



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

THE GREATER MICHIGAN COUNCIL

“Creating an organization that focuses on Exceptional Scouting Program in the community - ensuring that every youth in Michigan has an opportunity to join and participate.”

February 20, 2012

Happy President's Day! Here is our latest update of what is happening in Scouting across the state of Michigan.

1. 4 Field Service Councils (FSC) naming updates.
FSC “A” will be known as the President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council.
FSC “B” has a naming contest in place and by March 2nd the name will be decided.
FSC “C” Key 3's met recently and naming committee has been formed.
FSC “D” will be known as the Great Lakes Field Service Council.
2. As we near the end of February, our Family Friends of Scouting campaign continues to have a great month. Our total Friends of Scouting campaign has raised over **\$800,000** statewide. We have raised **22.5%** of our \$3.5 million dollar statewide goal for 2012. Our February 29th benchmark is to reach 33% of goal which is just over \$1.15 million. By now every unit should have a unit presentation scheduled and if not please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive to get more information.
3. The plan for the transition process of data with each new Field Service Council (FSC) is as follows:
 - FSC A was successfully integrated during the first week of February. There are still a few bugs to be worked out but the system is working at this time. Membership Registration Shared Service office is set up at National and the plan is to begin processing FSC-A membership this week. Payroll and accounts receivable will begin transferring projects through Easy Office over the next week. **Update 2/20.**
 - FSC B integration on March 1st for Lake Huron, Blue Water, Tall Pine and Chief Okemos Councils. They will split it by bringing 2 councils together and the other 2 councils together on February 24th, then they will bring those two together on March 10th.
 - FSC C integration on April 1st for Southwest Michigan and Great Sauk Trail Councils.
 - FSC D integration June 1st for Great Lakes Council.
4. **Exciting News!** The National Eagle Scout Association has partnered with Harris Connect to produce the “100 Years of Eagle Scouts – Where Are They Now” Album. This very special Anniversary publication will reflect upon 100 proud years of Scouting's highest achievers, and will include personal stories, photos and Scouting experiences and accomplishments. This will truly be a celebration of the commitment to service and leadership of Eagle Scouts everywhere. This will be an invaluable resource and provide you with excellent opportunities to reconnect and engage with other Eagle Scouts. Be on the lookout for information on how you can participate and visit the NESA website at www.nesa.org for periodic updates.
5. Beginning in January 2012, the “Boy Scouts of America” Michigan license plate has been available to purchase for just \$35.00. You can purchase these plates at any Michigan Secretary of State's office or use the orderform available at www.michigan.gov/sos. Help spread the word about this “new” Boy Scouts of America license plate with your fellow Scouters, family, friends and co-workers. The money raised comes back to the local Boy Scout Council that represents the county in which the plate is registered in. You can even order it as a “Personalized Plate.” Together we can help support the BSA and Michigan Scouting programs...one license plate at a time.

Remember, system maintenance will occur on most weekends during the months of February & March 2012, beginning on Friday at 9:00 PM, through Saturday at 8:00 AM. Our next communication will be on February 27th. Thank you for your continued support during this time of reorganizing.

Yours in Scouting

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