



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



*The Mission of the Michigan Crossroads Council National Eagle Scout Association is to find, encourage, and reengage each Eagle Scout to passionately serve and give, to be an active resource for the council's operation and program, to support the council's mission and vision, and to help the council achieve its goals.*



Fellow Michigan Eagle Alumni,

It was an honor to serve as your President of the Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan (ESAM) this past year celebrating 50 years of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).

Our committee expanded our reach into the Grand Rapids and Traverse City Areas and have plans to further deepen Eagle Alumni relationships in those areas in 2023. Our committee continues to grow, serve, and represent the over 80,000+ Eagle Scout Alumni living in Michigan.

As a fellow Eagle Scout, we hope to inspire you to join the many Eagle Scouts across this great state to give your time, talent, or treasure to our outstanding scouting program.

In Scouting,

**MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL AT A GLANCE:**

2022 Reporting

Eagle Scouts - 792

Female Eagle - 35

Youth – 27,155

Volunteer Leaders - 4,200+

**REGISTER TODAY AT:**

**[michiganscouting.org/eaglealumni](http://michiganscouting.org/eaglealumni)**



## 2022 MICHIGAN EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI LOCAL PROGRAM IMPACT

**69,112** Eagle Scouts live in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan...

**26** completed our online survey and became more engaged in the scouting program

**19,152** receive our Quarterly E-Newsletters

**1,900+** Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, & Instagram

**400+** Completed Service Hours to Council Camps, Merit Badge Programs, & Council Service Projects

**\$208,895** raised for Local Scouting Programs





## January – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF EVENT

Michigan Eagle Alumni from around the state gathered at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth for a great night of networking, fellowship, and swearing in of our committee officers. We shared our goals for 2022 and how we plan to achieve them.







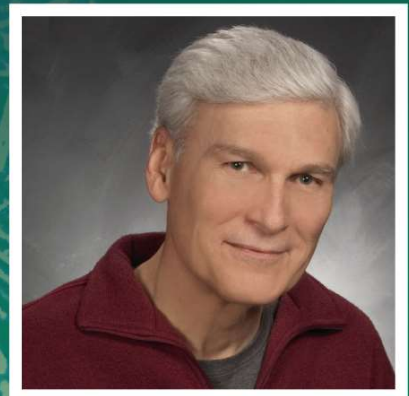
## FEBRUARY – VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Eagle Scout Michael J. Thorp shared his personal & professional stories and how Scouting impacted his journey. Michael inspired all of us and shared excerpts from his book, “Michiganians You Should Know – Plus some you do and don’t know why”

### EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI OF MICHIGAN *Virtual Networking Luncheon*

*Thursday, February 24th*  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

*Keynote Speaker*  
**MICHAEL J THORP**  
AUTHOR  
BROADCASTER  
MEDIA CONSULTANT



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Monthly Virtual Committee Meetings – Held the 4th Wednesday of every month from 7:30 AM- 8:30 AM except July when there will be no regularly scheduled monthly meeting.



## MARCH – EAGLE DAY OF SERVICE - FOCUS: HOPE

Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan partnered with the University of Michigan Alumni Association to package over 655 meals for homebound seniors in Southeast Michigan to meet their basic needs. The Food for Seniors Program also provides opportunities to obtain health screenings, income support, tax preparation, and utility assistance.







## APRIL – TRIVIA, SOCIAL, AND FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Supernatural Brewing in Livonia sponsored a social event where Eagle Alumni of Michigan gathered for Eagle Scout Trivia, Spirits, and Fellowship. What a fun night in their private meeting room!





## MAY – GOLF OUTING – SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mulligans for Eagles Golf Outing was held at Washtenaw Golf Club in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Our golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather, fellowship, and a great game of golf. We raised \$10,760 for our youth scouting programs in southeast Michigan. A huge thank you to our event sponsor Skiles Family Legacy Fund. This event would not have been possible without our golfers, sponsors, and staff.



### PRIZE WINNERS:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Joe Diedrich, Tom Patterson, Rob Shiff, & Bruce Baker

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Vic Pooler, Jeff Petterson, Mark McKernan, & Karl Heminger

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Larry Skiles, Dave Davis, Fern Garcia, & Bob Reel



### CONTEST WINNERS:

Longest Drive

Jeff Petterson

Closes to the Pin

Rick Norris

Straight Line

David Swimmer





## **MAY- NESA MERIT BADGE DAY - PORT HURON**

Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan staff and volunteered for the Annual NESA Blue Water District Merit Badge Day. 60 Scouts attended and earned over 100 Merit



## **MAY- EAGLE ALUMNI GATHERING AT DOW DIAMOND PARK GAME - MIDLAND**

Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan from around the Bay Lakes region gathered for a night of fellowship, fun, and Loons Baseball





## MAY – BUILDING CHARACTER CELEBRATION GREATER CENTRAL & WEST MICHIGAN



The 2021 Eagle Scout and Summit Award Class gathered and were recognized. The event was led by Chairman John Schuring. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Carolyn Mast & Keegan Aerts.

**Title Sponsor:** Meijer Foundation

**Eagle Scout Sponsors:** JF Jandernoa Foundation

**Key Note Speaker:** Jack Doles, Wood TV News 8

**Silver Sponsors:** Foremost Graphics Group, Williams Kitchen & Bath, Dickenson Wright, Ferris State University, Dr. John Fox, America Legion, & L2 Advisors.



## JUNE - EAGLE RECOGNITION DINNER SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Jim Huttenlocher and John Modetz as dinner co-chairman put together an outstanding in-person event. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Zach Damon is an Eagle Scout, Producer, and Host of Ann Arbor Tonight Late-Night Television Variety Show. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Scouting here in Michigan.



**Distinguished Eagle Sponsor:** Modetz Funeral Home and Mercury Audio Video and Lighting

**NESA Legacy of Distinction Sponsor:** Huttenlocher Group, Pendo Advisors, The Crawford Insurance Group, Brad Simmons, Don Ray, Dennis Pate, Chuck & Margy Truza, Eric Welsby, **Summit Sponsor:** PWC

**Silver Palm Sponsor:** Kaufman, Burns, & Wilcox, Joe Auito, Rotary Club of Rochester, MI, FLAME Heating & Cooling

**Key Note Speaker:** Eagle Scout, Michael J. Thorp is an Author, Broadcaster, Media Consultant, & Public Speaker.

**2021 NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipients:** Joseph Auito, Marshall Bullock, Bryan Bowers, Mike Hindelang, & Dr. Bruce Maxim

**2021 National Service Territory (NST) & Council Alumnus of the Year:** Dave Ehrlich, NST and Dennis Pate

**We raised more than \$100,000 combined from the Building Character Celebrations and Eagle Recognition Dinners to support local scouting here in Michigan.**





## SEPTEMBER – EAGLE MIXER – LANSING

Eagle Scouts from around the state gathered to reunite and network. This event was well attended by the Lansing Political Community who heard positive stories on how scouting has shaped our great state.



Event was Hosted by Eagle Scout Chris Stewart and Owner of Empower Success.

OA Distinguished Service Award presented to Rick Todd by Eagle Scout and NOESA Recipient Dr. Richard Stilwell, DDS

Guest Speaker: Eagle Scout Karen M.

Keynote Speaker: Matt Mika





## SEPTEMBER – ON MY HONOR GALA SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The **On My Honor Event** is the Michigan Crossroads Council's premier community-facing special event and serves as an annual highlight of Scouting programs for the public each year.

We celebrated **Kenneth Braithwaite**, Immediate Past Secretary of the Navy and US Ambassador to Norway and Brig. Gen **Rolf Mammen**, Commanding Officer, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base as they received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. The Honorable **Rick Snyder**, shared a special presentation with those in attendance. The event program was led by notable business leader, broadcaster, attorney, non-profit leader, and national dignitary **John Akouri**.

**Over \$110,000 was raised that night to support local scouting here in Michigan.**







# SEPTEMBER – NESA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We celebrated the National Eagle Scout Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Tech-O-Ree Camporee. Nearly 100 Eagle Scouts attended with 1,100+ future Eagle Scouts working on Merit Badges and Rank Advancement behind us at the Milford Group Camp. We enjoyed food, fellowship, Eagle Scout panel, and Award presentations.







1924-1932



1933-1955



1956-1972



1972-1975



1975-1985



1985-1986



1986-1989



Present-day patch





## OCTOBER – VIRTUAL LUNCH AND LEARN

Eagle Scout Chris Stowe shared his personal testimony of his successes & learnings from starting a vacation rental business.

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*Virtual Networking Luncheon*

*Wednesday, October 12th*  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

*Keynote Speaker*  
**CHRIS STOWE**  
REAL ESTATE INVESTOR  
ENTREPRENEUR  
VACATION RENTAL CONSULTANT



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## NOVEMBER – DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN DINNER



We gathered at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor to support scouting and honor Distinguished Citizen and Eagle Scout Joe Diederich for his lifetime of giving back to the Ann Arbor Community through community service and selflessness.



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER – SCOUTING FOR FOOD

### Food for Thought:

If there are 40 people in your neighborhood, 8 of them don't know where their next meal will come from.

There are families in every community who suffer from food insecurity – even in seemingly affluent neighborhoods. You just might not know it.

We sponsored three pickup sites: Yad Ezra in Berkley, MI, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor, MI, and The Salvation Army in Port Huron, MI.



**Michigan  
Crossroads  
Council collected  
over 100,000 lbs. of  
food throughout  
the Lower  
Peninsula of  
Michigan.**





## DECEMBER – HOLIDAY BISTRO CELEBRATION

Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan supported the Urban Scouting Program for Inner City Youth in Flint, MI by sponsoring a table at this event.



“I would like to tell you how much we appreciate Mr. Cooley and his In-School Scouting Program. The students are really excited about the whole experience. I think that the In-School Scouting Program is a positive way to build character, promote citizenship, and teach compassion to our boys.”

*Anita J. Miller, Principal of Freeman Community School*

The Urban Scouting Program is designed to give a Scouting experience to young men considered at-risk with the goals to improve school performance, personal behavior, and communication skills.





**Michigan Crossroads Council NESA - Executive Board Directory - 2023**

**Executive Board Officers**

**President** – Dr. Timothy Johnson

**Chairman - East Division** – Michael Jedinak

**Chairman - West Division** – Hon. James Robert Redford

**Executive Board Members**

**Immediate Past Chairman, East Division** – Dennis Pate

**Vice Chairman of Membership** – David Berger

**Vice Chairman of Engagement** – David Ehrlich

**Vice Chairman of Events** – Eric Welsby

**Vice Chairman of Service** – James Robinson

**Vice Chairman of Communications** – Brandon Gaines

**Vice Chairman of Public Relations** – Zach Damon

**Vice Chairman of Awards** – Joe Diedrich

**Vice Chairman of Merchandising** – Michael Fluegemann

**Ad Hoc Positions**

**Eagle Recognition Dinner Chairman(s), East Division** – Jim Huttenlocher and John Modetz

**Building Character Celebration Chairman(s), West Division** – John Schuring

**Great Lakes Award Selection Committee Chairman – East Division** – Jay Bottoroff

**President Ford Award Selection Committee Chairman – West Division** – Ned Brown

**Council Staff Advisor** – Denver Laabs

**Committee Members**

Ron Blaisdell

Jeff Day

Dick Northrup

Mike Osvath

Joseph Auito

Brad Simmons

Jeff Dunlap

Jamie Callahan

Michael J Thorp

Jeff Geraldts

Scott Nehls

Allan Medwick