



2025

CAMP IMPACT REPORT



**Scouting
America**

Michigan Crossroads Council

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8 CAMPS, 8 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES



COLE CANOE BASE • ALGER, MICHIGAN

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base offers 1,489 acres of wilderness for a unique Scouting experience, where Scouts can canoe the Rifle River, enjoy outdoor recreation, earn rank advancements and merit badges, lead hiking expeditions, and participate in range and target activities.



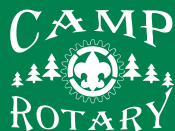
D-BAR-A SCOUT RANCH • METAMORA, MICHIGAN

Located an hour north of Detroit, D-Bar-A-Scout Ranch offers nearly 1,800 acres of wilderness where Scouts can explore on horseback, climb a 32-foot tower, enjoy range and target activities, visit Nature Centers, scale a Bouldering Wall, and hike 11 miles of trails for an unforgettable Scouting experience.



GERBER SCOUT RESERVATION • TWIN LAKE, MICHIGAN

Located in the Manistee Forest near Twin Lake, Michigan, Gerber Scout Reservation provides a dynamic Scouting experience with a scenic waterfront, Honor Ground, Climbing Tower, crafting, an Environmental Resource Center, and various range and target activities.



CAMP ROTARY • CLARE, MICHIGAN

With one of the nation's cleanest spring-fed lakes, Camp Rotary offers a stunning setting of rolling hills and pine trees, along with premier target ranges, climbing and rappelling, waterfront activities, and a camaraderie-building atmosphere.



CAMP TEETONKAH • JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Located in the Irish Hills of Michigan on the shore of Big Wolf Lake, Camp Teetonkah spans 240 acres and, as one of the oldest Scout camps in the country, offers everything needed for the perfect Scouting adventure.



GREAT LAKES SAILING ADVENTURE

Ahoy! Set sail aboard the Retriever, a 52' ketch docked in Mackinaw City for the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure, where older Scouts demonstrate the skills they've developed throughout their Scouting career while learning sailboat handling, steering, navigation, marine safety, and cruising techniques.



ADVENTURE POINT DAY CAMP • GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Adventure Point lives up to its name with exciting, cooperative, and physically rewarding activities, including a climbing wall, zipline, obstacle course, archery, wristrockets, wet-n-wild days, and more!



CAMP HIAWATHA • MUNISING, MICHIGAN

Camp Hiawatha is 800 acres of pristine spruce and pines, and encircles Bunting Lake, a 60 acre lake in the middle of Hiawathaland National Forest in the heart of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Close by are many trails and waterways including the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, The North Country Trail, Grand Island, and the Autrain River.

CAMP SPOTLIGHT

THE RETRIEVER

Setting sails on Michigan's Great Lakes, the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure offers Scouts a unique hands-on experience aboard the Retriever, a 52-foot ketch. Based in its home port of Mackinaw City, Michigan, the Retriever calls on harbors throughout the northern Great Lakes teaching valuable sailing skills along the way.

Designated as a School Ship by the United States Coast Guard, up to 10 Scouts live aboard the ship while working collaboratively during 5–6-day cruises, or a 3-night Labor Day weekend. During their time, they learn about coast guard rules and regulations, seamanship, helmsmanship, emergency preparedness and much more. With several potential learning opportunities beyond the vessel, participants may stop at St. Helena Island nature preserve, historic Mackinac City and Island, St. Ignace. Co-ed crews are welcome, but the advisor must contact the council in advance to discuss accommodation options.

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED 73



**SCAN TO SPONSOR AN ADVENTURE:
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MCC CAMP ATTENDANCE



CUB SCOUTS

778



SCOUTS BSA

3,474



**SUMMER
CAMP STAFF**

236



**ADULT
VOLUNTEERS**

2,197



**AT-RISK
YOUTH**

230



**FIRST YEAR
CAMPER**

512



**SLUSHIES
SOLD**

18,623



**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

70,044

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

170 YOUTH

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a six-day or two-weekend program where Scouts develop essential life and leadership skills. Working in patrols with peers they may not know, participants progress through stages of team building and leadership growth, strengthening their communication and conflict-resolution abilities.

15,664 MERIT BADGES EARNED

TOP 5 BADGES EARNED:



**SCOUTS RECEIVING
NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

703

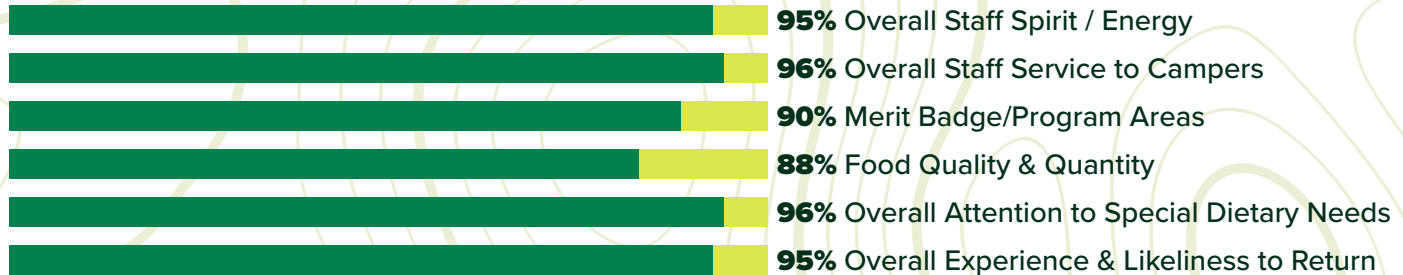
**TOTAL AMOUNT OF
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:**

\$79,072

HIGHLY SATISFIED CAMPERS

Helpful, Courteous and Prepared: Camp Staff provides service you can count on to make Summer Camp an unforgettable Scouting experience!

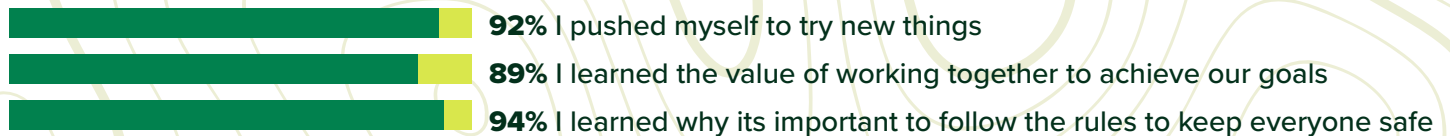
Campers rated the following as Good-Excellent:



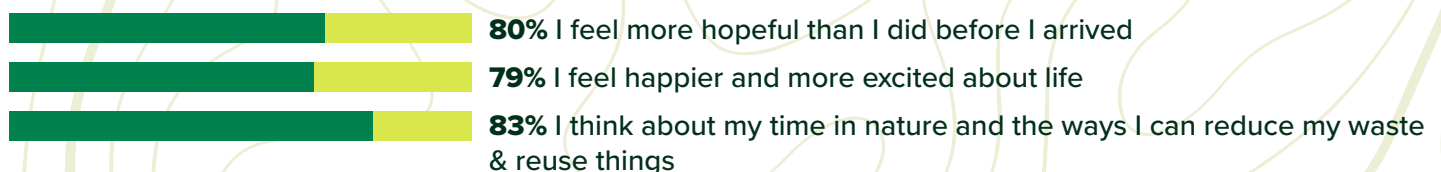
CAMP'S RESOUNDING IMPACT ON YOUTH

Throughout the year, Scouts are taught timeless traditions which prepare them for the modern world. While at Summer Camp, Scouts engage in activities which build foundational skills that help them thrive later in life, including the value of working hard, problem solving, networking and collaborating.

During my time at camp:



After my time at camp:



SCOUTS LEAP AHEAD!

Thanks to our highly successful partnership with the Out of School Time office with the Michigan Lifelong Education and Potential (MiLEAP) department and the State of Michigan, we were able to garner key insights regarding the impacts that our summer camp programs have on Scouts.

Key findings include:

State Average 86%

94% This program helps me make new friends

State Average 63%

75% I get to help plan activities, projects or events

State Average 46%

75% I get to lead activities

State Average 74%

100% I get to help other kids

State Average 83%

91% We learn how to deal with conflict without fighting

State Average 92%

100% This program encourages me to be the best I can be

State Average 80%

94% I feel comfortable expressing my identity

State Average 82%

97% I feel that the program is free from bullying and harassment

State Average 85%

94% I feel that the adult facilitators were calm and supportive



THANK YOU:

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE

In 2025, we were able to offer \$79,072 for need-based camp scholarships! Without your support, camp may not have been possible for 703 Scouts. Here's what they wanted to share with you:

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Your support truly matters, and I am thankful for the unforgettable summer camp experience you helped create!

-Zac

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Thank you for the opportunity to attend Summer Camp with my brother. Sharing this experience together was incredibly meaningful.

-Walter & Levi

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I had so much fun, which might not have been possible if it wasn't for your kind help. I learned a lot of valuable skills, participated in meaningful and exciting activities, and had a lot of fun doing so!

-Oscar

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Our troop worked together to set up camp—it felt like everything we had practiced came together in that moment!

-Zoë

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Spending time together as a troop helped me feel more connected. I saw how everyone contributed in different ways, and I started to feel like I truly belonged. -Leo

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From the moment I arrived, I felt welcomed and encouraged. The leaders and staff created an environment where I could try new things without fear of failure. -Nolan

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I learned new skills, had tons of fun, and felt more confident with each day. I'm super grateful for the chance to go—it's a week I'll never forget. -Jaden

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OUR CAMPS

1. COLE CANOE BASE

1356 E. Greenwood Road, Alger, MI 48610

2. D-BAR-A SCOUT RANCH

880 E. Sutton Road, Metamora, MI 48455

3. GERBER SCOUT RESERVATION

1733 Owasippe Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457

4. GREAT LAKES SAILING ADVENTURE

Home Port in Mackinaw City, MI 49701

5. CAMP ROTARY

3201 S. Clare Avenue, Clare MI 48617

6. CAMP TEETONKAH

3710 Burkhardt Road, Jackson MI 49201

7. ADVENTURE POINT

3213 Walker Ave NW, Walker MI 49544

8. CAMP HIAWATHA

E6350 Doe Lake Road, Munising, MI 49862

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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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