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It's A Winter Wonderland

Remember that Cole is open year round. Come visit us for a winter adventure that's memorable.



Wilderness First Aid Training Weekend



April 8th through 10th

Where: **Gate** Canoe Base



Cost: \$45 per participant — includes food and lodging!

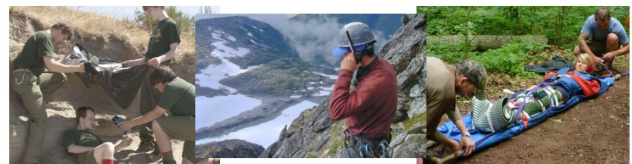
Why: This course goes far beyond what you may know as "first aid." Participants will learn how to assess, treat, and (when possible) contain emergencies within the scope of their training. Youth and adult Scout leaders over age 14 are invited to participate and earn their certification. While it contains substantial medical information and teaches skills required for medical emergencies in the wild, the deeper purpose is to train participants to manage acute situations. It can also save lives! *All material included.*

Finally, this course is required for at least one adult going on a High Adventure trip with their unit.

Course Topics Include: Patient assessment, Chest injuries, Shock, Head (brain) and spinal injuries, Bone and joint injuries, Infection, Hypothermia, Heat problems, Lightning, Altitude illnesses, Submersion incidents, Allergies and anaphylaxis, and Emergency Scenarios.

****Sign up today at https://scoutingevent.com?OrgKey=BSA272&eventID=7056****

Space is limited!



Wilderness First Aid Training Class Offered

This spring, April 8 through 10, Corp 5 and the Cole Staff is holding a Wilderness First Aid course at Cole Canoe Base. Every Unit that is going to be taking a High Adventure trip needs to send one Leader to this training. This is part of the Trek Training required to do High Adventure Trips.

You can register for this event at: <https://scoutingevent.com/?CCBWildernessFirstAid>

If you have questions contact Gus at 810-571-0725 or Mike at 313-3786436



Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting

Scoutmasters and unit leaders are invited to attend one of the following meetings. There will be plenty of information about the great programs and events at camp this year.

- March 7th at 7:00 pm **First Presbyterian Church**
600 N. Brady Dearborn, MI
- March 30th at 7:00 pm **Warren Woods Tower High School**
27900 Bunert Rd Warren, MI
- April 4th at 7:00 p.m. **St. Lorentz Church**
1030 W. Tuscola Frankenmuth, MI
- April 16th at 1:30 pm **DeVos Center for Scouting**
3212 Walker Ave Grand Rapids, MI
- April 28th at 7 pm **Jay's Sporting Goods**
1151 S. Otsego, MI Gaylord, MI
- May 14th at 1:00 pm **Cole Canoe Base**
1356 W. Greenwood Rd. Alger, MI

Register at: michiganscouting.org/calendar-black-pug/



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Are You Looking For A Summer Job?

Are you looking for the adventure of a lifetime? Are you looking for a different, fun summer camp experience? Apply to join the 2016 Cole Canoe Base staff. It's a great Scouting adventure. We are looking for applicants from every background who are dedicated to the principles of Scouting. We hope to see you at interviews on February 6th at the Dauch Scout Center in Detroit. Interviews begin at 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact our Dean of Merit Badges at hillcommadan@gmail.com. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss out on! <http://colec canoe base . com / docs / mcc summer camp staff application 2016.pdf>.

Golf At Cole Canoe Base

BREAKING NEWS! Cole will be offering the Golf Merit Badge this year. This will be a fun badge for youth and an opportunity for adults as well.



The charge for this badge is \$35.00 and includes 2 nine hole rounds of golf, a special putting practice outing and a Cole Canoe Base embossed golf ball. Before a scout who's taking this badge gets to camp they should do the prerequisite #2 (Study the USGA "Rules of Golf". Scouts and adults should bring their golf clubs.

Adults will be able to golf for a special price. So adults should bring their clubs too.

Mix Fix 2016 Cole Canoe Base



Saturday & Sunday, May 21 - 22, 2016

Friday Arrivals Encouraged – No meals

Saturday Meals Provided

Breakfast 7:30am, Lunch 12:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm

Sunday Brunch 10:30

Bring Your Tools and Your Energy!

Sign up online at michiganscouting.org



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Let's Clear Up Something About Summer Camp Registration

We have had some recent conversations regarding the date as to when individual names are required for summer camp registration. Please be advised that we have updated the language on the website to read:

“Individual names do not have to be specified at this time but can be if the unit chooses to do so.

***Note: Individual Scout & Adult names will be required to be entered on/before April 4th.**”*

This can be found on the [Boy Scout Summer Camp Registration Process Page](#). The April 4th date obviously coincides with the start of merit badge registration. Since the “First/Last Name” is a shared field in Registrant Forms, we cannot set separate “due” dates for when the name is actually required so we went with the April 4th date. In summary, when units either confirm their current estimates or make a new registration for Boy Scout Summer Camp, they request the number of youth & adult participant slots and pay \$50/ per. They do not, at this time, have to fill in a name for the slot – The system simply creates a list of attendees based on their participant numbers:

Units will need to add names for both youth and adults on/before April 4th to make any further payments, additions, or select merit badges.



Week 8 Provisional: Great Lakes Kayak Adventure. What were we thinking?

We're excited to announce more details on the **Great Lakes Kayak Adventure**. This trip is sure to be an unforgettable experience. This trip is different from what we have offered up to this point.

This fall, the High Adventure Director, along with some friends and staff members took a trailer of kayaks to the Upper Peninsula, under the cover of program research. We had very little idea what we wanted to do when we got there; our only goal was to have fun. We planed our trip as we went. We spent a day exploring Pictured Rocks, kayaking a couple of miles in either direction of Chapel Beach. Our campsite was right on the water so we spend a lot of time in the straights, just a few hundred yards away from the Mackinac Bridge. But perhaps the highlight of this experience was paddling out from our campsite just in time to watch the sun set over the straits.

When it was all said and done, we had the foundation of a New Program. We made notes of what we liked, where we camped, what we wanted to do again and what we wished we had done. We came up with the perfect itinerary for our return trip. **You can be a part of the excitement!** Grab a paddle and get ready to join us for the 2016 Great Lakes Kayak Adventure.

Please feel free to contact Gregg Zdan for more information on this adventure!

2016 Great Lakes Kayak Adventure Only at Cole Canoe Base

Who: Open to all scouts and leaders age 14+
When: Sun 7/31 to Sat 8/6/16
Cost: \$350 per person



The Great Lakes Kayak Adventure is a one of a kind adventure. Scouts will spend the week kayaking short distances in the open waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. They will see Pictured Rocks, Grand Island, and the Straits of Mackinaw like never before, in many cases setting up camp right at the waters edge. Staff will be on hand to lead the trip and transport equipment between camps.

The Great Lakes Kayak Adventure is available to everyone on a provisional basis. Scouts are encouraged to sign up with a friend but it is not required. Adult leaders are also welcome to sign up.

For more information contact the High Adventure Director.
Gregg Zdan Zgregg617@aol.com





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War Canoe Restoration Update

This January, members of our staff took over the shop at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch to restore yet another War Canoe. We believe this to be the last phase of a 4 year project to restore these historic canoes. This year's canoe was a challenge. After being purchased in 1961 for less than \$500 this canoe unfortunately fell into serious disrepair. Today, a new war canoe would cost several thousand dollars, but ours truly are priceless. This canoe had been stored at camp for several years before being moved down to the ranch this past spring. We look forward to its return to CCB, fully restored in the coming months.

Restoring these canoes is a long and labor intensive project. First, the canoe must be striped down to the bare wood and sanded to a smooth finish. This step alone takes about 3 complete days. Repairing damaged sections of the hull and support structures takes the skill of a professional. Skip Gibson is our wood boat restoration expert. During the early stages of the project, he carefully inspects every inch of the canoe and manufactures a solution to every problem. Holes, rotting wood and cracked ribs are among the most common issues. Each one of these is different and could take several hours to correct.

Only after all of this has been completed can we begin returning the boat to its former glory, applying a minimum of 5 coats of varnish takes time. Sanding between coats gives the inside of the canoe a beautiful shine. Every inch of exposed wood must receive the same level of care, ensuring that the canoe will be around for years to come. Lastly the outside of the canoe will be coated in fiberglass and painted, before being reassembled.



This is the 4th boat we have restored and the 3rd we will be returning to Cole Canoe Base. Last year, as a thank you for the use of their facilities, we restored one of D-A's war canoes. This project has involved several staff and volunteers, and countless hours of planning on the part of Senior Aquatics Director Mike Parsons. We look forward to scouts paddling this canoe for years to come.





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As Seen In:

BRYAN ON SCOUTING



A Blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders

New Boy Scout requirements for 2016 now in effect

Posted on January 6, 2016 by [Bryan Wendell](#) in [Advancement](#), [Boy Scouting](#), [Scouting Tips](#) // [35 Comments](#)



It's officially 2016, meaning the new Boy Scout rank requirements I've been blogging about for months are now official.

Where can you find the requirements, when must your Scouts start using them and what are the big changes?

You have questions, and we have answers.

Let's do this.

Where can I find the new Boy Scout requirements?

The BSA has made it easy for you, providing [this PDF](#) straight from the new *Boy Scout Handbook* (which, by the way, will available soon).

There's also [this requirements insert \(PDF\)](#), which is suitable for printing and including in a previous-generation *Handbook*.

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When do my Scouts start using these new Boy Scout requirements?

Think of 2016 as a transition year during which both the old and the new requirements will be used, based on the Scout's joining date or his current rank on Jan. 1, 2016.

I blogged about the transition a few weeks back, but here are the basics:

The rank requirements are official as of Jan. 1, 2016. Scouts who joined the Boy Scouts of America on or after Jan. 1, 2016, MUST follow the rank requirements as printed in this Boy Scout Handbook or in the current year's Boy Scout Requirements book.

Scouts who joined the BSA prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

Who are working on the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks MAY continue to follow the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements upon attaining First Class.

Who have completed the First Class rank MAY complete the rank they are currently working on in the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements for subsequent ranks.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts MUST use the current requirements regardless of rank.

What are the big changes?

In the last few months of 2015, I did a deep dive into the new Boy Scout requirements. Click each of these below to take a closer look:

[Number of required camping nights has increased](#)

[Number of required service hours has increased](#)

[Emphasis on physical fitness has increased](#)

[Scout is now its own rank](#)

[Boy Scouts are required to tell about their duty to God at each rank](#)

What if I still have questions?

They're probably answered on the **[BSA's Program Updates page](#)**. It's my go-to source for information on — what else? — BSA program updates.

Cole Canoe Base Forms & Resources

Please check the link below to get forms you may need for summer camp:

<http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/cole-canoe-base/cole-canoe-base-forms-resources/>

Cole Is Open All Year Long Come Visit Us Any Time