



**Scouting
America**

Michigan Crossroads Council



Scouts BSA Program Kickoff

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Hosted by: Sarah Witgen, MCC VP-Program

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Agenda

Welcome

Safety Moment

Key Activities

Summer Camp

Training Updates

Advancement Updates

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Closing Comments

Q&A

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Mike Sulgrove

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Kristie Phillips

Sarah Witgen

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Welcome & Safety Moment



Maria Peralta

Chair, MCC STEM Committee





Safety Moment- Distracted Driving

THE THREE TYPES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

		
VISUAL	MANUAL	COGNITIVE
		
<p>Keep your eyes on the road.</p> <p>Pull over to read directions.</p> <p>Put your phone in “Do Not Disturb” mode.</p>	<p>Keep your phone out of reach.</p> <p>Make all adjustments before driving.</p> <p>Don't reach for items while driving.</p>	<p>Avoid phone calls, even hands-free.</p> <p>Stay focused on the road.</p> <p>Keep your emotions in check.</p>

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KEY ACTIVITIES



Travis Babcock
MCC Vice-Chair, Activities

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Key Activities

2024

- SCOUT DAY AT THE CAPITOL
- 9/11 SCOUT SALUTE
- RENDEZVOUS IN THE D
- JAMBOREE ON THE AIR/INTERNET
- SCOUTING FOR FOOD

June 11, 2024

September 11, 2024

September 20-22, 2024

October 18-20, 2024

November 8-10, 2024

2025

- SCOUT SUNDAY
- MCC SEA BASE CONTINGENT (SCUBA)
- MACKINAC RENDEZVOUS

February 2, 2025

July 21-27, 2025

September 19-21, 2025

2026

- MCC NATIONAL JAMBOREE CONTINGENT

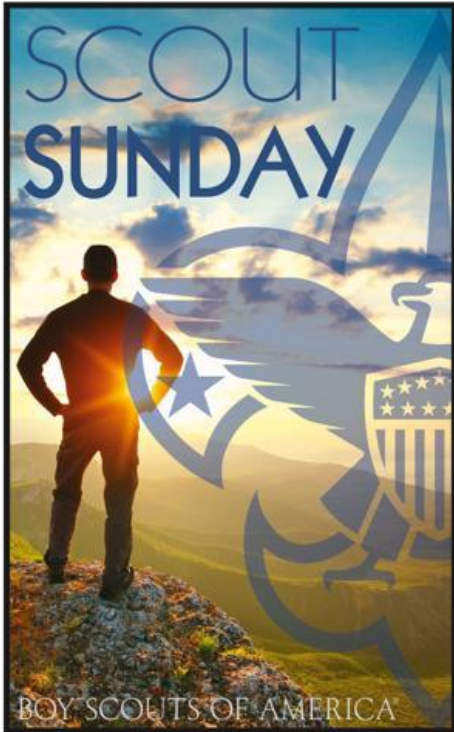
July 22-31, 2026

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Key Activities- Scout Sunday



A SCOUT IS REVERENT

- February 2, 2025
- February 1, 2026
- February 7, 2027
- February 6, 2028
- February 4, 2029

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Key Activities- Scout Day at the Capitol

- **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**
- **Registration by June 8, 2024**
- **Self guided tour of the capitol building included!**
- **Apply to be a delegate!**
 - May 22, 2024





Key Activities- 2026 National Jamboree

- 20th National Jamboree since 1935--July 20-31, 2026
- Quintessential high adventure Scouting experience
 - 5 miles of zip lines and challenge courses
 - 36 miles of mountain bike trails
 - 13 acres of shooting sports ranges
 - Whitewater rafting, kayaking, padel boarding
 - Rock climbing and repelling
 - Skateboarding and BMX
 - STEAM activities



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Key Activities- 2026 National Jamboree

- **Estimated cost—Under \$3000 per person, all inclusive experience:**
 - Two pre-Jamboree training campouts
 - Proposed SWAG—duffel bag, day pack, hat, tee shirts, patches
 - Pre-Jamboree tour in Gatlinburg, TN, area
 - Meals to/from the Jamboree
 - Transportation to/from the Jamboree
 - Jamboree fees



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Key Activities- 9/11 Salute

911 COMMUNITY DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND SCOUT SALUTE

2024 9/11 SALUTE LOCATIONS

Grand Rapids
Albion
Muskegon
Traverse City
Bay City
Farmington
Riverview

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
Albion American Legion Post 55
USS Silversides
Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station
USS Edson; Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum
Walter Sundquist Pavilion at Riley Park
Young Patriots Park & Community Center





Key Activities- Mackinac Rendezvous



- September 19-21, 2025
- Mackinaw Millcreek Campground & Mackinac Island



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Key Activities- Scouting for Food

A SCOUT IS KIND

- Distribution Day
November 2, 2024
- Collection Day
November 9, 2024



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Key Activities- Program Partners

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PRESIDENTIAL
LIBRARY & MUSEUM



GRAND RAPIDS
SYMPHONY
Marcelo Lehninger, Music Director

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OUR PREMIER 2024 SCOUTING EVENT.....





Key Activities- Rendezvous in the D



- Willow Metro Park, New Boston, MI
- Cost: \$60



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Key Activities- Rendezvous in the D



- Friday Night Music
- Saturday Arena Show and Fireworks
- BB Guns, Archery, Sling Shots, Tomahawks
- Canoeing on Huron River (12 and older)
- Climbing Tower and Challenge Courses
- Exhibits & Patch Trading
- 5k Run, Disc Golf, Orienteering
- BMX Bike Course
- Local Sports Team Representation
- STEM Zone & Water Rockets

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Summer Camp



Mike Sulgrove

MCC VP- Camping and Properties





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2024 Summer Camp & Programs

Camp Rotary, Cole Canoe Base, D-bar-A Scout Ranch & Gerber Scout Reservation - \$435

- Can't go with the Troop, go without it!
 - *Sessions available at each camp*
 - *Multiple week discounts – 2nd week of camp only \$230*

Equestrian Camp@ D-bar-A Scout Ranch - \$500

- July 28-Aug 3
 - *Open to ALL youth 14-17 y/o (youth do not need to be Scouts to attend)*
 - *Advanced horseback riding*

ATV Trail Adventure Week @ Cole Canoe Base- \$550

- Aug 4-Aug 10
 - *For Scouts 16+ and Adults*
 - *5 days of trail riding*

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Scouts BSA / Venturing / Sea Scouts Adult Leader Training

In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, James E. West, our first Chief Scout Executive, was asked what the three greatest needs of the new movement were.

He replied, **“Training, training, and training.”**

That is still true today.



“Guide To Leader Training, 2020 Printing”

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Scouts BSA Adult Leader Training



POSITION SPECIFIC

Position Specific Training



TROOP COMMITTEE
CHAIR



TROOP COMMITTEE

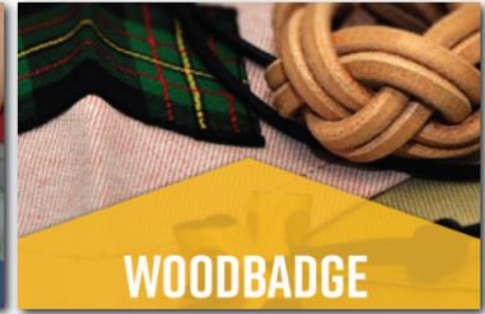


SCOUTMASTER
& ASSISTANT



SKILL TRAINING

Skill & Supplemental Training



WOODBADGE

Wood Badge



**Additional Mandatory Training
For Direct Contact Leaders (SM & ASM)**



PROGRAM SAFETY

Hazardous Weather Training

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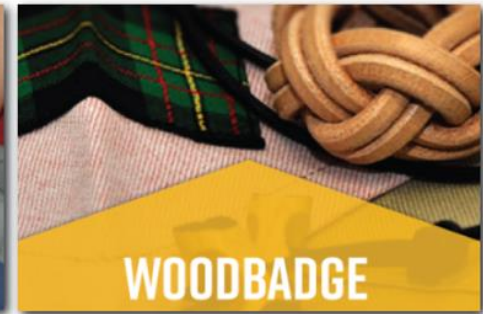
Venturing Adult Leader Training



Position Specific Training



Skill & Supplemental Training



Wood Badge



**Additional Mandatory Training
For Direct Contact Leaders (NL & NA)**



Hazardous Weather Training



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Sea Scouts Adult Leader Training



Position Specific Training



Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training



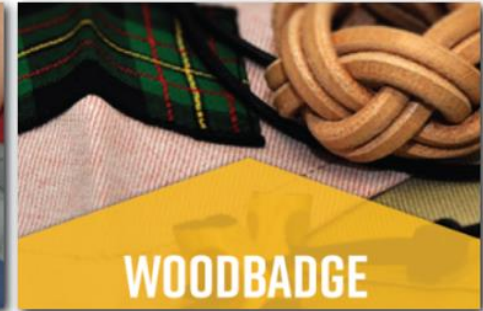
**Additional Mandatory Training
For Direct Contact Leaders (Skipper &
Mates)**



Hazardous Weather Training



Skill & Supplemental Training



Wood Badge



Sea Badge



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Scouts BSA Youth Leader Training



- June 16-21, 2024 – D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
- July 14-19, 2024 – D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
- July 19-21, 2024 – First Weekend // July 26-28, 2024 – Second Weekend – Camp Rotary, Clare, MI
- July 26-28, 2024 – First Weekend // August 9-11, 2024 – Second Weekend – Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake, MI

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2024 - 2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

District Training Events:

May 2024

- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** Hosted by Chief Okemos District – Sleepy Hollow State Park, Laingsburg, MI
 - May 17-19, 2024

June 2024

- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** Hosted by Eagle Spirit District – Little Pine Island Camp, Comstock Park, MI
 - June 1-2, 2024

October 2024

- **Venturing Adult Leader Specific Training** Hosted by Chief Okemos District - Grace United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI
 - October 5, 2024
- **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training** Hosted by Chief Okemos District - Grace United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI
 - October 5, 2024
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** Hosted by Chippewa District – Camp Agawam
 - October 5-6, 2024

November 2024

- **Introduction to Leadership Skills - Troops (ILST)** Hosted by Blue Water District – St Clair Lions Club, East China, MI
 - November 9, 2024
- **Introduction to Leadership Skills - Crews (ILSC)** Hosted by Blue Water District – St Clair Lions Club, East China, MI
 - November 9, 2024

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2024 - 2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

Council Advanced Training Events:

May 2024

•**Wood Badge** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI

- May 17-19, 2024 – First Weekend // June 01-02, 2024 – Second Weekend

June 2024

•**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** – D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI

- June 16-21, 2024

July 2024

•**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** – D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Metamora, MI

- July 14-19, 2024

•**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** – Camp Rotary, Clare, MI

- July 19-21, 2024 – First Weekend // July 26-28, 2024 – Second Weekend

•**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** – Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake, MI

- July 26-28, 2024 – First Weekend // August 9-11, 2024 – Second Weekend

September 2024

•**Wood Badge** - Camp Rotary, Clare, MI

- September 27-29, 2024 – First Weekend // October 12-13, 2024 – Second Weekend

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2024 - 2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

Council Advanced Training Events (Continued):

January 2025

•**Winter Wood Badge** – D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI

- January 31-February 2, 2025 – First Weekend // March 1-2, 2025 – Second Weekend

April 2025

•**Spring Wood Badge** – Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake, MI

- April 25-27, 2025 – First Weekend // May 17-18, 2025 – Second Weekend
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2024 -2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

Council Specialized Training Events:

May 2024

- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - May 18, 2024

June 2024

- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - June 7, 2024
- **Wilderness First Aid** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - June 8, 2024

September 2024

- **Wilderness First Aid** – Cole Canoe Base, Alger, MI
 - September 13-15, 2024
- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - September 28, 2024

October 2024

- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - October 11, 2024
- **Wilderness First Aid** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - October 12, 2024

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2024 - 2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

Council Specialized Training Events (Continued):

November 2024

- **Full CPR** - Riverbend Friends Church, Tecumseh, MI
 - November 2, 2024

April 2025

- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - April 5, 2025
- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - April 25, 2025
- **Wilderness First Aid** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - April 26, 2025

May 2025

- **Red Cross Blended Learning CPR** – Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI
 - May 31, 2025

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2024 - 2025 In-Person Training Opportunities

Council Supplemental Training Events:

November 2024

- **University of Scouting – Allendale Middle School, Allendale, MI**
 - November 2, 2024

January 2025

- **University of Scouting – Oakland Community College – Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, MI**
 - January 25, 2025

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Advancement Updates



Perry Leong
MCC Vice-Chair,
Advancement





Advancement Updates

- Impact of new Cub Scout Program Rollout – 6/1/24
- MCC Advancement Web Page
- Merit Badge Class Opportunities
- Advancement Training @ University of Scouting

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New Cub Scout Program Rollout

- National Rollout- June 1 , 2024
- The complete Arrow of Light badge or rank is designed to prepare for Scouts BSA not just one Adventure
- Designed to have Arrow of Light Cub Scouts joining a Scouts BSA Troop by January/February.



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New Cub Scout Program Rollout

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM **UPDATES** **WEBINAR**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 | 7:30 PM (ET)



**SPECIAL GUEST
PRESENTER**

LISA WYLIE
NATIONAL CUB SCOUT COMMITTEE

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Questions on Advancements? See the [MCC Advancement Committee list](#).

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Advancement News was a bi-monthly newsletter sent out via email for many years and has a lot of great information. The last edition was the January 2024 version, but you can still access the archive going back to 2011.

[National Advancement News Archive](#)

REQUIREMENTS UPDATES 2024

CHANGES TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2024 | [CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)



Click for [PDF version](#) of requirement changes. For more information, visit the [BSA Merit Badge page](#).

Summary:

Rank Requirements: Star and Life

Eagle Palms: Scouts no longer have to wait three months between palms.

Merit Badges: Click the link to see the [full list](#).





MCC Advancement Web Page

EAGLE SCOUT

Eagle Scout Service Project, Rank Application, and other resources should be downloaded from the **National Council Advancement Page** in order to ensure the most up to date form is being used.

To get started, download the **Eagle Project Workbook** and the **MCC Eagle Checklist**.

To generate the **Eagle Scout Rank Application**, a Scout, parent, or adult leader of the unit can navigate to the Eagle Scout Candidate in Scoutbook, then click **Reports** and then **Eagle Application**.

If for some reason, you are unable to generate the Eagle Scout Rank Application (mostly filled out with the data BSA has on record) from Scoutbook, you can find a blank fillable pdf of it by visiting the **BSA Advancement Forms** page.

MCC Eagle Checklist

Eagle Project Workbook

BSA Advancement Forms

MCC Eagle Application Verification

For Life Scouts / Eagle Candidates:

- Eagle Reference Letter Instructions
- Eagle Scout Reference Letter Template (fillable/printable)
- Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project
- My Eagle Scout Project (your chance to brag and share your project with us)

For Eagle Board of Review Chairs:

- MCC Post Eagle Board of Review Rank Submission

Annual Eagle Recognition Events:

- Building Character Celebration – Grand Rapids
- Great Lakes Eagle Recognition Dinner – Novi

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Eagle Scholarships

Many scholarships exist for Eagle Scouts, so Eagle Scout families should check with local foundations for additional options besides the list below.

- NESA Eagle Scout Scholarship
- Glenn and Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year
- VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship
- American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year award

Time Extensions

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, local councils have the authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the GTA 9.0.4.0 and associated form 11.2.0.0 published at www.scouting.org/advancement.

Michigan-Specific Eagle Congratulatory Letters

Parents and Scout Leaders are encouraged to request congratulatory letters from various local and national dignitaries. The following list is not exhaustive but is a sample of the options available. Tip: Check with your local State Representative's or State Senator's offices.

- Aaron on Scouting – How to Request Letters
- USSCOUTS Eagle Congratulatory Letter list
- Governor of Michigan – Request a Letter of Recognition
- United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI) Request Form



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MCC Advancement Web Page

ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES



Guide to Advancement

Process and Procedure for Youth Advancement.

Merit Badges

- [Merit Badge Hub](#)
- [2024 Requirements Updates](#)
- [Alternate Eagle Scout Merit Badge Application \(58-730\)](#)
- [MCC Merit Badge Counselor page](#)
- [Application for Merit Badge/Blue Card](#)
- [Merit Badge Counselor Information Form \(Application\) \(34405\)](#)
- [How to find Merit Badge Counselors](#)

Local Advancement Contacts

- [MCC Advancement Contacts](#)

Special Needs Advancement

- [Special Needs Advancement Resources](#)
- [Individual Scout Plan](#)

Service Awards

- [Congressional Award \(non-BSA\) | PDF | Registration](#)
Highest award given by the US Congress to civilian youth. Recognizes achieving personal goals in volunteerism, character development and fitness.





Merit Badge Class Opportunities

- **Merit Badge Mayhem – 9/28-29/24**
- **UM Merit Badge Day – 10/27/24**
- **UM Webelos Engineering Day – 11/17/24**
- **Merit Badge College @ Delta College – 12/14/24**
- **Merit Badge Mania @ WCCCD – 1/4/25**
- **EMU Merit Badge Day – 3/8/25**
- **Merit Badge Mayhem – 3/22-23/25**

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Website Updates



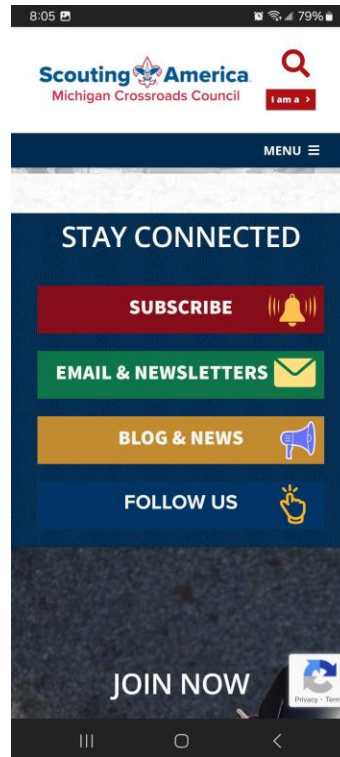
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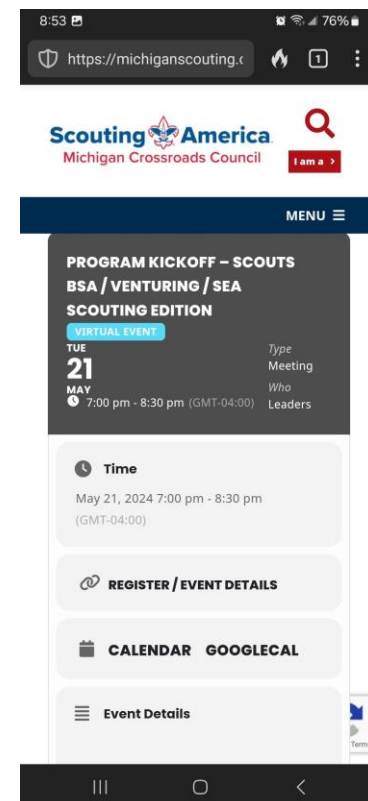
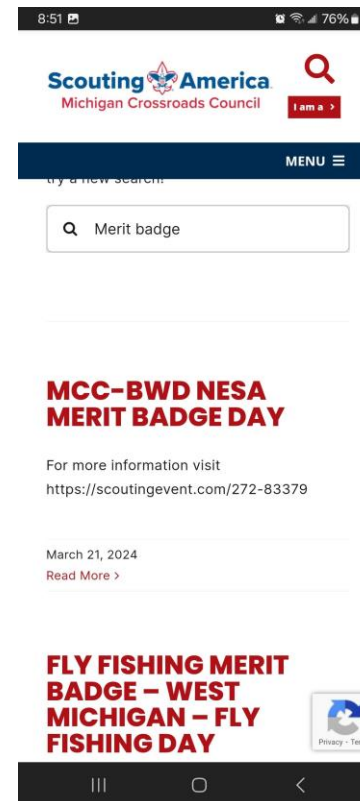
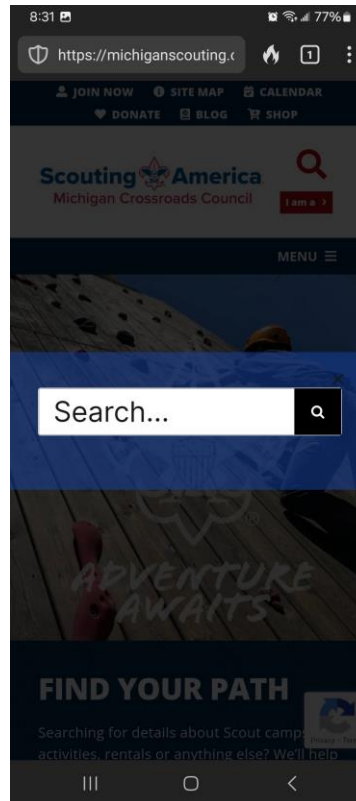
Staying Connected:
Emails, Blog/News,
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Search:
Searches pages,
events, and
news/blog posts

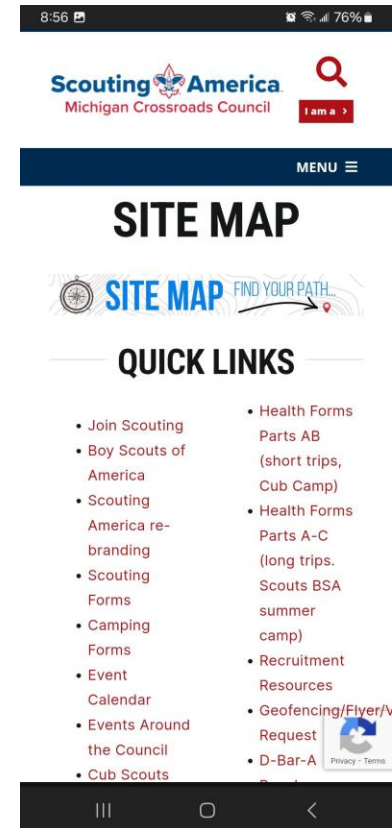
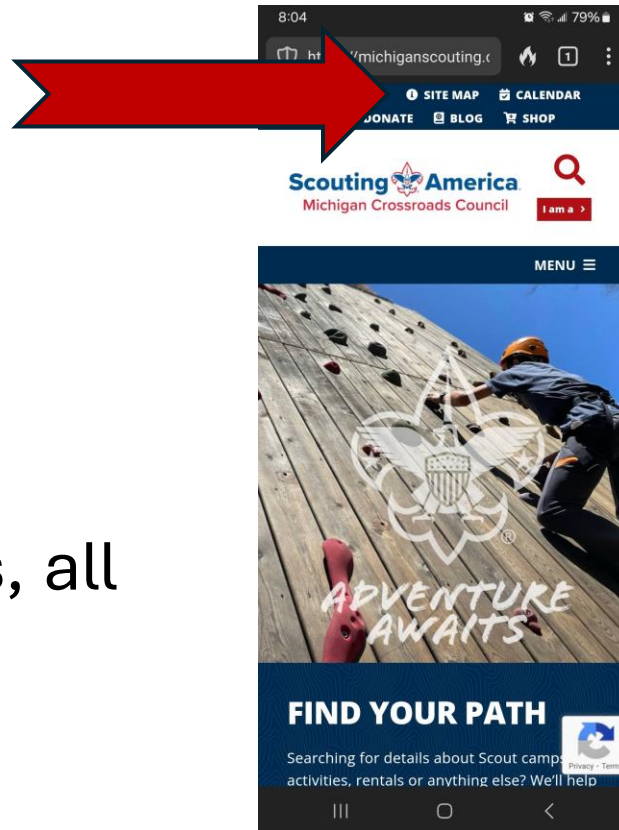


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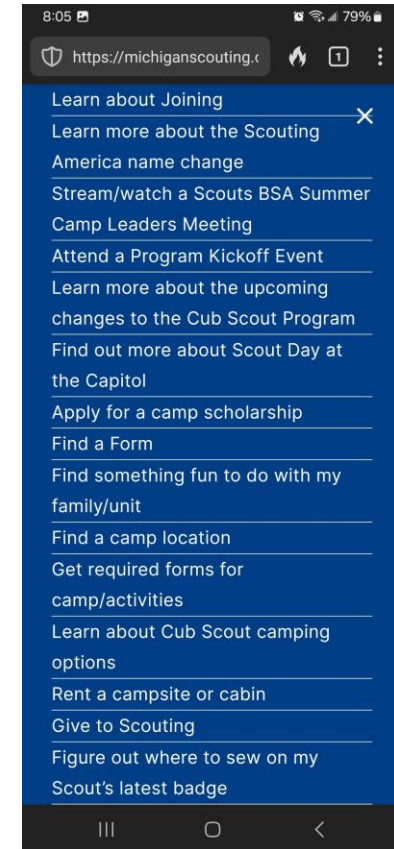
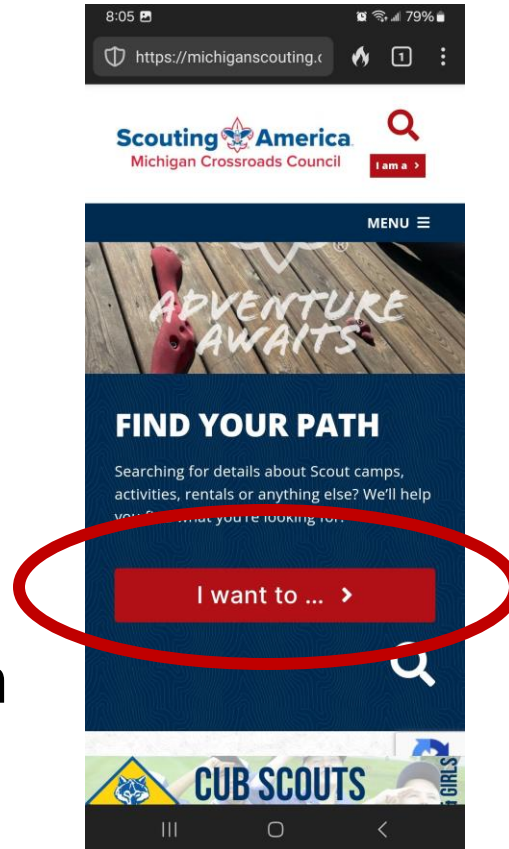
All of our pages, all on one page!



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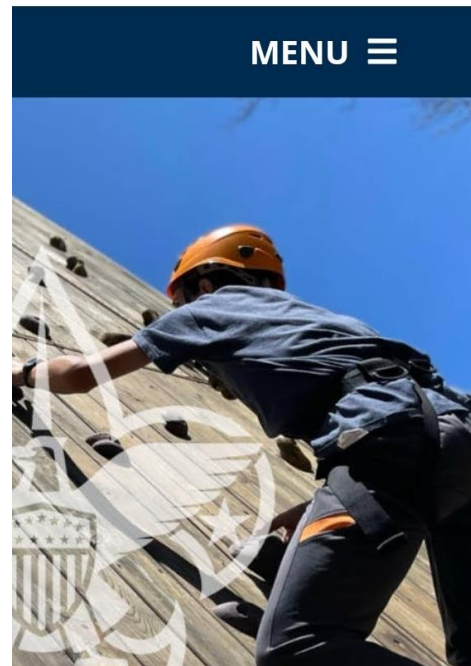
I Want To:
Your common
questions/actions in
one place!



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I Am A:
Top resources
based on who
you are



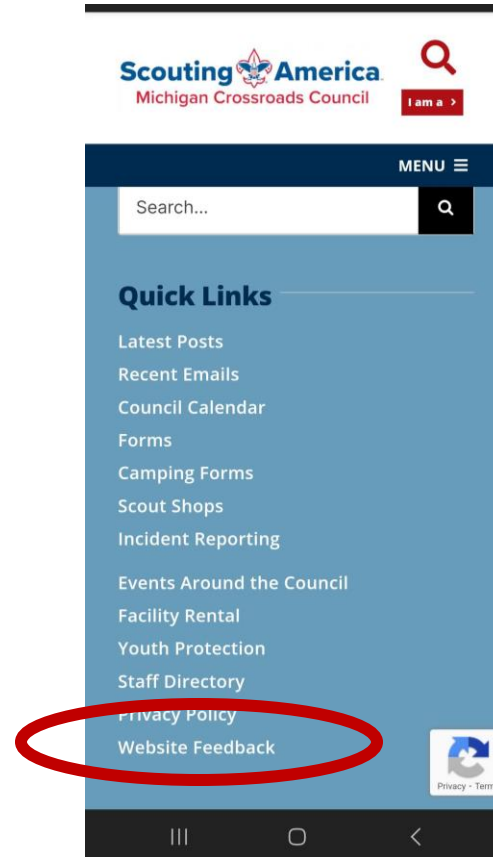
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BONUS

Website

Feedback:

Something broken or missing? Have an idea?



Footer...scroll all the way down on any page

Our website footer has links to common pages as well!

Youth Social & Mental Health Challenges

Welcoming & Belonging

Website and Flyer of Resources for Unit Leaders and Parents when dealing with

- General Acceptance
- Mental Health
- Bullying
- Social Media
- Sexuality and Gender Identity



Scouting can be a very positive experience for youth of all ages. As Scout leaders, we can help youth recognize that they have a support network around them within Scouting. We need to recognize when help may be required and reach out for support when needed.

This page is a collection of resources to better help our leaders support our Scouts and create a sense of welcoming and belonging for all.

Welcoming and Belonging Flyer

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

Guide to Safe Scouting



General Acceptance



Mental Health



Bullying



Social Media



Sexuality

<https://michiganscouting.org/belonging/>



Closing Comments



Sarah Witgen

MCC VP- Program



QUESTION AND ANSWERS





Who Can I Contact???

Activity/Event/Program	Name	Email
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Scouting for Food	Volunteer: Jason Richter Staff Advisor: Catherine Buckalew	scoutingforfood@michiganscouting.org Catherine.Buckalew@Scouting.org
Mackinac Rendezvous	Volunteer: Jason Kelley Staff Advisor: Aaron Craig	ffchewy@comcast.net Aaron.Craig@Scouting.org

