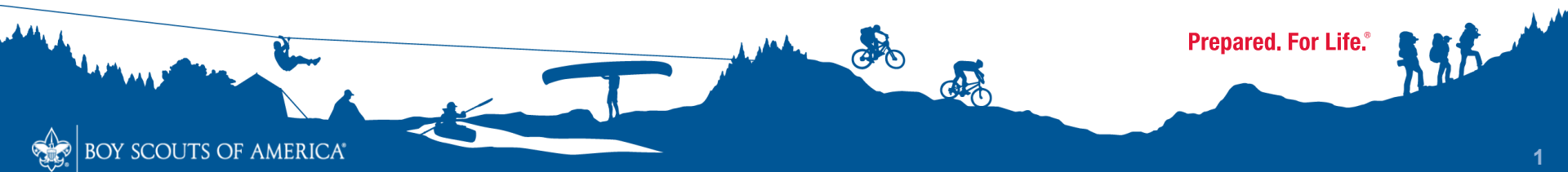




Troop 497 2025 Annual Parents Meeting





Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **2025 – 2026 Goals**
- **2025 – 2026 Program**
- **2026 Summer Camp – Michigan**
- **Youth Protection**
- **Communications & Support**
- **Parents' Commitment & Fundraising**
- **High Adventure Programs**
- **Advancement & Leadership**
- **Questions, Concerns, Feedback**

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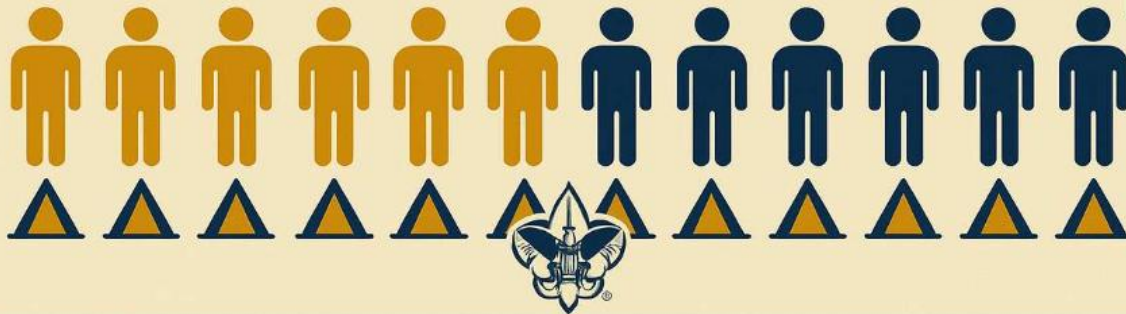


2025 – 2026 Goals

MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 71+



CAMPING ATTENDANCE GOAL 6 OUT OF 10 TRIPS EACH



SPECIFIC



MEASURABLE



ATTAINABLE



RELEVANT



TIME BASED

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2025 Program



Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
September	Challenge a Senior	Cape Henlopen	Beach Fun	Parents Meeting
October	First Aid	Pine Grove Furnace	TBD	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	TBD	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Merit Badges	Dan Beard – Broad Creek	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party



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2026 Program



Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
January	The Decades	Camp Spencer	Olympics	Elections
February	Drones	Camp Rodney	Shooting Sports	Open House
March	Cooking	<i>Susquehanock</i>	Cooking Competitions / Scavenger Hunt	Swim / Movie Night
April	Gardening	<i>Wye Island</i>	Highland Games	Easter
May	Boating	<i>Ohio Pyle</i>	Canoeing / Hammock Camping	Mini Golf
June	Fishing/Hunting	Susquehanna River	Water Weekend	Bowling
July	Summer Camp Preparation	Michigan	Summer Camp	Packing Demo





Other Activities



Fall Court of Honor October 30th



**Junior Leader Training
January 3rd**

**Venture Ski Trip
February 6th to 8th**

(note new date!)



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Summer Camp 2025

July 23rd – August 2nd

Planning has begun

Help Needed

Travel Activities

Travel Logistics

Camp Rotary Michigan





Youth Protection

BSA Rules – Safeguarding Youth Training – Due Nov 15th

Must be REGISTERED ADULT to camp with the Troop

All registered adult leaders must complete YPT training ANNUALLY

We encourage everyone to take the training

St. Joseph Church Rules

Virtus Training for every registered adult leader and drivers

We CANNOT register any adult until the Church approves

Critical Issue - Cannot re-register you without training!





Youth Protection - Drivers

St. Joseph Church Rules

At least one parent/guardian from each family must be Virtus Trained and DMV Background Approved. No Cost for Registration

Reference Check – Three References

Background Check – Minimum 10 Days

Virtus Training - jreedholm@sjpmd.org

Saturday Camping Trip Attendance Encouraged

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Youth Protection

Troop Commitment to our Scouts' Safety

Background Checks

Guide to Safe Scouting

Youth Protection Guidelines

Communication with Scouts

Email / Texting Rules

Phone

On-line meetings

Scouts Not Allowed to Drive to Camping Trips

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Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website (www.troop497.org)
- Email updates is your email address accurate?
- Instagram (troop_497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)
- Please keep us posted if a Scout starts to lose interest or you have any questions or concerns!





Parents' Commitment & Fundraising

Our Parent's Commitment

Support Son's Advancement & Participation

Transportation – One long or two short trips.

Fundraising efforts – We need your Support!

Bull Roast - November 14th

Car Wash – June 6th 2026

Cost to run program over \$500 per Scout
Annual dues have been \$75

Enjoy Scouting with your Sons





How can I become involved?

Troop is blessed with many adults, all are volunteers

We always need more and want to match your interests, strengths, and time availability

Current Needs:

Help Running Events

Troop Committee Secretary

Cooking on Trips

Backpack / Canoe Trip Planning

Merit Badge Counslers

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2025 Bullroast





Duty to God



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High Adventure Programs

We have crews going to two high adventure bases during the Summer of 2026 – **Sign Up Now**



In years when high adventure trips occur, scouts participating in high adventure **must also attend** summer camp.

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Advancement & Leadership

First Thursday to First Class

Camping Trips

Summer Camp

Merit Badge Counselors

Eagle Scout Process - ***PLEASE watch deadlines***

Must Complete Eagle SM Conf By Dec 31st to be in Spring COH





Advancement

Patrol Leaders, Seniors, and Troop Guides may sign off on requirements only through 2nd Class

Take Photos of your Scout's Handbook

Parent's may not sign off on son's advancement

Scoutbook.com is an online resource used to track your Scout's rank progress

Parents and scouts can enter the rank progress on the site

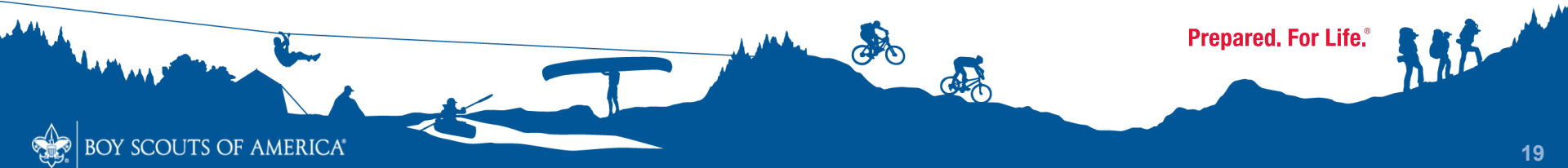
Certified Leaders can approve after entry

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