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Thanks Pastor Dan!

On Sunday September 13th, 2015, during the congregational camp weekend, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Rose City, Michigan, Gus Chutorash from Cole Canoe Base recognized Pastor Dan Stonebeck for ten years of donated service and support as the Chaplain at Cole Canoe Base.

For several years, Pastor Dan has led a Vespers service with a sermon about the 12th. Point of the Scout Law, every Wednesday evening for hundreds of Scouts during their week long camp. Pastor Dan will be working on a program related to scouting's religious awards for next year.

Gus gave a great dedication and then awarded Pastor Dan with a certificate to show Cole's appreciation!



We Could Use Your Help At Fall Clean Up

Each year we get camp ready for the winter at the Fall Clean Up event. This year we will be cleaning on the weekend of November 6, 7, 8. Your troop can attend or you as an individual can come and help. Participants will have meals and camping for free, and the appreciation of the camp. Thanks for helping.





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From The Office Of The Dean Of Merit Badges:



Dan Hill
Dean of Merit Badges

2015 was an amazing summer for advancement at camp. Scouts attending Cole earned a total of 7483 merit badges during our 7 weeks of summer camp. Congrats to all that participated in the merit badge program. Remember, if you haven't finished up any of the 2333 partials that were issued by the time camp rolls around, bring them with you to 2016 summer camp. Our counselors will be happy to help you finish them up. If there are still outstanding merit badge questions or missing blue cards, feel free to still contact me or Mike Fox at hillcommadan@gmail.com OR Mike.Fox@scouting.org

We have already started preparing for 2016. We're getting very excited about the new features that come with the switch to the Black Pug registration system. As we find out more about the merit badge and activity part of the summer camp registration process, we will be sure to let you know. As always though, with new technology there may be some challenges. Keep in mind that it is also our first time using this system and the Cole staff will help you through all aspects of the process.

Thank you to all of the scouts and leaders for a fabulous summer season and thanks to the staff for great interaction with the campers.

Cole Is Open All Year Long Come Visit Us Any Time

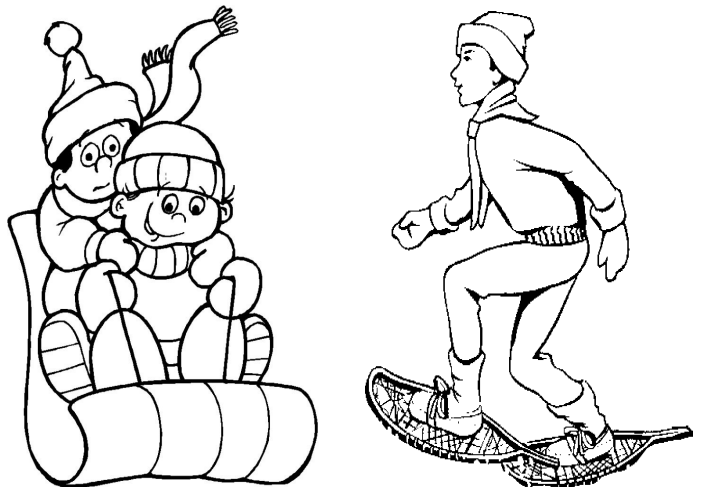
Winter Camping

Is your troop looking for a cool place to camp during the winter? Cole Canoe Base is open all year long and camping is available every weekend.

Come up to Cole and camp in a cabin or a tent if that's your choice. All of the tent sites are available but the warmest places are the cabins. White Pines cabin has a full kitchen and beds for 24 people. Turkey Roost cabin (the Health Lodge building) also has a full kitchen and sleeps 10 people.

At Cole you can use the new sled hill behind the Turkey Roost cabin, rent snow shoes from camp or plan your own fun winter activities.

Consider Cole for a cool winter camping experience.



2016 Summer Camp

Spots for 2016 summer camp are filling fast. If you want to register for summer camp at Cole Canoe Base 2016, contact us as soon as possible.





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We Wish You A Happy Thanksgiving



We're Working On Some New Programs

We continuously develop new programs for scouts to do at Cole. Look for a new "Spring Break" camping program as well as a new "Vacation Camp" program for those long weekends scheduled in the school calendars.

These programs will fill times when scouts have the time in their schedules. The program may include shooting sports, climbing, food service and/or any other programs that may be desired.

These new programs will be available only at Cole Canoe Base.



High Adventure Stuff

Please be advised: Units wanting to register for a **Pictured Rocks** trip in the upper peninsula must get a reservation in to Cole Canoe Base by **December 25, 2015**. We must secure reservations with the park very quickly in 2016.



We're in Scouting Magazine!

Leaders, check out the September/October 2015 issue of Scouting Magazine for a great article about Cole Canoe Base. We are grateful to the editorial staff for highlighting Cole to the nation.





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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

We hope you and your troop enjoyed a safe and fun Halloween and got all of the treats you could handle. On October 10th. Cole Canoe Base hosted the first ever Halloween themed event. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts leaders, and kids ,and adults from the north east part of Michigan sure got a chance to have fun. They could dance like zombies, take a spooky hayride through camp, and hike through campsites filled with monsters, and creatures of the night. There were even activities like the creepy climb and pumpkin painting. People were able to eat a hot dog or other good stuff and the River Store was OPEN all evening. Everybody had a spooky good time.

Our annual haunted campsite event has quickly joined the ranks of being one of our largest weekend programs. The energy at this event was amazing! We would like to take the time to thank the over 160 volunteers that made this event possible. Scout units from across the state as well as summer camp staff & alumni were phenomenal support for this event and we most certainly could not have done it without you.

We hope volunteers and participants are already getting ready for next year since planning is well under way! You and or your unit could also be part of this event next year. Contact us for more information.

Thanks For Haunting!

These troops volunteered for a really fun weekend by helping to haunt the campsites and trails. They worked hard to make props and costumes or cook for the staff and other fun stuff.

- Troop 126 from Redford, MI
- Troop 231 from Belleville, MI
- Troop 1542 from Pleasant Ridge, MI
- Troop 551 from Fairgrove, MI
- Troop 121 from Bay City, MI
- Troop 802 from Brownstown, MI
- Troop 854 from Canton, MI
- Troop 1292 from Huntington Woods, MI
- Troop 742 from Livonia, MI
- Troop 273 from Harper Woods, MI
- Troop 2 from East Lansing, MI
- Summer camp staff and Cole staff alumni

Thanks again for all of your hard work making this a successful event.

