

CAMPING PROMOTIONS

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Not all summer camps are created equal and we have four amazing Boy Scout Resident Camps scattered across the state of Michigan with totally different opportunities. From fantastic opportunities for Scout to earn merit badges along their advancement trail, to offering some of the most premier programs in the nation like; horseback and ATV riding, to pistol shooting and tubing—our camps have what you're looking for!

Cole Canoe Base

Welcome Home to Cole Canoe Base! Set right next to the Rifle River, Cole Canoe base has over 130 canoes on its property and is known for offering Scouts some of the best canoeing in Michigan. Choose your adventure from a list of opportunities ranging from our 1/2 day excursion to our 50-miler Canoe trek. And of course, where there's water there's fishing, tubing (rump bumping in Cole speak), swimming and just sitting back and listening to the sounds of the river.

D-A

Since 1950, D-bar-A-Scout Ranch has been providing quality scouting experiences for Scouts, Schools, and Churches from Southeast Michigan and around the Midwest. D-bar-A is located about an hour north of Detroit, MI. The ranch consists of over 1,700 acres of wilderness, 3 lakes, a herd of horses, cattle, and other livestock, 28 heated cabins, and 13 tent sites. Program facilities also include a 32 foot climbing tower, Lonesome Pines Boy Scout Shooting Center (Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery), Robert Morrison Cub Scout Shooting Center (BB Gun and Archery), Nature Center, Bouldering Wall, and 11 miles of hiking trails.

Gerber Scout Camp

Come discover Gerber, set on 851 acres of beautiful west Michigan forest and get ready to experience rank advancement as well as some very unique program. Our Eagle Quest at Gerber is like non other, offering the first year and many of the second year campers their first step toward Eagle. Looking for something unique for your older Scouts? On site at Gerber, Scouts can participate in the skilled trades area where they can earn merit badges like; welding, metalwork and farm mechanics.

Rotary

Camp Rotary offers a wide variety of innovative programs each summer and welcomes Scout Troops from both in and out-of-state each summer. Camp Rotary boasts perhaps the most beautiful waterfront of any Scout camp and has specialty programs for older Scouts and first year campers alike. Always one of the most popular areas in camp is the dining hall where tasty, well-balanced meals are served family style. Premiere Shooting Sports Ranges, COPE, Climbing and Rappelling, our new high-tech M.A.D.E. area, an all-new family carnival on Wednesday night, and modern shower houses make Camp Rotary an ideal camp for any Troop!

OA Provisional Summer Camp Weeks

WHAT: Provide Provisional Youth and Adult Leadership for ONE Summer Camp “Troop”

- Create a Provisional Troop
- Youth who do not attend camp with their scouts and/or leaders
- Lodge provides: Two qualified adults
- Lodge Provides: Two qualified youth
- One week at Boy Scout Resident Camp

WHEN: One week of Camp during the 2016 Season

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| ▪ Agaming Maangogwan | – D-bar-A | - Week 3 | Starting 7/3/2016 |
| ▪ Kishahteck | – Gerber | - Week 4 | Starting 7/3/2016 |
| ▪ Nataepu Shohpe | – Cole | - Week 1 | Starting 6/12/2016 |
| ▪ Noquet | – Rotary | - Week 6 | Starting 7/24/2016 |

WHERE: All four operating Boy Scout Resident Camp in 2016

WHY: Provide a summer camp opportunity for other scouts

- Those who cannot attend camp during the troop’s traditional week
- Those who may want to attend another camp or another camp week

HOW: Lodge would provide qualified adult and youth supervision

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High Adventures & OA High Adventure & NLS

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

WILDERNES VOYAGE: CHARLES L. SOMERS CANOE BASE

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

TRAIL CREW: PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

OCEAN ADVENTURE: FLORIDA SEABASE

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills. The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.

OPERATION ARROW

The National Order of the Arrow

Serves the 2017 National Jamboree

After a record-setting national conference in 2015, the Order of the Arrow will again seek to make history with Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 youth Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow - the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow!

Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village.

The summer of 2017 seems like a long time away, but planning for the next national Scout jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is already well underway. The Order of the Arrow will continue to release information about Operation Arrow staff opportunities and how to become involved in the coming months.

We hope you will join us for what is sure to be the experience of a lifetime, as a part of Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree!

Part ONE: Service Corps – the 18th time the OA will serve at the National Jamboree

Part TWO: Trek Guides – acting as daylong guides and providing program enroute

Part THREE: Indian Village – Re-creating a Native American village at the turn of the 19th Century with demonstrations, storytelling, etc.

Check out the National OA website for details and registration.



National Leadership Seminar – NLS

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Scheduled dates are given on the [National OA Program Calendar](#), and are published in the Order of the Arrow's [National Bulletin](#).

In 2016, the dates and places include:

- **When:** February 19 - 21
- **Location:** Rochester, IN

You can learn more about NLS at <http://central.oa-bsa.org/program/nls/>

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact the Lodge Chief or Adviser for details.

To register, contact to Mr. Brian Clegg and be ready to:

- Pay the initial \$50 non-refundable fee (The lodge picks up the other \$145.00 fee.)
- Complete the Section Scholarship form (within 30 days of attendance)
- Complete the NLS commitment (i.e. about 3 months following the event)
- Receive \$25.00 back if the section and commitment forms are completed.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

"I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner..."

"I didn't even get out of the room after the second or third session before I was putting the new knowledge to use. The use of movie clips to drive home points of leadership works well..."

"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A great staff."

"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position...."

"If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"

