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## Summer Camp 2025!

The countdown is on for another amazing Summer Camp at Cole Canoe Base! We are excited for some new and updated programs this summer. As we prepare for an unforgettable summer, our dedicated staff is hard at work ensuring everything is in place for a safe, quality, and fun filled program. If you have not yet registered for Summer Camp you can still do so at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-CCBSBSA25>



## DHHS Forms

Just a reminder that EVERY adult 21 and over regardless of whether they are camping or visiting must renew their DHHS form every year. The sooner you fill-out and send the form, the sooner you get it back.

This form can be found at:

<https://michiganscouting.org/general-resources/scouting-forms/>

This form is for Michigan residents. Out of state adults need to request similar clearance from your own state.

Fill out this form and the best way to request it is by the email listed on the form and have it emailed back to you. Bring a copy of the state issued clearance form to camp or email it to [linda.wallner@scouting.org](mailto:linda.wallner@scouting.org).

Remember this includes all visitors regardless of how long they are staying.

## Now Hiring

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, leadership, and camaraderie? Cole Canoe Base is now hiring enthusiastic individuals to join our team for the 2025 camping season!

From guiding Scouts on the Rifle River to teaching outdoor skills and fostering personal growth, our staff members play a vital role in creating life-changing experiences for campers. Positions are available in various areas, including program instruction, high adventure, and camp operations.

This is more than just a job—it's a chance to build lifelong friendships, grow as a leader, and make a positive impact. If you're passionate about the outdoors and inspiring others, we want you on our team.

Apply today and make summer 2025 one to remember!

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



## Health Forms

Everyone coming to camp must have the BSA health form parts A, B1, B2 and C. This form can be found at:

<https://michiganscouting.org/general-resources/scouting-forms/>

The State of Michigan requires us to keep a copy of all youth health forms. Forms submitted to camp will not be returned so make sure the unit retains a copy for year round activities



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## Upcoming Events

### March 22 ARC CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor Training

Help us train future instructors! Want to learn to teach CPR/AED/ First Aid? This course will give you the knowledge, skill and certification to teach and certify individuals in CPR/AED/First Aid for the American Red Cross! The course includes polishing your CPR skills, as well as teaching you how to instruct and coach participants on learning CPR skills. Cost is \$125 which includes Instructor Certification, three meals on Saturday, and lodging.

### March 22 Spring RATA Fun Weekend

This fun shooting weekend is open to all registered Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts and Parents/Advisors/Leaders of the Michigan Crossroads Council. We will be offering shooting instruction and Merit Badge Shooting make-ups.

Cost:

Cub Scouts: \$20 / Cub Adults \$20

Scouts BSA and Scouts BSA Adults: \$50

Venture, Sea Scouts, Explorers and their Adults: \$50

Non-shooting Adults: \$20

Includes: Tent Camping, Meals ( 2 on Saturday & Sunday breakfast), Range fees, Firearms, and Ammo.

Spring session: Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, BB Gun, Wrist Rockets, and Chalkball



### April 5 or 12 ARC Wilderness First Aid Training

Cost: \$95 per participant – Includes food and lodging!  
Optional \$35 fee for ARC CPR Certification, if needed.

Why: This course goes far beyond basic First Aid. Participants will learn how to assess, treat, and contain emergencies within the scope of their training. Adult and Youth scouts over the age of 14 are invited to participate and earn their certification. Additionally, units leading CCB High Adventure trips must have at least one adult certified with WFA. This course meets the requirements for Treks to National High Adventure Bases.



### April 12 Chainsaw Training

The Michigan Crossroads Council is looking to increase the number of dedicated volunteers and professionals that help us maintain the tree work at our six beautiful camps. Chainsaw Safety Training is valid for 2 years from date of completion. If you have an interest in helping cut at any of our camps, or need to recertify, then this is the training for you!

Get certified to safely operate a chainsaw, fell, limb and buck trees. In addition to the requirements listed above, participants must also:

- Be able to lift at least 40 pounds
- Wear long pants
- Wear steel-toed boots
- Wear leather work gloves that fit well

This roughly 6-hour course will spend a majority of the time outside so make sure to dress weather appropriate. You may bring your own personal protective equipment (PPE) if you wish, but PPE will be available at camp for participants. Chainsaw PPE includes: Hard Hat, Eye/Face Protection, Hearing Protection, & Chainsaw Chaps.



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## April 12 Scrub & Grub

Calling all Scouters looking for volunteer opportunities:

We are looking for adult & youth volunteers to roll up their sleeves to help us clean and refresh our camps to keep them as premiere camping locations for our Units. A continental breakfast and bag lunches will be provided as part of the Scrub & Grub event - AND you will get to camp overnight for FREE!



## May 16-18 Spring OA Induction

Ordeal Candidates - Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow, this is going to be a great experience for you. Any candidate elected within 18 months prior to the Saturday of the event is eligible to be inducted at these events if they were elected after January 1, 2024.

Brotherhood Candidates - We are excited that you are now ready (it's been 6 months since your Ordeal) to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

OA Members - Thank you again for your Service to our council/camps and your Fellowship with your brothers in the Order of the Arrow. Check with the Area Leadership to sign up to be an elangomat and show everyone what cheerful service means in Mishigami Lodge.

Culinary (Kitchen) Staff - Please check with Area Leadership to make sure you are on the list for this option and to coordinate any special instructions prior to arrival.

Elangomat Staff - If you choose to be an Elangomat, you will re-live your Ordeal, and help lead the new Ordeal candidates during their day of service. This is an important role as you will also work as a crew leader for a small group of candidates during their service project. We need at least one elangomat for every 8 candidates, in order to hold the induction, and more is better. If you sign up for this please bring the same equipment as the Ordeal Candidates, and plan on doing everything the Ordeal Candidates do aside from the ceremonies.

## May 17 Mix Fix

Join us in bringing camp out of its winter slumber. This is the perfect time for any improvements and construction to be put into place before the start of summer camp.

A final project list along with foreman assignments will be posted a week before the event. Projects can include but are not limited to:

- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Wood Working
- Masonry
- Automotive
- Painting
- Trail & Road
- Maintenance
- Firewood Prep
- Custodial
- Building Care



Volunteers are greatly appreciated and are welcome to help with a multitude of projects. ALL volunteers will be given a FREE CONTINENTAL breakfast and lunch as a 'thank you' for your service to camp.

## May 23-26 Spring Getaway Weekend

Weekend for family camping fun. Three meals on Saturday and Sunday along with breakfast on Monday included. Tent camping included. Open to the public.

Highlights:

River Tubing, Archery, Bouldering, Boating on the lake, Fishing, Nature Hikes, Outdoor Games, Crafts, and more!

## June 6-8 VOA Rifle River Gauntlet

Come out for a weekend of fun aquatic activities including canoeing, kayaking, cardboard boat racing, water polo, swimming, dutch oven cooking and more. This event is open to all scouts age 13 and older and adults. The event is sponsored by the Great Lakes Division Venturing Officers Association. All adults must register. Please don't forget to bring your health forms--they are required.



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## Weekend Camping

Don't forget to visit us on the weekends! Free in-council tent camping is available, or rent a cabin! When we get closer to the spring you can also book canoe trips with us for \$20 per boat. Want archery, a merit badge program, or other fun activities? Just inquire through the registration or an email and we will see what we can do for you.

## Events Coming Soon

### April 26 Signature Event

Theme: Jurassic | As part of your annual program fee, our Michigan Crossroad Council Camps offers free events each year open to all registered Scouting families!

Although these events are FREE, you must register ahead of time to help us plan for supplies, staffing and equipment.

### May 10 Spring Merit Badge Madness and Cub Elective Weekend

This spring we are bringing back Merit Badge Madness with opportunities for Cub Electives as well. In addition to program we are providing three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Weekend tent site camping is included. Coming with a troop? Reserve a tent site for your troop.

#### Merit Badges:

Wilderness Survival, Search and Rescue, Pioneering, Communications, First Aid, Chess, Shotgun, Archery, Rifle, Environmental Science, Oceanography, Photography, Electricity, and Fire Safety.

#### Cub Electives:

Champions for Nature (Lion-AOL), Race Time (Lion-AOL), Count on Me (Lion), Good Knights (Tiger), Code of the Wolf (Wolf), Whittling (Bear), Modular Design (Webelos), Into the Wild (AOL)

\$20 Cubs | \$30 Scouts | \$15 Adults



## May 10 Level 1 Archery Instructor Training

Ready to take your archery skills to the next level? Our camp is proud to offer Level 1 Archery Instructor training, a perfect opportunity for those looking to lead and teach the sport they love.

Led by certified experts, this hands-on program will cover archery safety, range setup, equipment maintenance, and teaching techniques. By the end of the training, participants will be fully certified through USA Archery to instruct beginner-level archers.

Whether you're a Scout leader, camp staff member, or just passionate about archery, this course is your chance to gain valuable skills while enjoying the great outdoors. Spaces are limited, so register today and hit the mark on your journey to becoming an archery instructor!



## May 31 Cub Crossover Celebration

Cole Canoe Base is proud to host a momentous event celebrating the transition of Cub Scouts into the world of Scouts BSA. This special day will mark a significant milestone for young Scouts as they take their next step in the Scouting journey.

The event will feature an exciting series of Cub Scout activities leading up to our suspension bridge, where the Scouts will officially "crossover" into Scouts BSA. After crossing, they will be welcomed with a new set of Scouts BSA -level challenges and experiences.

## June 7 Floatin' Into Summer

School is out for the summer! Celebrate "Cole" style at our end of year party!

For just \$20 you get a variety of activities such as river tubing, outdoor games, the climbing tower and zip line, crafts, lunch, and more. Open to the public.