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Scouts BSA

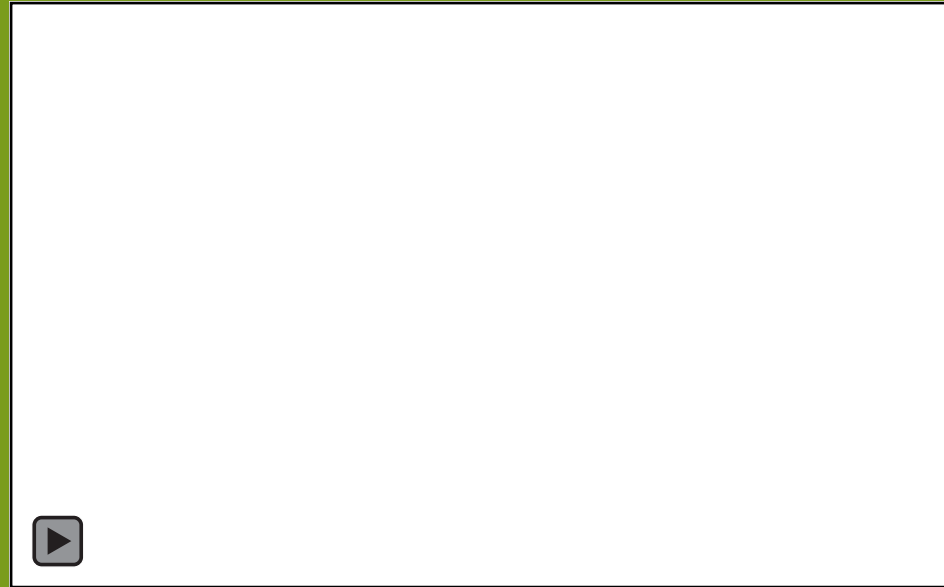
2026 Summer Camp Kick-off

Wednesday November 12, 2025

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Scouting America
Michigan Crossroads Council

YOUR 2026 SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE BEGINS IN:



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Welcome!

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Michigan Crossroads Council

Webinar housekeeping:



All attendees are in “Listen Only” mode



Enter any questions you have into the “Q&A” feature



This webinar is being recorded for those who need to reference it



The recording & slide deck will be posted on the MCC website



Tonight's Agenda:



A look back
2025 Season Review



Legendary Camp Service
Our Commitment to You!



2026 Communication Plan
Pre-Camp Communication Schedule



2026 Incentive
for Early Camp Sign-up



Fees & Dates
for the 2026 Camping Season



2026 Camp Leadership
Meet Our Team!



Our Camps
A Brief Overview



Camp Scholarships
Don't Let Money Be A Factor!



Provisional Camping
Camp Without Your Unit



Questions & Answers
Get ALL Your Questions Answered!



Our Presenters:



Gregg Zdan

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Andrew Wright

Camping Operations
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Dianna Marsh

Council Director of
Camping Services



Rebecca Alberda

Camping
Administrator



Mike Sulgrove

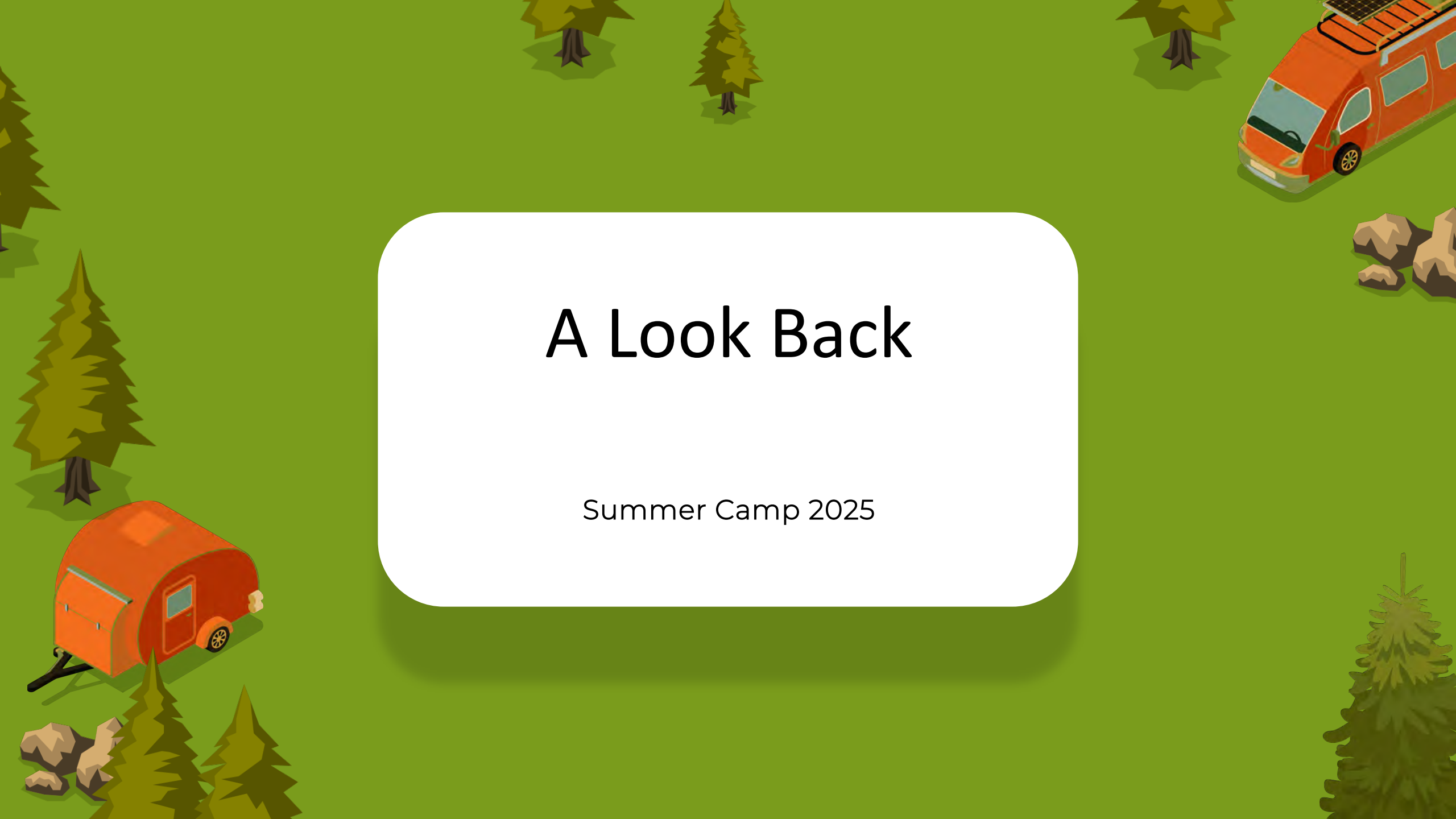
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Council Director of
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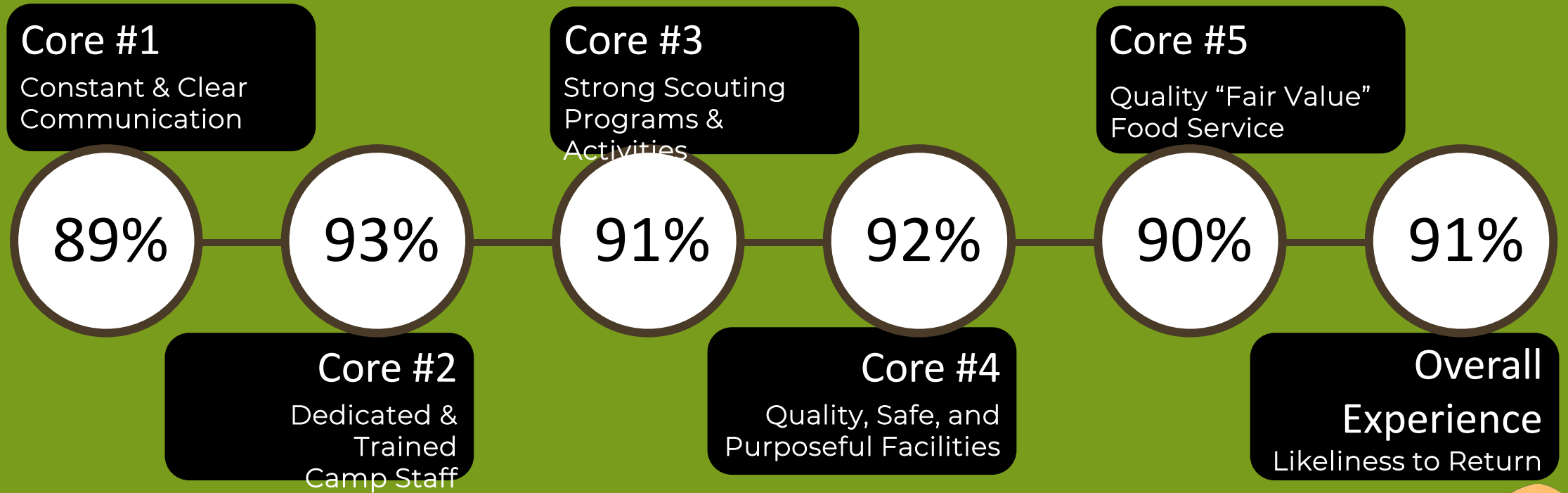
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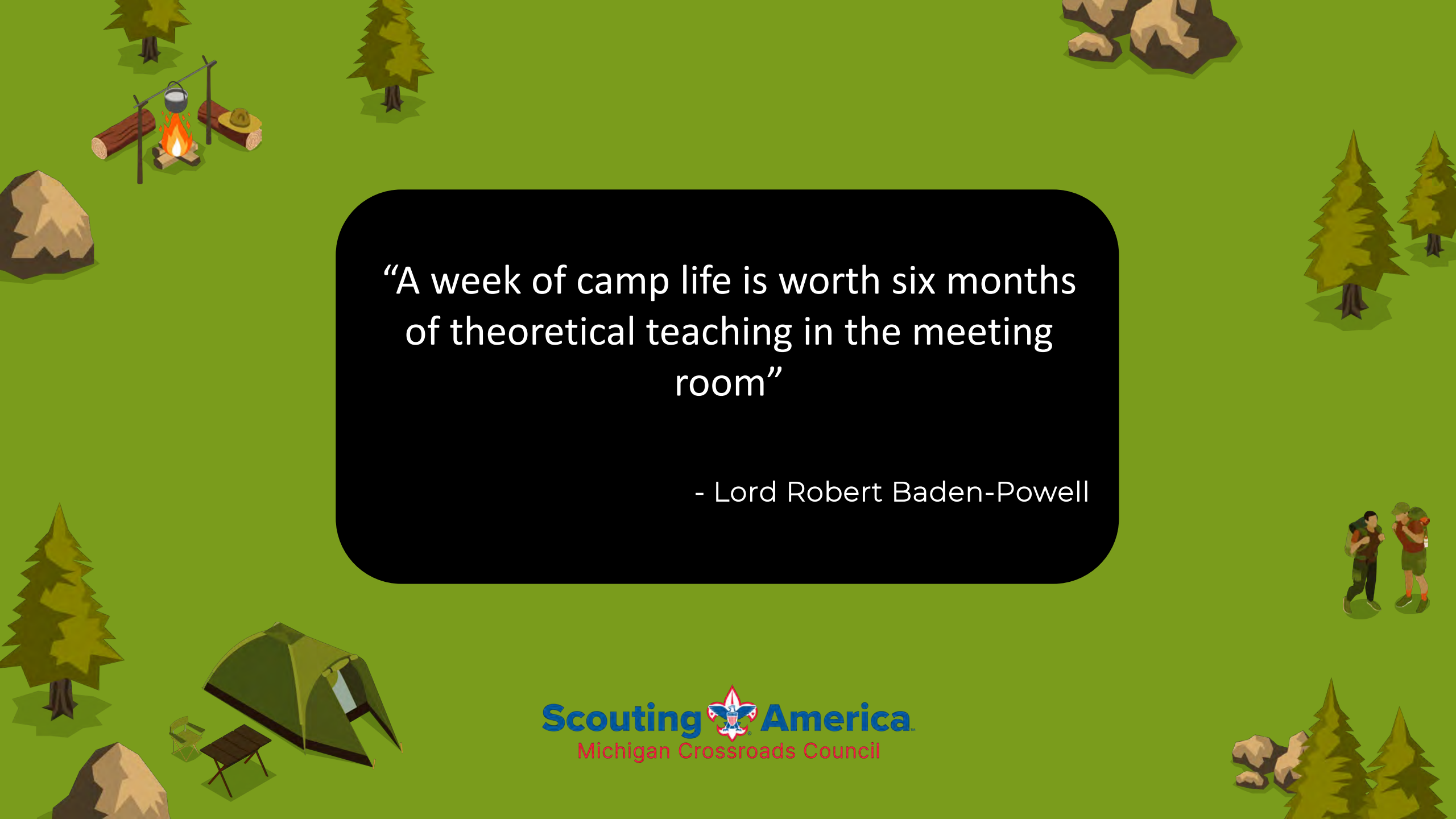


A Look Back

Summer Camp 2025

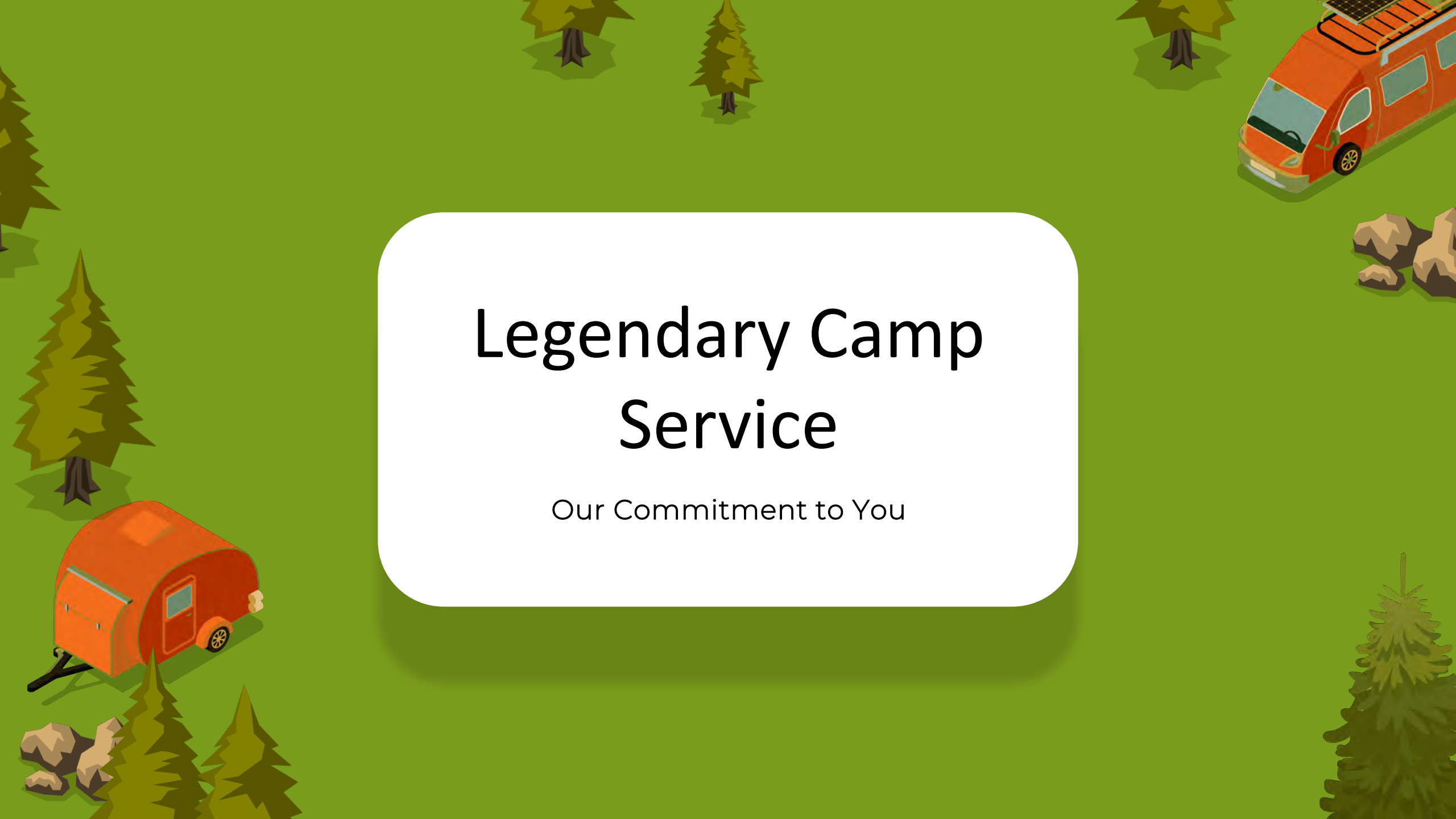
2025 Scouts BSA summer camp ratings



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“A week of camp life is worth six months
of theoretical teaching in the meeting
room”

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell



Legendary Camp Service

Our Commitment to You

Pillars of Legendary Scout Camps

Dedicated & Trained Camp Staff

Hiring, Training, Setting Expectations, Inspiration, and Recognition

Strong Scouting Programs / Activities

Creative, Unique, Specialized, and Powerful



Clear & Constant Communication

Leader & Customer Engagement and Evaluations

Quality, Safe & Purposeful Facilities

Parents, Customers, and Contributors would Approve

Quality, Fair Value Food Service

Balanced, Approved, Timely, and Exceeding Expectations

Our mission:

We, the Camp Leadership & Staff of the Michigan Crossroads Council, are dedicated to providing our customers & guests with legendary camp service while participating in our life-enhancing year-round outdoor programs!

We are committed to providing the facilities, programs, services, & camp leadership that will consistently exceed the expectations of our customers & guests. Our Scout Camps will be safe havens for experiencing the best of the adventures & values of Scouting America.



Pre-Camp Communications

2026 Pre-Camp Communications
Schedule

Pre-Camp Communication schedule



January 2026

Camp specific Kickoff and Q&A

A virtual detailed overview of each camp's property, facilities, & program offerings + a chance to ask broad level questions about the camping facility & program.

Rotary:	JAN 12 TH
Cole:	JAN 13 TH
Gerber:	JAN 14 TH
Hiawatha:	JAN 15 TH



April 2026

Open office hours Q & A 4:30pm – 7:30PM

A virtual help desk designed to answer your questions. Simply log-in to our virtual office at your convenience & have our team assist you!

Cole:	APR 1 ST
Hiawatha:	APR 2 ND
Gerber:	APR 8 TH
Rotary:	APR 9 TH



May 2026

Pre-camp leader's meeting

An IN-PERSON final meeting before your arrival to camp. Get your last-minute questions answered & ensure your unit is prepared for camp. Will also stream live virtually.

Gaylord:	MAY 4 TH
Grand rapids:	MAY 5 TH
Detroit:	MAY 6 TH
Saginaw:	MAY 7 TH



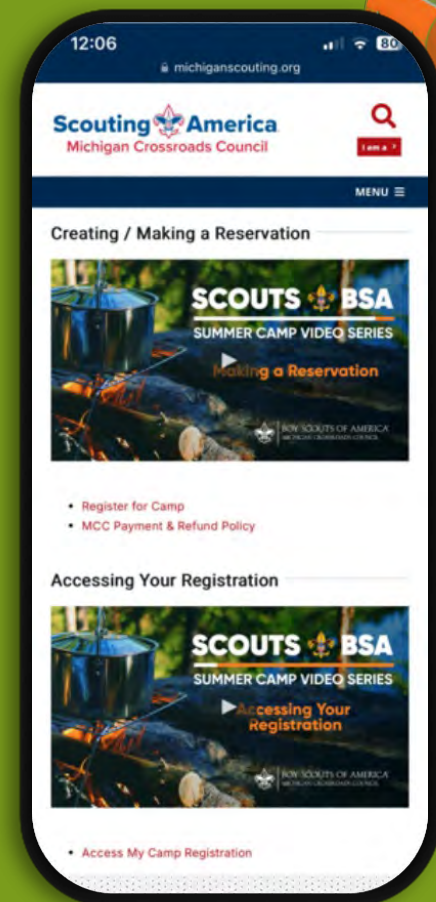
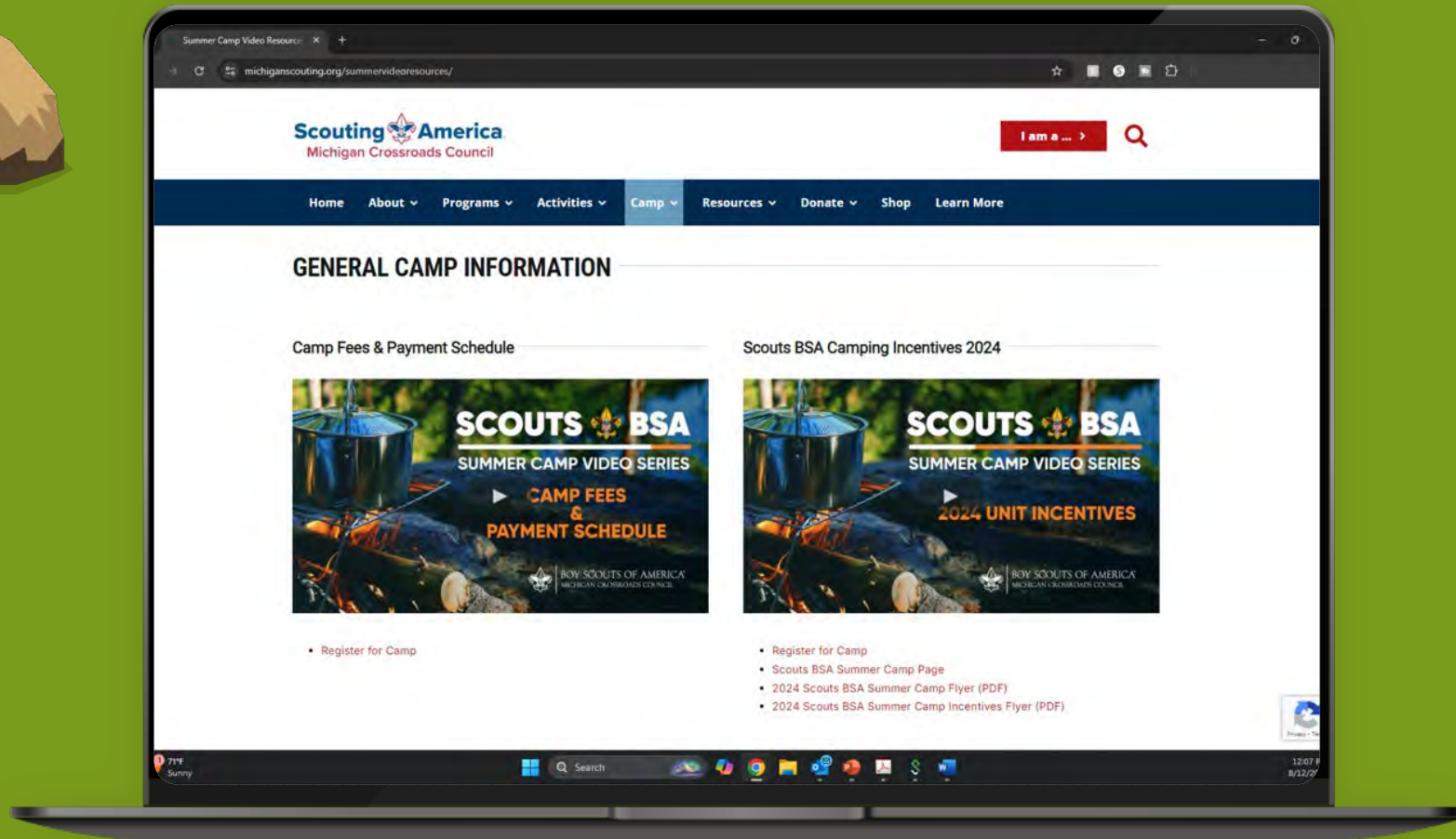
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Through Scoutingevent.com

We will send out monthly emails with camp content, reminders, & links to all the emails we have collected through your summer camp registration. Make sure you include additional emails to your registration contact.

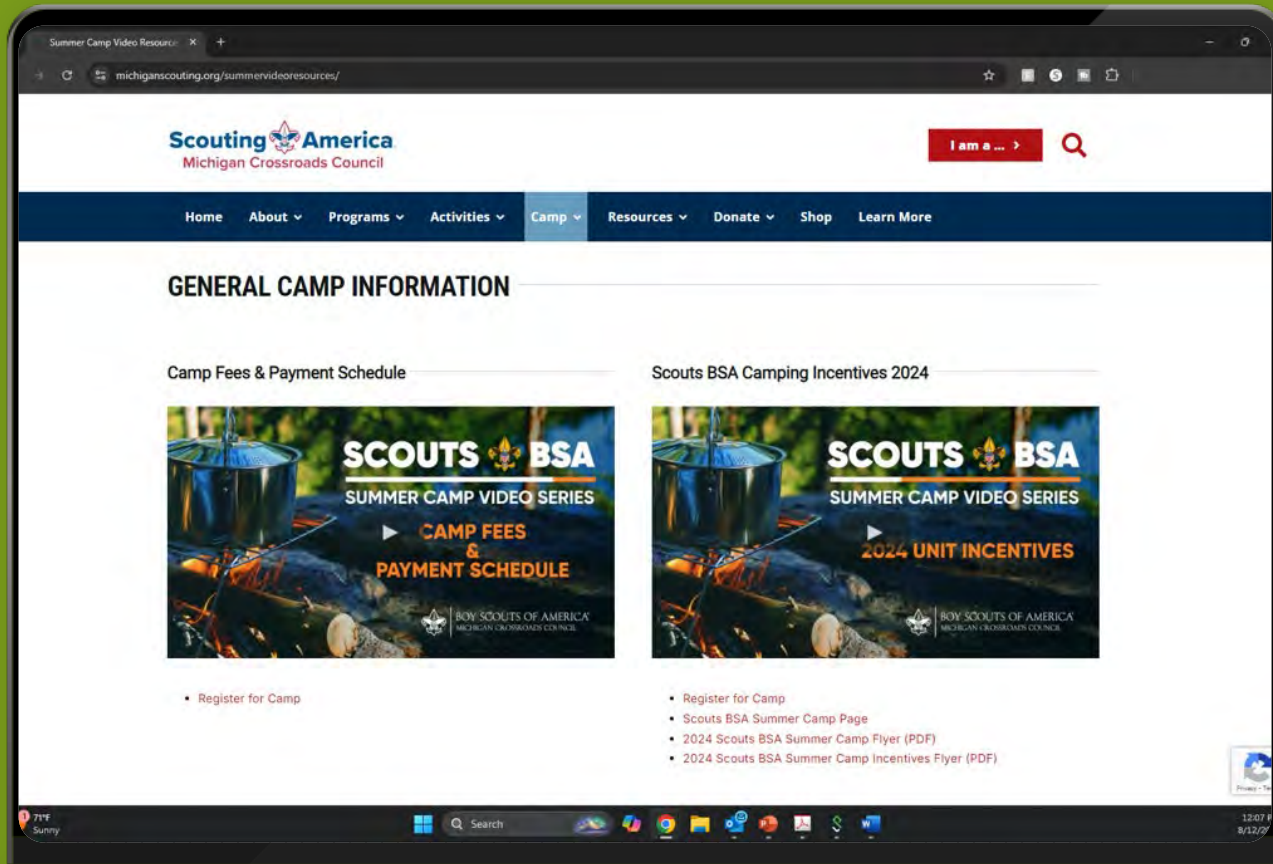
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WHENEVER NEEDED!**

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Video Categories

General Camp Information

Camp Fees, Payment Schedule, Camping Incentives, Cancellation Policy, Planning Timeline, First-Year Camper Program, Provisional Camping Opportunities, Key Dates, & MORE!

BlackPug (scoutingevent.com) usage

Creating/Accessing a Registration, Estimate Confirmation, Merit Badge Selection, Parent Portal, Schedules, Blue Cards, Scoutbook Upload & MORE!

Summer Camp unit support

Why Go to Camp, Pre-Camp Swim Checks, Camp App, Pre-Camp Parents' Meeting, Historical Camp Ratings, & MORE!

Financial Assistance

Scholarships, Sibling Discounts, Fundraising Opportunities, & MORE!

Health & Safety

Health Forms, Release of Camper, DHHS, Required Documentation, Barriers to Abuse, Camper Dress Code, & MORE!

Food Service

General Food Service at Camp, Patrol Cooking (CCB), Special Diets, & MORE!



Have an idea for a video? Let us know so we can look at adding it!



2026 Camp Incentive

for Early Camp Sign-Up

2026 camping incentive



Register by December 1st
and receive 2 FREE Leaders!





2026 Camp Fees

and Key Dates

2026 Camp Fees

Youth fees

Discount Fee: All Scouts

– All General Class Fees Included – Before May 1st

\$430

Late Fee: If not paid-in-full before May 1st (Total Fee = \$480)

\$50

Regular Fee: For all registrations not paid-in-full or made after May 1st

\$480

Provisional Scout Fee*: Camp without your unit

\$430

Arrow of Light Crossover or New Scout*: After May 1st

\$430

Additional week of camp**: For any Scout to attend a 2nd week of Traditional Scouts BSA Resident Camp

\$270

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

*Provisional Scout Fees are subject to the 'Late' and 'Regular' Fees

Arrow of Light Crossover and New Scout Fee is the same regardless of time of registration

** 2nd Week Discounts will not be fully applied until the Scout has checked into both weeks of camp

Adult fees

Full-time Adult: Full week of camp

\$190

Part-Time Adult: Per day fee

\$40

All Prices are Subject to Change

2026 Key Dates



February 1st

**Estimate Confirmations
(1st Payment) Due:**

\$70 per person

\$200 deposit payment will
automatically be applied

*Units have the option to select which individuals to
apply this deposit to*



March 1st

**2nd Payment
Due:**

\$70 per youth camper
(\$140 total)



Merit badge sign-up

**Must be up-to-date with the
Payment schedule (\$140):**

Gerber Scout Reservation:	Mar 14 th
Camp Rotary:	Mar 15 th
Cole Canoe Base:	Mar 21 st
Hiawatha:	Mar 22 nd

All dates start at 8:00AM



April 1st

**3rd Payment
Due:**

\$145 per youth camper
(\$285 total)



May 1st

**Final payment
Due:**

\$145 per youth camper (\$430 total)
\$120 per Full-Time Adult (\$190 total)
\$40 per day per Part-Time Adult

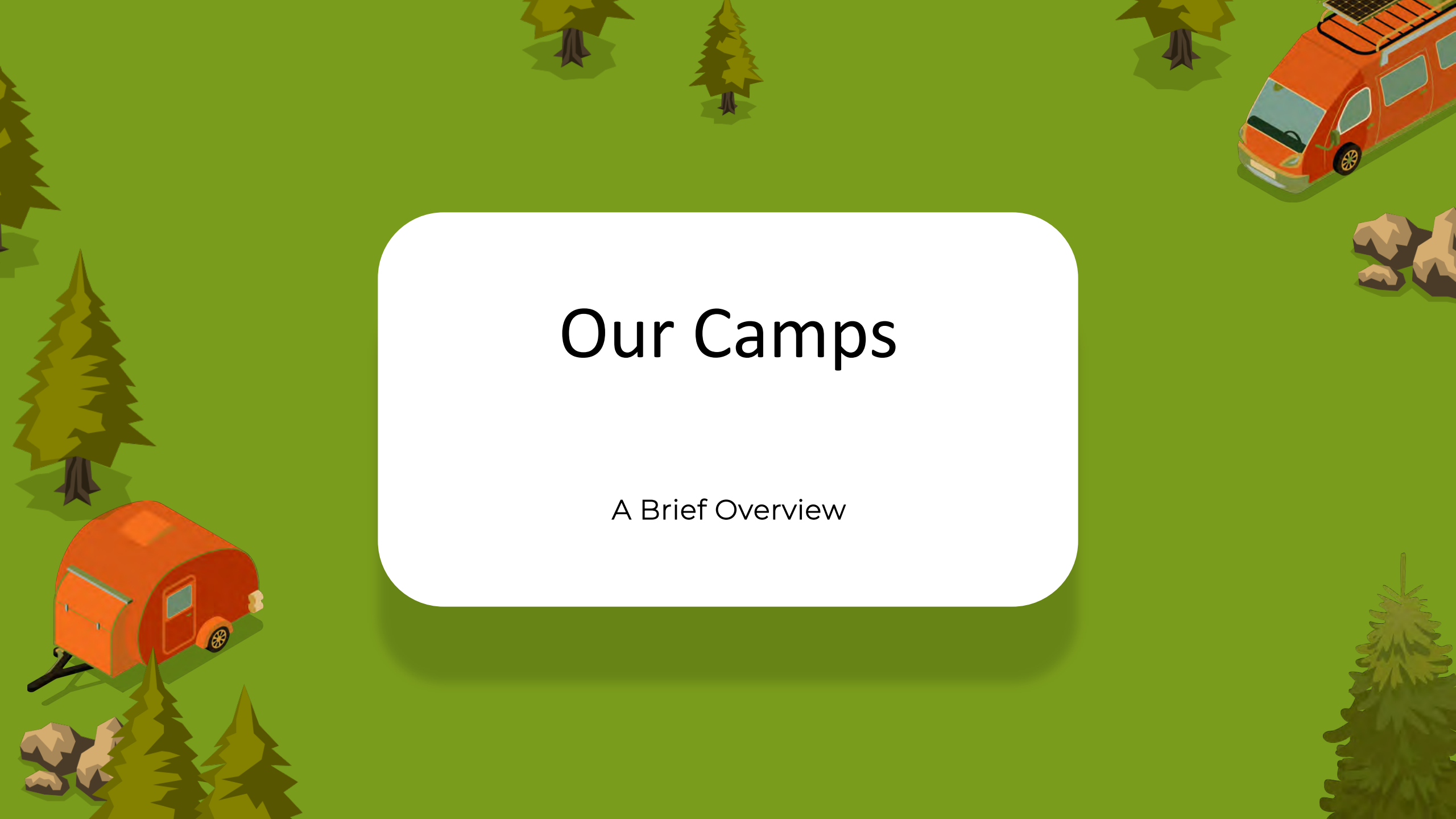


May 4-7, 2026

**Pre-camp
Leader's Meeting**

Bring your youth & adult leadership to 1 of our
4 locations for your final summer camp info.
A light dinner will be provided in conjunction
with a general session – then each camp will
have individual break-out sessions.

Live streaming will also be available.



Our Camps

A Brief Overview

2026 Camp Leadership:



Cheryl Burrows
Camp Rotary



Dianna Marsh
D-bar-A Scout Ranch:
Ranch Hand &
Trail to Eagle Camp



Joe Smith
D-bar-A Scout Ranch:
Ranch Hand



Gregg Zdan
Gerber Scout
Reservation
&
Michigan High
Adventure



Dan Hill
Cole Canoe Base



Erick Kestila
Camp Hiawatha

NOTE: Ranch Hand & Trail to Eagle Camp are Specialty Camps
offered in Addition to Traditional Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Camp Rotary

Highlights

- Water Inflatables & Paddle Boarding
- State-of-the-Art Shotgun Range
- 13 Program Areas with Diverse Merit Badge Offerings
- Exciting Non-Merit Badge Programs every Evening
- Multiple Adult Leader Training Opportunities – including IOLS
- Highly Rated Family Style Dining Hall
- New this year!! Sip N' Paint

Camp Director

Cheryl Burrows

cheryl.burrows@scouting.org



CAMP
ROTARY

Cole Canoe Base

Highlights

- Patrol Cooking Camp with Versatile Menu
- Home of the Beast Feast – the Largest Outdoor Cooking Demo in Scouting
- Canoeing, Kayaking, & Rump Bump on the Rifle River
- ATV Program through ATV Safety Institute
- Miles of Trails for Hiking, Cycling, & MORE!
- River Store - fully stocked camp trading post.
- All-Inclusive Merit Badge Program
- Award Winning Ecology & Conservation Program

Senior Camp Director

Gregg Zdan

colecaneobase@michiganscouting.org



Gerber Scout Reservation

Highlights

- New Merit Badge Offerings!
- SCUBA Programs!
- Exciting Evening Programs & Daily Activities
- Wednesday Night Family Night & Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony
- Gerber University – Scout Leader Program
- “A” Rated Food Service

Senior Camp Director

Gregg Zdan

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Camp Hiawatha

Highlights

- Patrol-style cooking with easy-to-follow recipes
- ATV Program
- Fantastic Range & Target program with Cowboy Action Shooting
- Adventure Wednesdays – take a trek out of camp: hiking, biking, & canoeing options available
- 40+ Merit Badges
- 1st Year Camper program focusing through First Class Rank

Camp Director

Erick Kestila

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D bar A Scout Ranch

Specialty programs

Ranch Hand

- Scouts can earn up to 6 merit badges
- Sleep out under the stars
- Learn what it is like living on a ranch
- Cattle drive
- Learn to care for the stock

Trail to Eagle

- Designed for the older scout (13+ and First Class)
- Opportunity to work on partial merit badges
- Typically 6 badges earned during the week
- Over 65 merit badge programs offered
- Ice Cream Social, waterfront activities, chess and more!

Camp Directors

Theresa Osvath Joe Smith

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Michigan High Adventure

Highlights

- Mackinac Island Honor Patrol
- Pictured Rocks Kayak Tours
- 50-Mile Canoe Treks
- Kayak the Straits of Mackinaw
- Great Lakes Sailing Adventure
- Custom High Adventure Programming

Senior Camp Director

Gregg Zdan

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Camp Scholarship Program

Don't Let Money Be A Factor!

Camp scholarships



No Changes

Families will follow the same process as last season to apply for financial assistance; but may only apply for one scholarship opportunity per scout



Available All Season

Scholarship process is available throughout the entire 2026 season; March 15th is the preferred submission date



Open to MCC Scouts

Scholarship applications are open to all registered Scouts BSA youth in the Michigan Crossroads Council for attendance at an MCC Camp



Easy to Use

This process is designed for families to have an easy application experience



Covers up to 50%

Scholarships can be awarded in amounts up to half of the 2026 Summer Camp fee



Council Fundraising Opportunities

Scouts are encouraged to participate in Unit & Council fundraising opportunities to help "pay their own way"

<https://michiganscouting.org/scholarships>



Camp Without Your Troop

Provisional Camping Opportunities

Provisional Camping



Perfect for Scouts who cannot attend camp with their Unit

Sometimes things get in the way of your Scouts being able to attend camp with your Unit. The Provisional Camping Program provides these Scouts with the opportunity to still experience Summer Camp!



Great for Scouts who want to attend an additional week or see multiple camps

Scouts that love camp so much that they want to attend a 2nd session, or Scouts that want to experience more than one MCC Summer Camp can attend camp for a 2nd week at the low cost of only \$270.00!



Sponsor Units

If your Scout cannot attend one of the camp-sponsored sessions, reach out to the Camp Director & let them know which session your Scout would like to attend. We will work with other units attending camp that same session to find a sponsor unit for your Scout to attend camp with!



Camp Sponsored Sessions

Make sure to check out the camp summer registration pages to view all our camp-sponsored provisional sessions, where the camp will provide the leadership for your Scouts to attend!



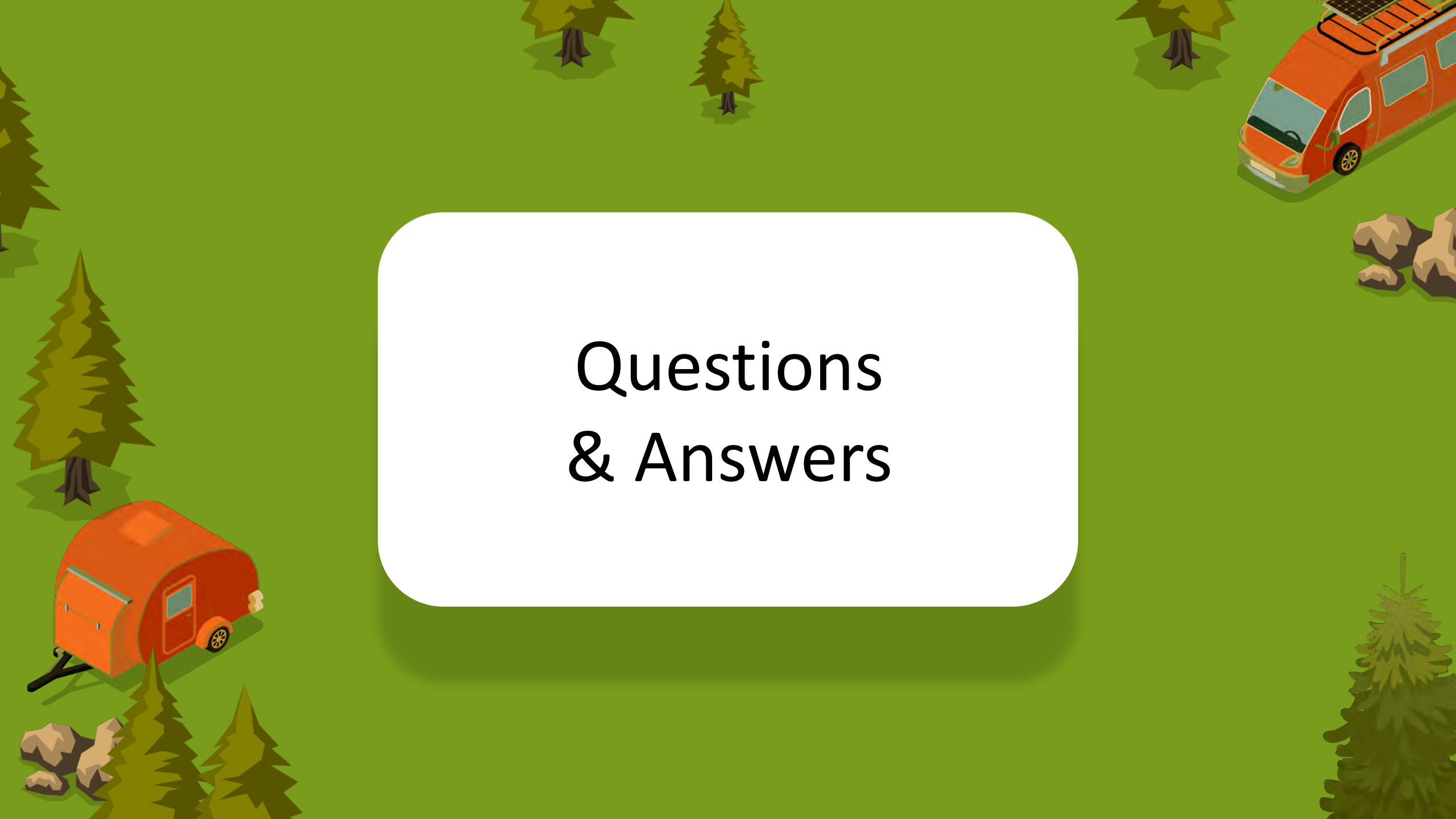


A Call to Action!
**Register
Today!**

<https://michiganscouting.org/scouts-bsa-camp-registration/>



Questions & Answers



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THANK YOU!

See you in January for our
Camp Specific Kick-offs!

In the meantime, please contact us if you have any
questions or require any assistance!

The Scouting America logo, featuring a fleur-de-lis with an eagle in the center.

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