

# Building Character and Strong Communities - - - Selected 2009 Points of Pride



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
GERALD R. FORD COUNCIL

- 🦋 **One in seven of every available youth in our 12 counties was registered in our Council in 2009!**
- 🦋 **Our Council collaborated with more than 400 different community organizations that chartered 477 Scouting units and Learning for Life groups!**
- 🦋 **In those 477 units, over 5,000 registered volunteers gave their time and talents to provide, to over 21,000 youth, the values based program of Scouting!**
- 🦋 **Adult leader enrollment increased by 4% in 2009. We are blessed with truly dedicated volunteers!**
- 🦋 **Over 200 Boy Scouts earned their Eagle Scout Award and four Venturers earned their Silver Award in 2009! A record breaking year!**
- 🦋 **Forty five percent growth in Unit Commissioners to better serve our Scouting units! Another record year!**
- 🦋 **Gerber Boy Scout Camp and Cub Scout Adventureland had another record breaking summer! Only Scout camp in the State to increase numbers of weeks of camp!**
- 🦋 **Council had significant growth in top unit leader training to 75%!**
- 🦋 **Our Scouts and leaders provided over 450,000 hours of "Do a Good Turn" service in their communities!**
- 🦋 **A proud partner working with ten local United Ways which provided \$206,000 to support our Scouting programs --- almost 8% of the Council's 2009 budget!**
- 🦋 **Completed Phase One of new DeVos Family Venture Base!!**
- 🦋 **Another Super Council popcorn sale ... over \$1.5 million dollars with over \$450,000 going into unit accounts!**
- 🦋 **Over 2,500 youth and adults participated in our eighth September 11<sup>th</sup> Scout Salute! A 50% increase over last year!**
- 🦋 **Our Council, once again, exceeded the National Boy Scouts of America standards by earning Centennial Quality Council status! This makes 16 times in the last 25 years!**
- 🦋 **No Boy Scout Dining Hall - - - ate meals in a big circus tent - - - record breaking camp attendance - - - started new dining hall!**
- 🦋 **Our Council Scoutreach Committee conducted our third Scoutreach Golf Outing with resounding success!**