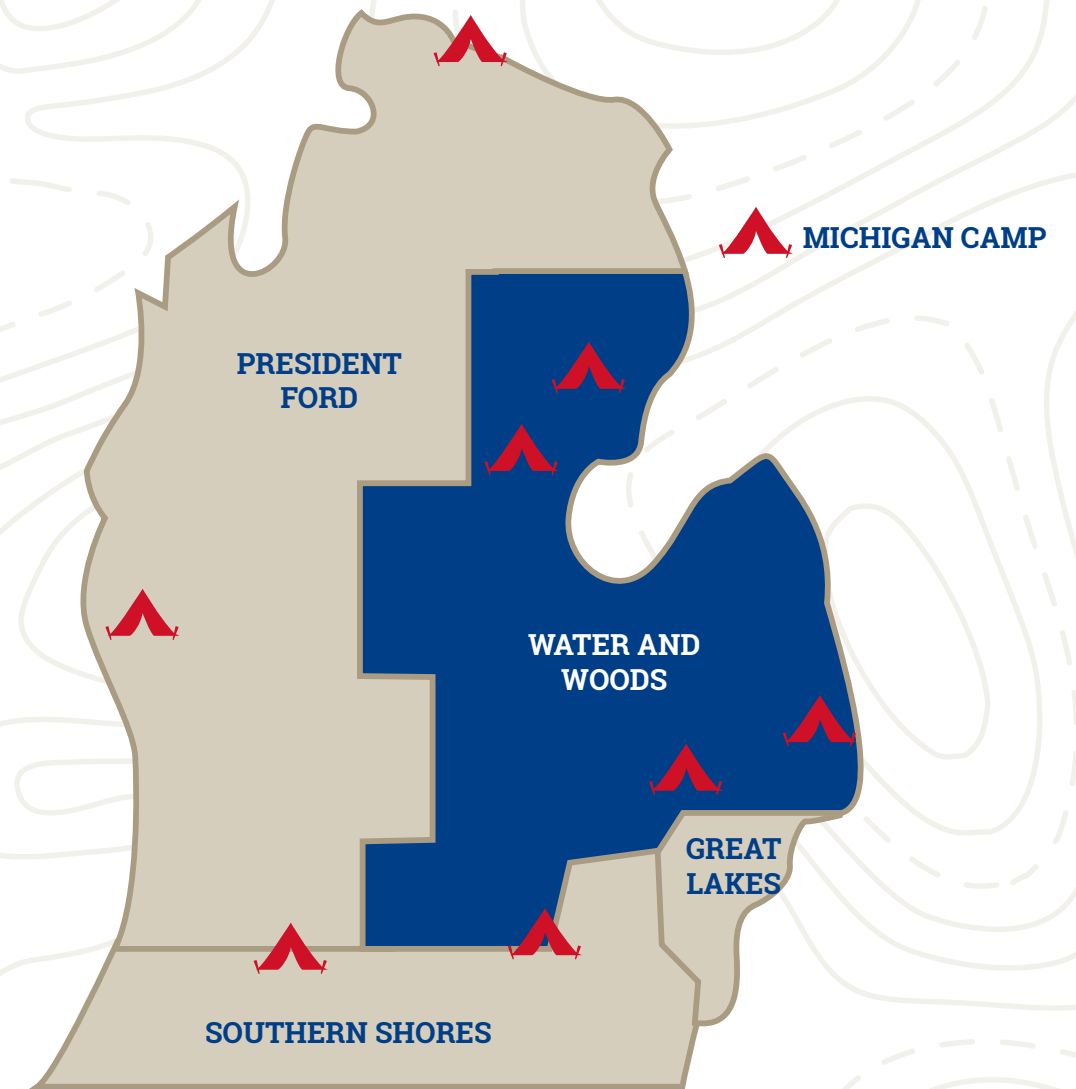
### SCOUT OATH

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

### SCOUT LAW

A Scout is...  
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,  
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,  
Brave, Clean and Reverent.

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# ★ 2017 HIGHLIGHTS ★



## SAGINAW GIRL PLANS TO EARN GOLD AWARD AND EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Michaela Witgen has set her sights on earning the highest awards possible in both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The decision in 2017 to open up Boy Scouting to girls will make it possible for her to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award and her Eagle Scout rank with the Boy Scouts which she wants to do simultaneously.

Michaela, 10, attends Peace Lutheran School in Saginaw, and is already a member of a Girl Scout troop which is led by her mother, Sarah Witgen, who said she also will be the leader for her daughter's Cub Scout Pack. So far, four girls have signed up to be members of the Pack within the Water and Woods

Field Service Council service area which is managed by the Boy Scouts Michigan Crossroads Council.

"Our first discussion about this at home was when it was going to happen, how soon could she start and what could we do to make it happen," Sarah Witgen said. "When we heard the announcement of the approval, Michaela was in school and I sent a message to ask her teacher to tell her that she could earn her Eagle. She knew exactly what the message meant."

"For her, earning that Eagle takes her to where her brothers have been."

Read the complete story here: <http://michiganscouting.org/2018/saginaw-girl-plans-to-earn-gold-award-and-eagle-scout-award/>

# ★ WHO WE SERVE ★

**10,162**  
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.

**3,626**  
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.

**586**  
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.

**680**  
Explorers

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

**230**  
Eagle Scouts



**8,587**  
Merit Badges Earned



## SERVING AT-RISK YOUTH THROUGH SCOUTREACH

During our annual Boy Scout Holiday Bistro Fundraiser for Urban Scouting this year, which raised over \$20,000 for the Flint Scoutreach Program, volunteers and community donors had the opportunity to hear directly from a Scout family and teacher about their experiences with the program. Below you will find brief summaries of their statements highlighting the impact the program is having on local youth.



- Laura Darch (Mom of Ashton and Phoenix): Laura spoke positively about her sons' experience with the USP leader, Mr. Cooley and explained that he has been a positive mentor for her sons. In addition, she explained how the year-end day camp at D-Bar-A was the best day of her boys' lives.
- Ashton and Phoenix Darch (5th and 1st graders at Eisenhower Elementary): Phoenix and Ashton talked about how fun Scouting was and briefly explained the theme for Scouts that week which was families.
- Mrs. Wright (Teacher at Eisenhower Elementary): Mrs. Wright explained that one of the greatest gifts Scouting delivers is the support and attention all children receive regardless of differences. Ashton, who is on the autism spectrum, receives the same special mentoring and opportunities as all other Scouts in the program.

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