

**FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING...LOOK  
WHAT YOUR UNITS CAN EARN!**

**Cub Packs Family Sponsor**

If every family in your pack gives \$40 (on average), then the entire pack will attend the Cub Camp Preview this October for FREE!

If every family gives \$95 (on average), you get the Cub Camp Preview for free plus \$250 in Scout Bucks for the pack to use anyway they see fit.

\*Membership is determined after re-charter.

**Boy Scout Troop Family Sponsor**

If every family in your pack gives \$60 (on average) then the entire troop will get one weekend of tent camping at RK for FREE in 2011!

If every family gives \$95 (on average), the troop will receive a free campsite at RK plus \$250 in Scout Bucks for the troop to use anyway they see fit.

**Fleur-de-lis Society**



Our Fleur-de-lis society is based on the badge for the First Class Scout. The First Class badge combines the elements of the Tenderfoot and Second Class badges and for many years, this badge was used as the emblem of the BSA.

**LEVELS OF RECOGNITION**

**KNOT SOCIETY \$195 - \$249.99**

The knot at the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily".

**SCROLL SOCIETY \$250 - \$849.99**

The scroll bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he helps others.

**EAGLE & SHIELD SOCIETY \$850-\$2,499.99**

The Eagle and shield stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.

**COMPASS SOCIETY \$2,500-\$4,999.99**

The simple Fleur de lis symbolizes a compass needle which points the Scout in the right direction.

**HIGH FIVE SOCIETY \$5,000-\$25,000**

The three points and two stars are five of the most important elements in the Scout badge.

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

**73 young men** earned Scouting highest rank-the Eagle Scout Award. Only 5% of the boys who enter Scouting earn this award.

The Eagle Scout projects resulted in **13,067 hours** to the community.

The Southwest Michigan Council **served over 87 Cub Scout packs, 73 Boy Scout troops and 14 Venture Crews** for a total of **4,489 total** traditional youth.

**3,319** merit badges were earned by Boy Scouts, **2,272** Cub Scout rank advancements and **753** Boy Scout rank advancements were earned.

Over **1,800 Scouters** attended our Centennial Celebration in Marshall, MI.

**1,365** people purchased popcorn for military donations (**\$34,125**)

**41,650** containers of popcorn were sold by Scouts.

**2,162** campers attended summer camp at **Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation.**



**GIVE TO SCOUTING TODAY! Call 269-343-4687  
or donate online at [www.bsaswmc.org](http://www.bsaswmc.org)**

Every week, **millions of Scouts**  
raise their hands and  
**make a promise.**

It's not a pledge to an organization.

It's a  
**lifelong commitment**

to themselves, their families, and  
the community they share.

**THE 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.**

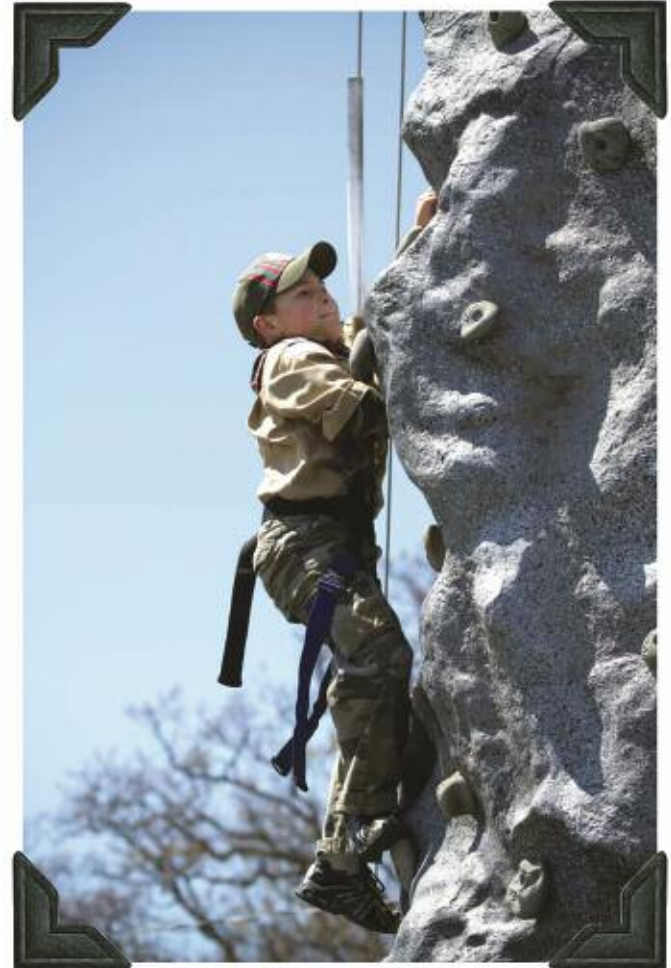
TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL HELPFUL FRIENDLY COURTEOUS KIND

**words to live by™**

OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT



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SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN COUNCIL**



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**Climbing Higher  
Changing Lives**

## WORDS TO LIVE BY

**Trustworthy** 75% of Scouts agree that Scouting has taught them to always be honest and to be a leader.

**Loyal:** 88% of Scouts are proud to live in the USA and 83% say spending time with family is important to them.

**Helpful:** 8 out of 10 Scouts surveyed believe that helping others should come before their own self interest.

**Friendly:** 80% of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to treat others with respect 78% to get along with others.

**Courteous:** Almost 9 of 10 Scouts (87%) believe older people should be treated with respect.

**Kind:** 78% of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to care for other people.

**Obedient:** Boys in Scouting five years or more are more likely to reject peer pressure to hang out with young delinquents.

**Cheerful:** 78% of Scouts are happy with their schools and neighborhoods.

**Thrifty:** 82% of Scouts say that saving money for the future is a priority.

**Brave:** 80% of Scouts say that Scouting has increased their confidence and 51% rate their self-confidence as excellent.

**Clean:** 79% of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to have more respect for the environment and their physical fitness.

**Reverent:** 83% of men who were Scouts for five or more years say attending religious services as a family is very important.

### WHAT A SCOUT TAKES ON A CAMPING TRIP:

- Sleeping Bag
- Tent
- Insect Repellent
- Flashlight
- Swim Trunks

### WHAT A SCOUT BRINGS HOME FROM A CAMPING TRIP:

- Renewed sense of purpose
- New leadership skills
- A desire to be a good citizen
- Respect for parents and adults
- Honesty
- Kindness
- Obedience
- Manners & Morals
- Commitment to God & Country



### CUB SCOUTS

First through fifth grade boys. Emphasis on social skills and family relationships.



### BOY SCOUTS

Sixth through twelfth grade boys. Outdoor activities with emphasis on character, citizenship and leadership training.



### VENTURING

Boys and Girls ages 14-21. High adventure activities and advanced leadership training.



### EXPLORING

Boys and Girls ages 14-21. Program offers in-depth career educational and development of vocational interests.



### LEARNING FOR LIFE

Boys and Girls K - 12th Grade. Program enables teachers to deliver effective character education in the classroom.

### SCOUTING ALUMNI MAKE UP:

89% of the original astronaut corps (every astronaut save one who has walked on the moon has been an Eagle Scout)

89% of Senior Class Presidents

85% of Student Class Presidents

85% of FBI Agents

72% of Rhodes Scholars

70% of US Naval Academy Graduates

68% of US Military Academy Graduates

63% of Air Force Academy Graduates



## PRICELESS MEMORIES

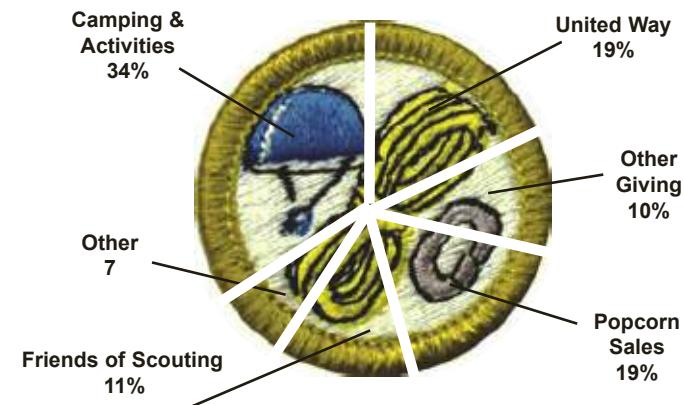
In the fall of 2010 the Southwest Michigan Council conducted a survey of all of our Scouting families asking questions about our Scouting program and how it has helped benefit Scouts. We also asked for feedback from you. One letter in particular touched our hearts:

*“My son has Asbergers (a form of Autism) and being a Scout has helped him IMMENSELY come out of his shell. Now he will talk and sing in front of the Pack as well as the den. Plays sports, fishes, camps with others-has done FINE at camp without us (parents) and all of these thing used to be very difficult for him. I love EVERYTHING about Cub Scouts. The handbooks teach them such GREAT STUFF! History, health, safety awareness, sports, togetherness, fairness...just great quality family time! Our goal from the beginning was to earn everything and do everything on every page. He’s still loving it 4 years later. The memories we’ve shared have been PRICELESS. How do I put it into words? I’ve tried!”*

*Michelle Getman (Mom and Den Leader)  
Pack 304 - Battle Creek, MI*



### SOURCE OF INCOME:



### MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

- \$40.00 Cub Scout family
- \$60.00 Boy Scout family
- \$95.00 Family Sponsorship (Pack and/or Troop)
- Knot Society - \$195 - \$249.99
- Scroll Society - \$250 - \$849.99
- Eagle & Shield Society- \$850- \$2,499.99
- Compass Society - \$2,500 - \$4,999.99
- High Five Society - \$5,000 - \$25,000
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For your donation of \$195.00 you will receive a commemorative Council Shoulder Patch (CSP).

Would you like to receive this patch?  Yes  No thank you

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT YOU: (Please Print)

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- My employer makes Matching Gifts.
- I am an Eagle Scout.
- Contact me about a gift of cash or supplies from my employer.
- I am interested in tax benefits of a legacy gift.

My Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### I PREFER TO PAY NOW: (check one)

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV # \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) Visa | Mastercard | AMEX | Discover

### PLEASE BILL MY PLEDGE: (check one)

- Once (Immediately)
- Twice (Immediately & June)
- Four Times (March, May, July & September)
- Bill Monthly (Now through November)

All gifts to the Southwest Michigan Council are tax deductible.

**THANK YOU!**

Make checks payable to:

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269-343-4687 or 800-272-7962 [www.bsaswmc.org](http://www.bsaswmc.org)