

STEPS TO GET TO *Camp*

Getting Scouts to camp keeps youth engaged in the scouting program and helps to strengthen your unit. A strong year round camping program is critical to the growth of the scouts, your units strength and its Journey to Excellence! Use this "Year Round Unit Camping Plan" to ensure that your unit is prepared for a successful year outdoors!

THE STEPS ARE SIMPLE!

1. RESEARCH which camping opportunities, within the Michigan Crossroads Council, best meet your units summer goals.

a. What type of Camps are offered at what properties?

2. CHOOSE what Camp (s) & session (s) will be best for your unit

3. IDENTIFY your units Lead Summer Camp Coordinator

4. PROMOTE Scout Camp to the Scouts and families in your unit

a. Date/Time/Location

b. (Cub Scouts) Entire Pack or By Den?

c. What resources are available from the Council that we will use?

5. IDENTIFY who is attending camp and get them registered

a. Cub Scouts, will you be registering as a Pack/Den/Individual families?

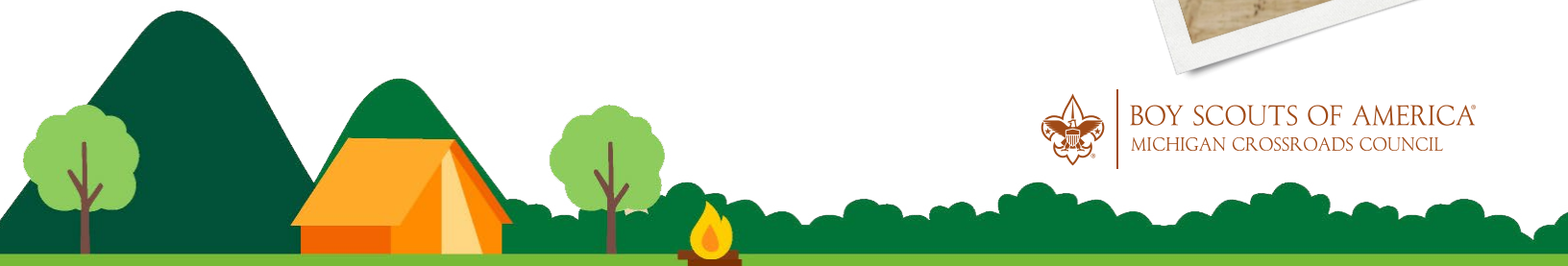
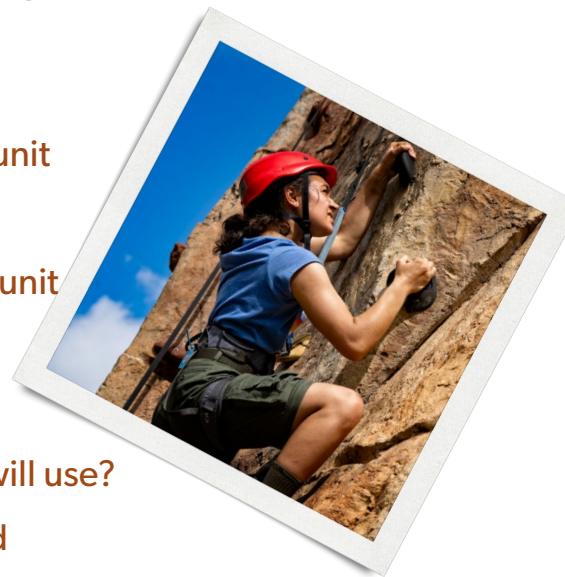
b. Scouts BSA, please register as one registration for entire troop.

c. How/when will families sign up/commit by

6. CONDUCT a summer camp planning meeting with parents to make sure everyone is ready.

7. ATTEND camp and have a great time!

8. REPEAT every summer



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SUMMER UNIT CAMPING *Plan*

☐ Pack ☐ Troop Unit #: _____ District: _____

Camping Ambassador: _____
(NAME/EMAIL/PHONE)

*Your Camping Ambassador will be assigned by the District Camping Chair to act as your units coach .
the camping system

1. RESEARCH camp opportunities within the Council

- a. michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/cub-scout-camping/
- b. michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/scoutsbsa-summer-camp/

2. CHOOSE which Summer Camp Session(s) will best serve your Unit.

Camp: _____ Session: _____ Dates: _____

3. IDENTIFY a your units Lead Summer Camp Coordinator

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

This person will be responsible for making sure all of your families are registered, know the camp details, collect necessary paperwork, and will be the person to contact to Camp as questions arise.

4. PROMOTE Camp within your unit

- a. How Will we promote camp?: _____
- b. Resources we will need:

☐ Flyers (Digital) ☐ Flyers (Printed) Qty: _____ ☐ Camp Staff visit to a unit meeting
☐ Other: _____

5. IDENTIFY who will attend camp and get them registered

- ☐ Are families registering individually? ☐ Are we registering as one unit?
- ☐ Are we Using The Parent Portal, to allow parents to make payments and add information directly?

When/how do Scouts/Parents sign up, deadline? _____

6. CONDUCT a summer camp planning meeting with parents to make sure everyone is ready.

- a. What information do we need to give to parents?
 - i. Camp/ session information
 - ii. Packing List (available in leaders guide)
 - iii. Required Paperwork (available in Leaders Guide)
 - iv. Share Leaders Guide with parents

7. GO to Camp

- a. How are we getting to camp?
 - ☐ Carpool ☐ Everyone is arranging their own transportation
 - ☐ Meet somewhere and drive in together. Where? _____

YEAR ROUND TROOP CAMPING

(JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE) Plan

Troop: _____ District: _____

Journey to Excellence goals for Troops include two camping goals:

GOAL	Bronze-50 pts	Silver-100 pts	Gold-200 pts
#6 Short-term Camping: Will conduct short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year	Four short-term campouts	Seven short-term campouts	Nine short-term campouts
#7 Long-term Camping: Will participate in a long-term camp with a majority of the troop in attendance	Troop participates in a long-term camp (summer camp) with at least 50% of Scouts in attendance	60% of Scouts attend long-term camp	70% of Scouts attend long-term camp

#6 SHORT-TERM CAMPING

List tentative short-term camping plans by location, activity, or idea.

APRIL		OCTOBER	
MAY		NOVEMBER	
JUNE		DECEMBER	
JULY		JANUARY	
AUGUST		FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER		MARCH	

#7 LONG-TERM CAMPING (SUMMER CAMP)

Long-term camping is defined in JTE as "Number of Scouts who attend any in-council or out-of-council long-term summer camp (of at least five nights), high-adventure experience, or jamboree, or serve on camp staff within the past year, divided by the Scout membership on June 30 of that same year. Youth attending long-term specialty camps such as NYLT or STEM are also counted."

How many Scouts in the Troop are planning to attend (this summer):

Summer Camp		Camp Staff	
High-Adventure		NYLT	
Jamboree			

Which Summer Camp is the Troop planning to attend?

Cole Canoe Base		Camp Rotary	
D-A Scout Ranch		Great Lakes Sailing Adv	
Gerber Scout Res.		Other	

YEAR ROUND PACK CAMPING

(JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE) *Plan*

Pack: _____ District: _____

Journey to Excellence goals for Packs include one adventure goal:

GOAL	Bronze-50 pts	Silver-100 pts	Gold-200 pts
#7 Outdoor Activities: Cub Scouts will attend day camp, family camp, and/or resident camp. (Includes council-offered alternatives)	A minimum of one registered adult leader in the pack will have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation training, and 51% of Cub Scouts in a the pack will participate in either a council organized Cub Scout activity or pack overnighiter.	Will attain a ratio of 1:20 registered adults who are Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation-trained to Cub Scouts registered, and 60% of Cub Scouts in the pack will participate in either a council organized Cub Scout activity or pack overnighiter.	Will achieve Silver, plus 60% of Cub Scouts in a pack will participate in an overnight camping experience OR 50% will participate with an improvement over the previous year

#7 SHORT-TERM CAMPING

List tentative short-term camping plans by location, activity, or idea.

APRIL		OCTOBER	
MAY		NOVEMBER	
JUNE		DECEMBER	
JULY		JANUARY	
AUGUST		FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER		MARCH	



YEAR ROUND CREW/SHIP CAMPING (JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE) *Plan*

☐ Crew ☐ Ship: _____ District: _____

Journey to Excellence goals for Crews include one adventure goal:

GOAL	Bronze-50 pts	Silver-100 pts	Gold-200 pts
4 Adventure: Will conduct regular activities including a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Will conduct at least four activities including a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Will conduct at least five activities and at least 50% of youth will participate in a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Will conduct at least six activities and at least 50% of youth will participate in a Tier II or Tier III adventure.

Journey to Excellence goals for Ships includes one activity goal:

GOAL	Bronze-50 pts	Silver-100 pts	Gold-200 pts
#4 Activities: Will conduct regular activities including a super activity or long cruise.	Will conduct at least four activities including a super activity or long cruise.	Will conduct at least five activities and at least 50% of youth participate in super activity or long cruise.	Will conduct at least six activities and at least 50% of youth participate in a super activity or long cruise.

#4 ADVENTURE

List tentative short-term camping plans by location, activity, or idea.

APRIL		OCTOBER	
MAY		NOVEMBER	
JUNE		DECEMBER	
JULY		JANUARY	
AUGUST		FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER		MARCH	



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