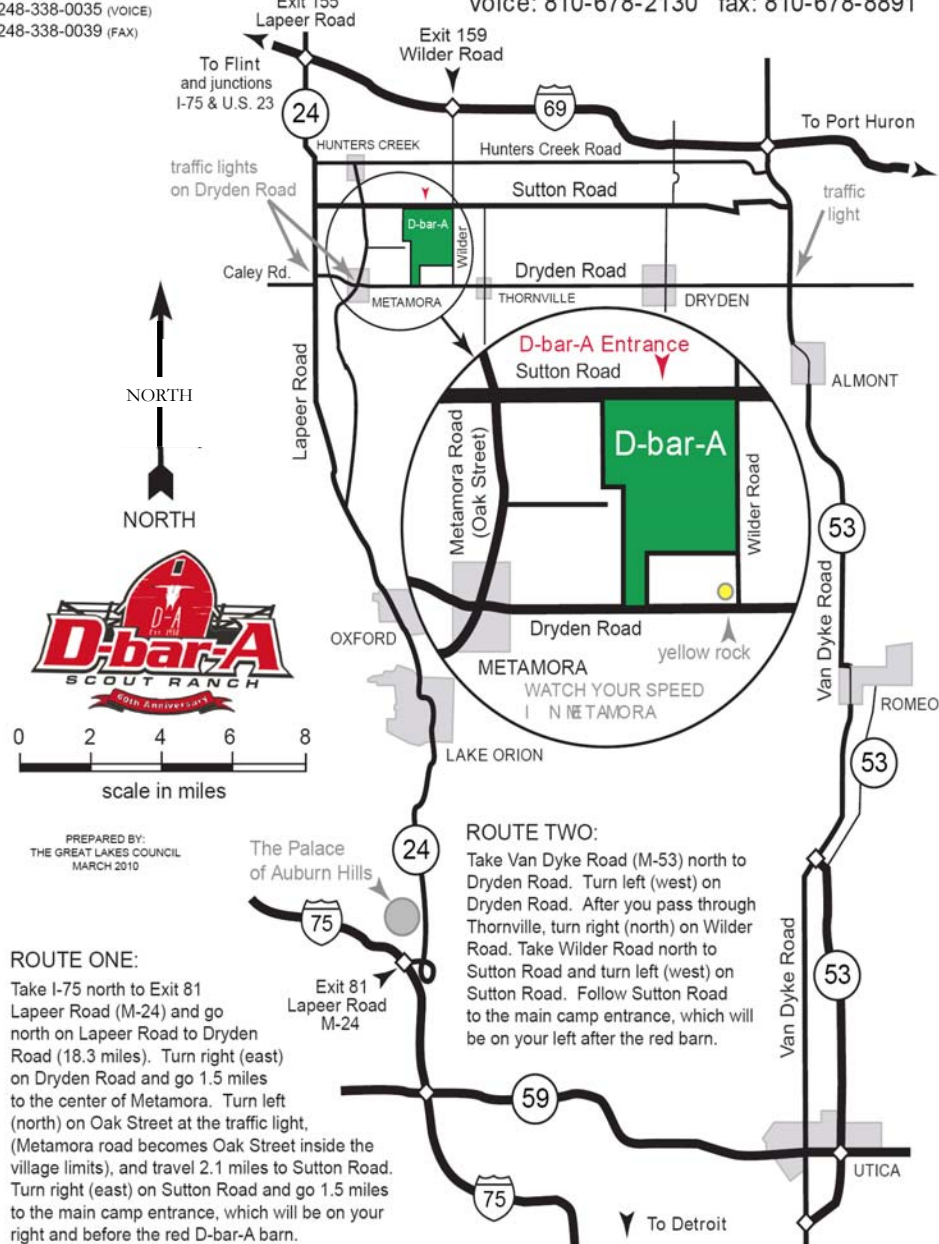


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Group Camping Opportunities at **D-bar-A Scout Ranch** **Outdoor Education Center**



Spend a week, a weekend, or even just a day to get away from it all and enjoy life. You will find a variety of guest accommodations to suit your needs. Our many recreational activities are fun for just a few or the whole group. So come spend some time with us and choose what you like to do most in life.

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D-bar-A Scout Ranch

Who are we?

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 is a host to over 1,700 acres of wilderness, 3 lakes, a herd of horses, cattle, and other livestock, 28 heated cabins, and 14 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), a Nature Center, Bouldering Wall, and over 11 miles of marked hiking trails.

The ranch is owned and operated by the Great Lakes Council, BSA and employs 4 full time employees to handle all camp operations. However, maintaining 1700 acres is not possible without the support of volunteers from all over the United States who give back every year to provide upkeep of the camp. Additionally, the members of the Order of the Arrow Lodge, Boy Scouts' Honor Campers, provide countless hours of service during their three work weekends and throughout the rest of the year.

D-bar-A Scout Ranch has a wide range of ecosystems that can be used to complement many lessons of school groups in the field of **Life sciences**: eco-systems and the organization of living things and **Earth science**; Geo-sphere, Hydrosphere, atmosphere and weather, are easily adaptable to real-world examples on the ranch. Both natural formations and man-made structures show how the earth responds to changes and intrusions. A wide variety of plants and wild life can be found here. The Flint River flows through the property and there are three man made lakes and numerous marshes that can be investigated.

We have **DTN** weather service satellite radar system that provides up-to-the-date weather and can be used to track all meteorological conditions while here.

There are numerous trails including a 10-mile marked trail that circles the whole camp and passes most of these areas, so frequent stops for observations are possible.

Our staff looks forward to the opportunity to serve you and the rest of your group here at D-bar-A Scout Ranch.

Tell me more...

Name _____

Group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Type of camp _____

Activities interested in:

Horseback Riding

Swimming

Boating

Climbing

Hayride

Archery

Rifle

BB Gun

Nature

Crafts

Food Service

Team Building

In-Service / Staff Meetings

Tentative Dates _____

Other special needs or requests:

To receive more information, send to:

Great Lakes Council, BSA
Dauch Scout Center
Attn: Camping Department
1776 W. Warren Ave.
Detroit, MI 48209

Or email to kevin.fox@scouting.org

check out our website at www.glcscouting.org

Team Building

A Group AND Leadership Activity?

Are you looking for some fun and excitement? Are you ready to ascend the towering slope of the D-bar-A climbing tower or traverse the endless edges of the bouldering wall? This may be the challenge your unit, group, or organization is looking for! Climbing and bouldering are fun and exciting experiences that challenge the mind, body, and spirit of those looking for adventure.

The climbing tower offers new challenges to participants by increasing their strength and helping them set and achieve their goals. It helps them build and enhance their communication and leadership skills. Climbing also challenges participants to push themselves and become more aware of their limitations as an individual, encouraging their overall reliability on team leadership skills.



The bouldering wall offers a unique and different experience to participants by challenging their climbing techniques and skills, all while staying safely close to the ground under the watchful eyes of spotters and avoiding the complexity of any climbing gear. It too builds and enhances their communication and leadership skills.



Whether your goal is teamwork, learning trust, or to simply have fun, our staff can help develop a climbing program that fits your needs. Or if climbing and bouldering is not the way to go, our staff can help with simple team building games, that will develop your group into a fine functioning group.

Facilities & Lodging

We can accommodate your group!

The sound of birds chirping, the aroma of the morning dew, and the silhouette of horses and longhorn steer playing in the distant fields. That's what you'll experience while staying overnight at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. So take your group out for an experience you'll never forget!

D-bar-A Scout Ranch boasts over 1700 acres of pristine mid-Michigan landscape. To accompany all of this land, we offer 28 heated cabin sites, 14 tent sites, four outdoor pavilions, three lakes, two & half football fields, and one large main dining hall that are all available to rent.

Our cabins can accommodate groups in size from as small as 12 up to 60 in a single building. For larger groups, we have clusters of cabins that can accommodate up to 250 in a group. All cabins have a kitchen which includes a stove, sink, cabinet space, and a refrigerator. Our newer remodeled cabins also include indoor restrooms and showers, perfect for youth or church groups.

To accommodate the needs of school bands and football teams, we offer three fully maintained lined athletic grass fields. A 50 yard and two 100 yard fields. Along with the fields, we offer many other locations that are open for practicing, marching, or just having "fun" at camp.

Close to the fields are outdoor pavilions, to give you shade from the sun. Our food service staff always provides at no additional cost, igloo coolers full of ice cold water to quench your thirst. If the drinking water is not enough, we offer three lakes for swimming to cool off in as well.

D-bar-A Scout Ranch offers a wide varieties of activities to pick from, during your visit. D-bar-A Scout Ranch is a very well maintained facility with it's picturesque landscape, where we offer disc golf, horseback riding, hay rides, human foosball, swimming, boating, fishing, bouldering, climbing, shotgun shooting, rifle shooting, bow and arrow, team building activities, so much more.

Pricing can start as low as \$115 per person for a week long all inclusive camp. We can also add additional activities based on your groups needs.

Food Service

Let us serve you!

The Wyckoff lodge is the central dining hall for the ranch. Our professional staff will prepare food for groups as small as 20 or as large as 250. The menu can be tailored to fit any budget or special requests. Our food service staff can handle any special dietary need, as our menus are regularly reviewed by a registered dietitian.

The main hall of the Wyckoff Lodge comfortably seats 250 people and can be used for any

presentation; Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Blue & Gold Dinner, teacher in service day; staff meetings; team building activities or any other special event. A large movie screen turns



the dining hall into a theater with the flick of a switch. And the indoor fireplace is available in case the weather interferes with plans for your campfire.

In addition to the main hall, the Moose Peterson room provides an intimate setting for a small group to gather. Whether it's a place for the adults to sit for some much-needed peace and quiet or a small group meeting for a lesson.

In Wyckoff Lodge, we serve food cafeteria style, using two serving lines to speed up mealtime and prevent long lines. A beverage bar is available complete with fresh juice and freshly brewed coffee. Arrangements can be made for special events like a pizza party or ice cream social. Also let us know about any birthdays while you are at camp.

Our food service staff prepares the best food for you, so come on up, and forget about the worries of food service.

Horseback Riding

A Group Activity?

If horseback riding is what you like to do, D-bar-A Scout Ranch has over 40 horses with rides for the novice and the pro alike. With our friendly and helpful wranglers leading the way, your ride will start from the main barn and will wind through beautiful trails to a point which overlooks Beaver Lake. While on horseback, you will be able to experience the true beauty of mid-Michigan, where you can catch a glimpse of whitetail deer and small forest animals along the ride.

D-bar-A Scout Ranch is an actual working ranch, as a matter of fact, the ranch is one of only five BSA working ranches in the United States. Entering the camp from Sutton Road, guests will see long horn steers as well as numerous other cattle and horses.

D-bar-A Scout Ranch prides itself on it's fine horse program. Horses are available everyday, weather permitting. Our horses range from very gentle for those new to riding, to spirited horses for the seasoned rider. You have 1700 acres with over 11 miles of trails to ride on.

D-bar-A Scout Ranch is an operating horse ranch. Campers can actually participate in the daily activities of a ranch business. We do not open in the summer for camp and then close. Our horses are here at the ranch all year and are very well trained for our program. Our horses love campers and lots of TLC.



All rules and instructions given by the wranglers must be followed. Helmets and long pants are required. Hard sole shoes/boots are preferred. No loose clothing, open toed shoes or sandals allowed. For your safety, the wranglers have final say in determining who may ride. We'd rather disappoint you than have you injured.