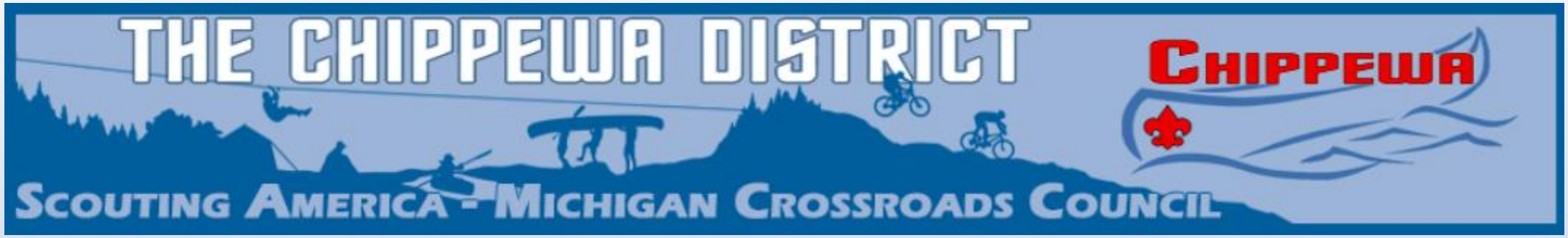
Chippewa District Roundtable

September 10, 2026

Thank you for your Attendance

Please sign the attendance sheets before you leave!



Chippyblog.org

Your source of information for Chippewa and Blue Water Districts

Past Roundtable presentations are now being posted to Chippy Blog!!!

https://chippyblog.org



Tonight's Agenda:

Opening – OA:

- Safety Moment – Dave Fowler
- OA Announcements

Main Program:

- Good to Know Stuff – Dave Fowler
- Updates to Unit Pins – Paul Hardy
- Adult Awards
- Upcoming Training Offers
- Commissioner's Corner – Summer Activity Recording – Dave Fowler
- Preparing AOLs to Join Scouts – Roundtable Discussion – Dave Fowler with Dan Drill and our Explore Scouting Fall Event

Closing

Pledge Of Allegiance



A Moment of Silence – Remembering 9-11



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
Reverent



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SAFE Scouting

SUPERVISION
ASSESSMENT
FITNESS AND SKILLS
EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safety Moment

Axe Throwing

Scouting America

Axe Throwing SAFE Checklist

Axe and tomahawk throwing in Scouting America (formerly BSA) is an authorized target sport activity for older youth that requires strict safety perimeters, qualified adult supervision, and appropriate equipment.

Safety and Rules

- **Age Limits:** The activity is restricted to Scouts BSA members, Venturers, and Explorers; it is **prohibited for Cub Scouts**.
- **Supervision:** A unit leader or qualified adult instructor must oversee the range at all times, ensuring proper stance, form, and safety compliance. Check the Scouting America guidelines for any updates on restricted or authorized programs.
- **Range Setup:** Maintain a throwing perimeter of at least 45 feet, keep targets 10 feet apart, and establish a clear safety line 10 feet behind the throwing line for spectators.
- **Equipment:** Use designated throwing tomahawks or light hatchets with wood handles rather than standard felling axes. Blades should be maintained to stick properly into soft wood targets without bouncing back.

Axe Throwing SAFE Checklist - Continued

Me – Q: Can our Crew go to a commercial axe throwing range and if so, what else would we need to have in place?

Steve B Answer Part 1: That's a really good question. I haven't seen anything in the Rata manual that would say that you could not. The conventional wisdom is that if it is a commercial range, then the range would be responsible for ensuring the safety of the participants and should something happen unto Haward, their insurance would be the thing that covers it. That is the way it is laid out in the manual for when older scout groups go to a commercial firearms range. As your scouts are of age to use. use Tomahawks, I don't see that there would be a problem. I can send it up the Pike and see if I get any other opinions?

Steve B Answer Part 2: I inquired with our council RATA chair. It is as I expected Here is her response:
"As long as their range rules follow the guide to safe scouting we are good to go. Most do."

She would also like a copy, if you could, of their SOP and contact info if possible. If she has that information, she can add them to the approved range list and we can use them going forward if approved.

Steve B Answer Part 3: I also reached out to a contact that I have with national. He sent a couple other things to consider:
Great activity: A couple of thoughts:

1. No booze served on the facilities
2. What equipment is used? (we allow use of a single blade ax with other end rounded)
3. Throwing knives no edge.
4. No stars, spikers, etc.
5. What safety set-up do they follow?

The caveat to using an outside commercial range is that they provide a program which is consistent with the program and values in Scouting.



Order of the Arrow

- OA Announcements



Good to Know Stuff – Dave Fowler

MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

BAG DISTRIBUTION
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7



BAG COLLECTION
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14

Dave Putt will be in the parking lot during October Roundtable as usual with the bags for Pick-up around 6:15 PM on October 8.

Here is the link for units to register: Scouting for Food – Michigan Crossroads Council | Scouting America

So far, the following units have signed up for SFF:

Pack 63
Troop 80
Pack 82
Pack 97
Pack 106
Pack 149
Troop 157
Pack 157
Pack 188
Troop 209
Pack 211
Pack 248
Pack 259

POPCORN UPDATES!

Subtitle

- TOP TEN SCOUTS IN CHIPPEWA
- 1. Adam S. – Troop 256F - $3,133
- 2. Londyn S. - Pack 150 - $2,271
- 3. Lincoln P. – Pack 150 - $2,271
- 4. Will M – Pack 83 - $1,933
- 5. Kiptyn G. – Pack 149 - $1,795
- 6. Will K – Pack 188 - $1,621
- 7. Karter M – Troop 255 -$1,589
- 8. 7. Kyle N – Troop 125 - $1,560
- 9. Ianna M – Troop 188F - $1,490
- 10. Tobechukwu I - Troop 156 - $1,475

- Top Ten Units in Chippewa!!
- 1. Pack 149 - $13,721
- 2. Pack 188 - $11,223
- 3. Troop 256F - $6,907
- 4. Troop 188F - $5,910
- 5. Troop 156 - $5,496
- 6. Troop 80 - $4,984
- 7. Pack 83 - $4,849
- 8. Pack 150 - $4,542
- 9. Pack 141- $3,740
- 10. Pack 259 - $3,740

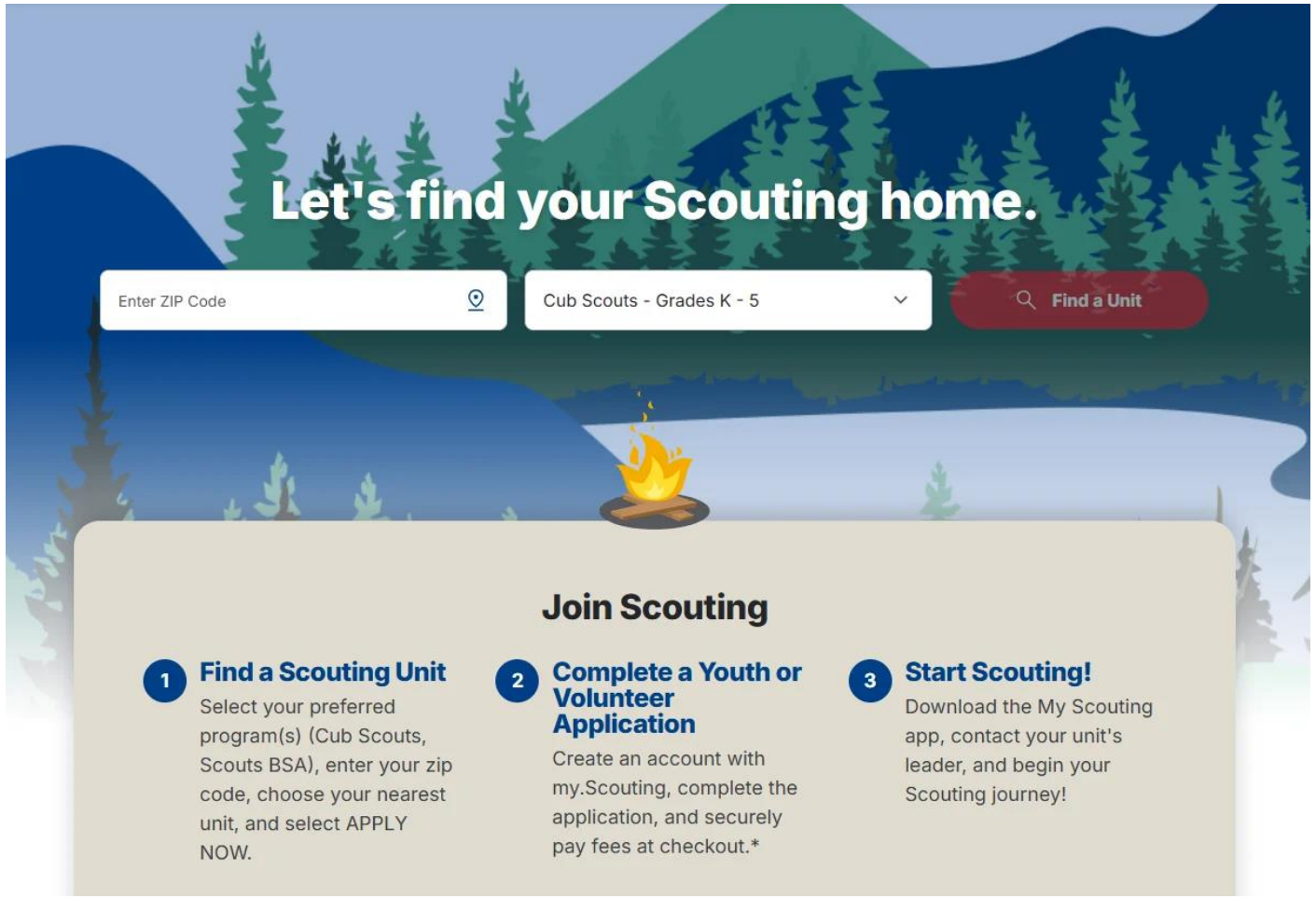
- IN JUST THREE WEEKENDS OF SALES CHIPPEWA HAS SOLD A TOTAL OF……

$82,679

- Amazing Job Chippewa!! Keep up the great work!!
- As a reminder September orders are due on Sunday September 20th, and Interim orders for the week are due every Sunday at 11:59 PM.
- If you are having any issues, questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me at (248) 894-9128 or tswan2021@gmail.com



Updates to Unit Pins – Paul Hardy



CHECK OUT THE NEW BEASCOUT.ORG UPDATE

Finding a Scouting home just got easier!

The updated way for new families to discover and connect with a local Scouting unit is now live.

Whether it's a Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship, families can quickly find options in their community.

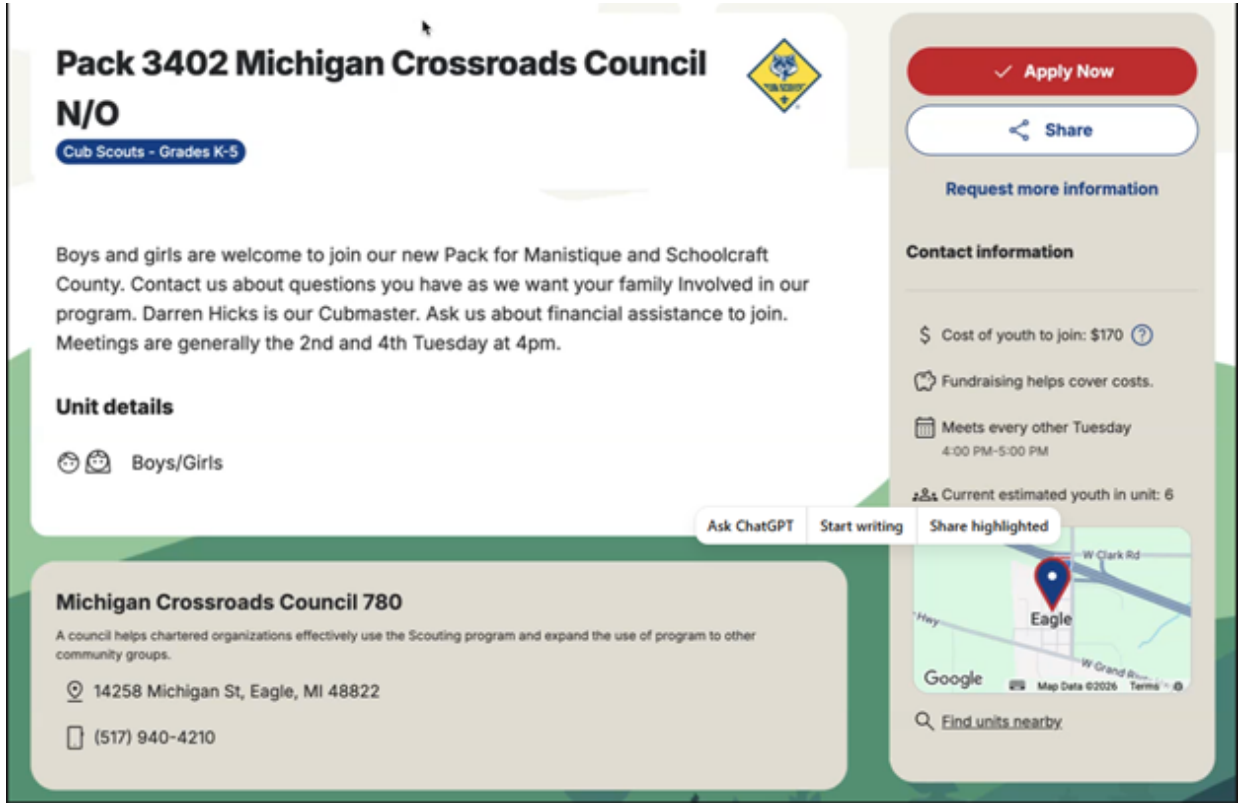
Help spread the word and invite families to explore the adventure, friendships, and experiences Scouting has to offer.

Visit beascout.scouting.org

We want to make you aware that Scouting America National has made significant updates to the **DiscoverScouting.org and BeAScout.org platforms. These sites are becoming a primary tool for advertising Scouting and helping families find local units. National is continuing to invest in these platforms to make them more interactive and effective for recruiting new youth and families. As part of our efforts to grow Scouting in Chippewa District, We are asking every unit to review and update their BeAScout Unit Pin** within the next week. We have noticed that many units have outdated or incomplete information. When parents search for a unit, the information they see often determines whether they reach out or move on to another opportunity. A complete and welcoming BeAScout profile can make a tremendous difference in recruiting success.

Please Review and Update:

- ✅ Primary Contact Information
- ✅ Meeting Location
- ✅ Meeting Days and Times
- ✅ Unit Dues or Fees (if applicable)
- ✅ Unit Description and Accomplishments
- ✅ Photos (if available)
- ✅ Unit Website and Social Media Links
- ✅ Any Special Information Families Should Know



Log into **My.Scouting** at https://my.scouting.org
Click **Menu** in the upper-left corner.
Select **Organization Manager**.
Choose your unit from the list.
Select **BeAScout** from the menu.
Click **Unit Pin Management** - Review and update all information.
Click **Save** when finished.



The Michigan Crossroads Council (MCC) is committed to making Scouting available to all youth. In support of that commitment, the council may pay up to 50% of the national Scouting America Registration Fee and the MCC Program Fee that families cannot afford. In the past, families have had to complete a PDF form and submit it for consideration.

To better serve our families, an online form has been created to accept requests for assistance.

Families, if you need financial assistance with your registration fees, complete the Registration Assistance Request at the new location.

See Email for more Details



Adult Awards









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Cub Scout Leader Training Award:
Jessica Crawford



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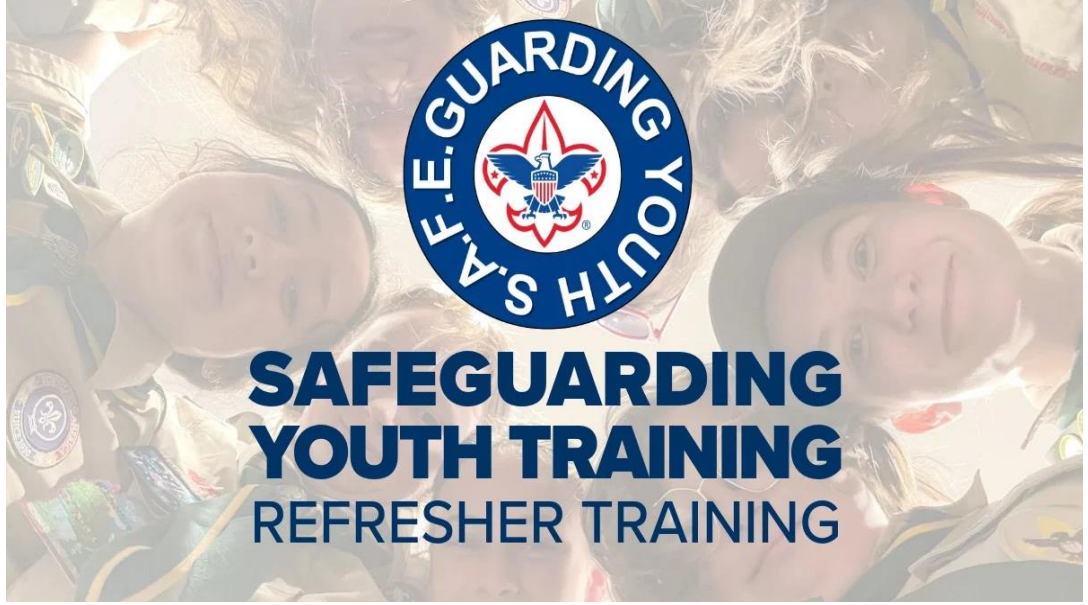
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Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scout Leaders: Sarah Sidronio



Upcoming Training Offers





The new **Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training** is now available to help you renew this **annual required training**.
If you have completed the full **Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)** course and it is **currently active** or has **expired within the last 7 days**, you are eligible to take the **Refresher Training**.
If your full SYT training has **been expired for 7 days** or more, you will need to complete the **full Safeguarding Youth Course** again before receiving credit.
Participants taking the Refresher Training must successfully pass the exam on the f**irst attempt** to receive credit for the **Y01 training code**. If the exam is not passed, the system will automatically route you to the full **Safeguarding Youth Course** to ensure a complete review of the material. Once the refresher exam is failed, the refresher course cannot be relaunched, and the full course must be completed.



Coming Soon to Camp Agawam - Saturday 10-03-2026 7:30 AM ET to Sunday 10-04-2026 12:00 PM ET

BALOO training, which stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, is a required training for Cub Scout leaders before taking Cub Scouts on overnight camping trips. It provides Cub Scout leaders with the foundational outdoor skills and knowledge needed to plan, prepare, and safely conduct Cub Scout overnight adventures. The training includes both online modules and an in-person hands-on component

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is a hands-on training program that provides adult leaders with the practical knowledge and skills necessary to safely and effectively lead Scouts in outdoor activities, particularly camping. It's a required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, and open to all registered adult leaders. IOLS focuses on essential outdoor skills like tent pitching, cooking, Leave No Trace principles, navigation, map reading, compass use, and Scoutcraft, including fire-building, knot tying, and knife/axe safety.

See Email for Registration Link or contact Laura Sawgle | lsawgle@gmail.com

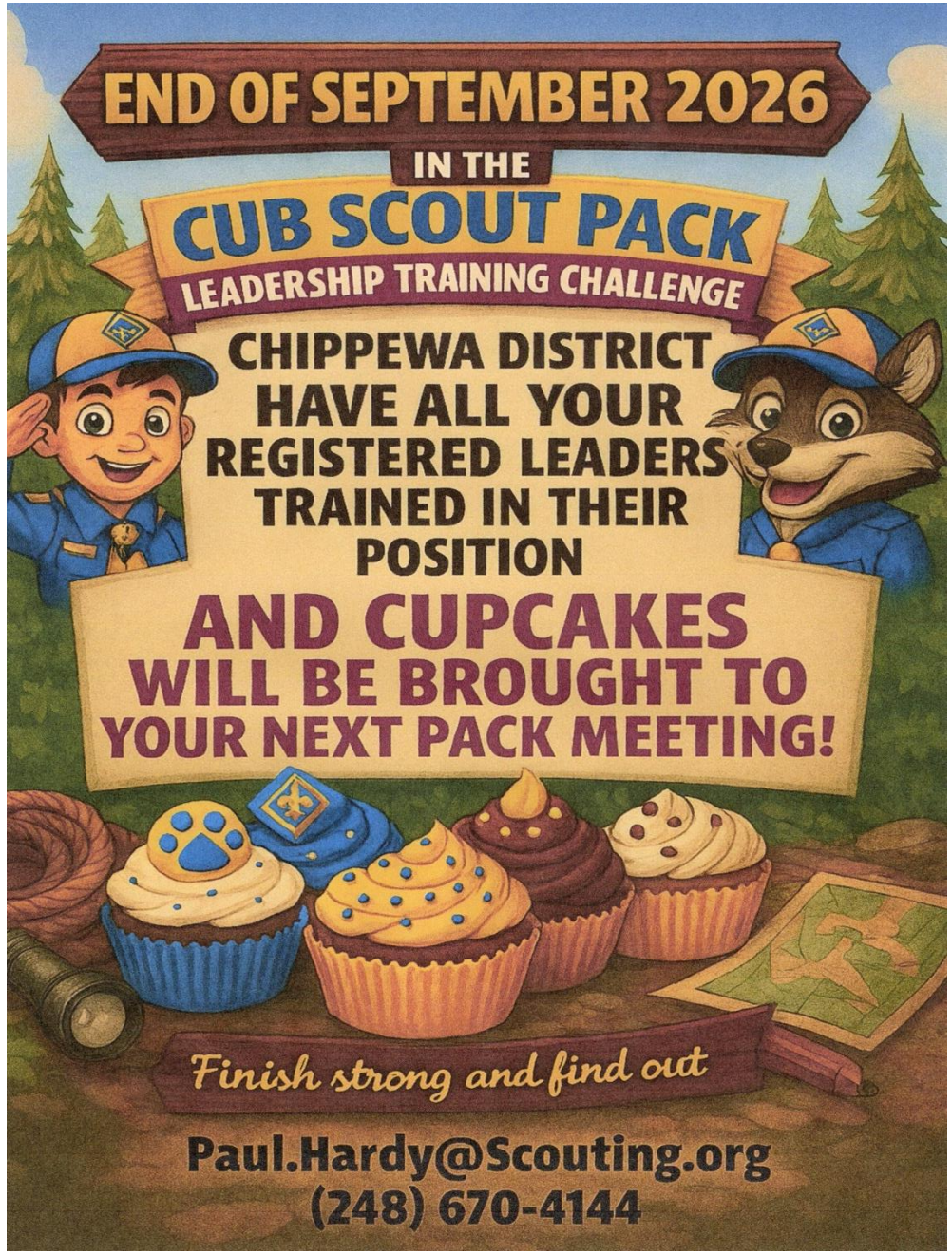


Hazardous Weather Training is Required to be "Fully Trained" for Direct Contact Scout Leaders

All "direct contact" leaders are required to take BSA's Hazardous Weather Training to be considered fully trained in their position. Here's who is a "direct contact" leader:

- Cub Scouts – Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader
- Scouts BSA – Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster
- Venturing – Advisor, Associate Advisor
- Sea Scouting – Skipper, Mate
- Exploring – Advisor, Associate Advisor

There is no physical location as the course is only offered online through the Training section of My.Scouting.org. This training expires every two years.


END OF SEPTEMBER 2026
IN THE
CUB SCOUT PACK
LEADERSHIP TRAINING CHALLENGE
CHIPPEWA DISTRICT
HAVE ALL YOUR
REGISTERED LEADERS
TRAINED IN THEIR
POSITION
AND CUPCAKES
WILL BE BROUGHT TO
YOUR NEXT PACK MEETING!
Finish strong and find out
Paul.Hardy@Scouting.org
(248) 670-4144


END OF SEPTEMBER 2026
IN THE
SCOUTS BSA
LEADERSHIP TRAINING CHALLENGE
CHIPPEWA DISTRICT
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Saturday, November 7, 2026 8 am - noon
WMU Parkview Campus

4601 Campus Dr | Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

The training team will guide you through the nuts and bolts of being a leader, provide important information on how to do the job, and give you a deeper understanding into the Program, Ideals, and Methods.

Lots of opportunities to ask your questions! Parents looking to help in the unit: this training will give you the knowledge you need to assist your unit's adult leaders.

There is no cost to these Position Specific trainings. Registration is required for planning and materials.
Presented by President Ford Zone 4 districts, but all are welcome.

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 25, 2026


COMING FALL 2027
Come UP to
WOOD BADGE
IN THE
WOODS!
Camp Hiawatha Hosts the First-Ever
MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL
WOOD BADGE COURSE
in the Upper Peninsula!
Hosted by Course Director Elizabeth Paling
& Assistant Course Director Dave Fowler
9-780-27-3
DATES ARE:
September 10-12, 2027
and October 2-3, 2027
BE THE DIFFERENCE



District Commissioners Corner – Dave Fowler

Update Your Units Summer Activity

We wanted to personally reach out and ask for a small favor that will only take about **5 minutes** of your time. As We review our Unit Metrics, We've noticed that some units have not yet received credit for their Outdoor/Super Activity Metric. In many cases, this is simply because the activity hasn't been entered into My.Scouting yet. The good news is that this can be updated quickly by a Unit Key 3 member or Key 3 Delegate. What makes this important is that these metrics help tell the story of Scouting in Chippewa District. We know firsthand that our units are camping, hiking, attending summer camp, participating in high-adventure programs, and providing outstanding experiences for our youth. When those activities aren't recorded, the great work you're doing isn't fully reflected. We truly believe Chippewa District has some of the most dedicated volunteers and strongest programs anywhere. Let's show everyone what we already know—that our Scouts are active, engaged, and experiencing Scouting year-round.

How to Update Your Metric:

Log in to My.Scouting.
Open **Organization Manager**.
Select **Unit Data Metric Entry**.
Enter the date of a qualifying outdoor activity from the past 12 months.
Click **Submit Entry**.

Qualifying Activities:

Packs: Outdoor activities in the past 12 months.
Troops: Long-term camp participation in the past 12 months.
Crews: Tier III activity in the past 12 months.**Ships:** Super Activity in the past 12 months.
Posts: Super Activity in the past 12 months.

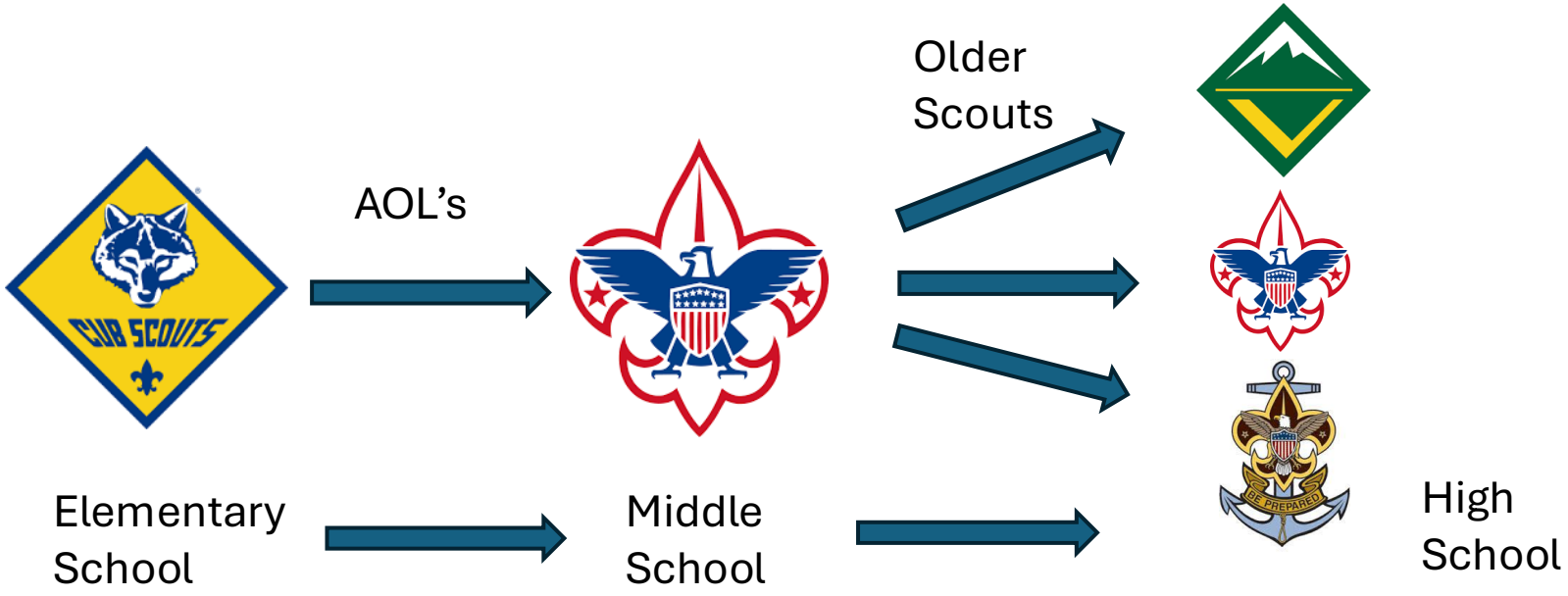
You can also update qualifying activities through Scoutbook after the activity has been completed.

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Roundtable Discussion – Retention
The AOL to Scout Troop Journey





Roundtable Retention Discussion Part 1:

Packs Preparing AOLs to Join Scouts

https://vimeo.com/998818676



Explore Scouting Event Update – Dan Drill



Chippewa Troops who signed up to lead AOL activities.

T40B
T60B
T90B
T106B
T123B
T149B
T156B
T208B
T209F
T248F
T360F
T456G

It is meaningful that this many Troops are willing to spend the time and effort preparing future Scouts. Currently, only 19 AOLs are registered, representing 7 different Packs.



Roundtable Retention Discussion Part 2:

Troops Helping AOLs to Join Scouts

https://vimeo.com/948323007

https://preview.mailerlite.com/f3y2b8f2p2/308374031514883741/d9v4/

One Last thing before we go ….

https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/roundtable-support/roundtable-planning-resources/

Closing

(Scouters Benediction)

“And now, may the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again”