

Youth Agency Info for UMC-DSMC

About the BSA The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For nearly a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

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Scouting, with programs for young men and women, helps meet these six essential needs of the young people growing up in our society:

- Mentoring
- Lifelong Learning
- Faith Traditions
- Serving Others
- Healthy Living
- Building Character

Overview of Boy Scouts of America

Mission: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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, and reverent.

Programs

Cub Scouts: For boys in first grade through fifth grade (or seven through 10 years of age)

- Motto: Do Your Best
- Tiger Cubs (first grade)
- Cub Scouts (second and third grades)
- Webelos Scouts (fourth and fifth grades)

Boy Scouts: For boys who are 11 through 17 years of age, or have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light award and are at least 10 years old, or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old

- Motto: Be Prepared
- Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily

Varsity Scouting: For young men 14 through 17 years of age

- Built on five program fields of emphasis: Advancement, High adventure, Personal development, Service, Special programs and events

Venturing: For young men and women 14 (and have completed 8th grade) through 20 years of age

Order of the Arrow: Scouting's national honor society recognizing Boy Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives

- More than 180,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 300 BSA local councils

<http://scouting.org> = website for Boy Scouts of America (BSA), has links for youth and adults

Lake Huron Area Council (Northwest Michigan, including Clare, Gratiot, Isabella and counties to the north and east)

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Tall Pine District – Welcome to the Tall Pine District of Lake Huron Area Council serving youth in **Gratiot, Isabella, Clare**, Roscommon, and Crawford Counties.

If you want to join Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts as a youth or volunteer please contact me anytime!--Ryan Bauman at 989.317.0331 or [email me](#) today!

Tall Pine District (Key 3) Leadership

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Five Rivers District – Serving **Montcalm, Mecosta, Ionia** and Kent County Communities of Lowell, Sparta, Kent City and Cedar Springs

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Scenic Trails Council – serves the Northwest Lower Michigan counties of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, **Osceola**, Otsego and Wexford.

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