

Joseph Kaczmarek



Joe has been a Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Troop Committee Chairman, Crew Committee Chairman and a Merit Badge Counselor. He serves as the District Cub Scout Training Chairman and was very instrumental in developing the new, successful Zero to Trained training. He has been on Roundtable staff, plus has been on staff for IOLS-WOLF-BALOO and University of Scouting numerous times. Joe has been on staff several years for our Council's Resident Camp plus he has been on staff for the Council Camporee that was held in Caseville. He currently is one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for the National Jamboree this year.

As a member of Holy Trinity Church, he recently mentored several Scouts who received their religious award at the Bishop's dinner. He has been a soccer coach and has volunteered at the Helen Nickless Free Clinic. He was a Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus.

Joe is also very involved in Bangor Township Schools. He serves on the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee. Bangor High School is well known for their theatrical productions and he has helped build props, been on the other end of the riggings to help a cast member fly (Peter Pan production) and has been the photographer. He is in charge of putting their program book together which includes the cast member bios, advertising and all the information about the play.

Joe is an Eagle Scout and he attended Wood Badge in 2006. He and his wife have three children, two daughters and one son.

Chris Kirby



Chris was born in Highland Park, MI and raised in and around the Detroit metropolitan area. She graduated from Wyle E. Groves High School in Birmingham and attended Oakland County Community College. After marrying in 1972, she and her husband, Dave, moved to the Thumb area.

Chris has been active in Scouts since the early 1980's, serving as one of the first ever Tiger Cub leaders. Over the years, she has also been a Cub and Boy Scout unit Committee member for several different units. She has served on the District Committee for more than 10 years and taken a very active role in the Thumb District's FOS campaigns. Chris is currently the Cubmaster for Elkton Pack 3545, Troop Committee Chair for Troop 587 and a co-advisor for Crew 7557.

Added to this, Chris has taken the time to be a mother and grandmother, 4-H leader and a Stable Management Instructor for the Huron County Proud Equestrian Program, a program which offers therapeutic riding to handicapped youth. She is currently a member of the Bad Axe Branch of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Chris spent many years working in group homes with disabled people, until her own health issues dictated an early retirement and, in spite of this, she keeps challenging herself. She is currently a caregiver for her father who recently moved to Bad Axe. As a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, Scouter, 4-H leader, there's no chance of Chris being bored for long.

Dr. Donald L. Newport

Dr. Donald L. Newport has devoted more than 45 years of his life to community college work. Beginning as a parking lot attendant at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan from which he graduated in 1960, and progressing through presidencies at five community colleges in Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan---



Scout, Dr. Newport has developed a broad perspective of the changing role and mission of two-year colleges in urban/rural, single-campus/multi-college, small/large, and rich /poor settings. Newport was appointed to his first presidency in Nebraska at the age of 26. In 2004, he retired from Alpena Community College as President Emeritus where a major classroom/library/theatre and activities center is named after Newport to celebrate his more than 33 years as a chief executive around the country. Dr. Newport is a graduate of the University of Michigan's Ph.D. program in psychology and industrial relations .

Dr. Newport has been active at the Board level with such organizations as the Assoc. of Lifelong Learners, United Way, YMCA, Cultural Affairs Councils, Habitat International, Rotary International, Boy Scouts of America, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, Private Industry Council, Heritage Association, hospitals, and banks. He has received community-wide recognition in Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan for such public service and recently concluded a term as District Governor for Rotary International in Michigan.

Dr. Newport has served in many capacities with the Thunderhead District since 1996. His involvement has included the establishment of the partnership with Alpena Community College's Camp Ed-Venture, which resulted in the development of Venturing Programs within Northeast Michigan that eventually served in excess of 300 youth, and resulted in the development of initial community based Venturing programs in communities across the area. In addition, Don has often been called upon to serve in special roles as an envoy to Scouting in the area, and has served as a long time member of the Thunderhead Districts Nominating Committee, resulting in the identification and recruitment of key leaders to the district committee, and he has performed critical roles over the years in assisting with membership growth within the district. He has most recently agreed to serve as a member of the LHAC Council Executive Board, providing representation from the Thunderhead District for the first time in many years, and he continues to provide critical support and guidance to the Thunderhead District whenever called upon to do so.

James Charles Orris

James Orris started out as a Cub Scout in Saint Clair as a youth and then continued later in his life as an adult leader in troop 216 as an assistant Scoutmaster specializing in teaching the new Scouts through first class. He must have done a great job because at least fifty of them continued on to Eagle Scout. He also served seventeen years as a unit commissioner in the Blue Water Council.

While with Troop 216, he participated on many high adventures such as canoeing in Kalinary and Pukaskwa Provincial Parks; back packing in the Porky Pine Mountains Appalachian Trail, where his group experienced their first major injury when Jim broke his leg on the trail and had to be packed out on horseback. A bad experience but a great story.



In the spring of 2006 Jim established Venturing Crew 7772 in the Midland area and a new home, where his vast experience was put to good use teaching Scouting skills as well as leadership. He has been on almost every high adventure with the crew ranging from canoeing in the Canadian wilderness, backpacking on Isle Royale and whitewater rafting in West Virginia. He has been active at many trainings and events such as Merit Badge College, University of Scouting, Powder Horn and Kodiak.

Jim also organized a marriage encounter group and Sings in the church choir. He is very involved with his family, such as taking a wood carving class with his father and taking his grandson on this year's whitewater rafting trip.

Jim has received his Arrowhead Honors award, Distinguished Commissioners Award, Venturing Training award and the Venturing Leadership Award.

Dr. Michael Parmer



Mike earned the rank of Eagle with Troop 238 in Saginaw, MI in 1971. He has been a leader with LHAC for over 16 years. He has held numerous positions in several units and at LHAC. Mike has been an Asst. Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Troop Comm. Member, Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, District Advancement committee member, District Advancement Chair, a staff member for the University of Scouting, Council Commissioner Conference, Merit Badge College, 3 Wood Badge courses, and Powderhorn Course. At the council level, he has served as Council V.P. of Programs, Council Commissioner and LHAC Board member.

Mike was inducted into the OA in 1969 and received Brotherhood membership in 1970. He received Vigil Honor in 2003. He has served as the Michiganonong Lodge #89 Activities Advisor for 3 years. Currently, he is Medical Officer for the Lodge and has served on the medical staff for 2 NOAC events, Arrow Corp 5 at the Bridger Teton site, NCLS, and is currently on the medical staff for the 2010 National Jamboree.

Very active in his community, he was the Bay Health Systems Medical Group Chief of Staff for 1997-2000 and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2000. He has been a Deputy Medical Examiner for Bay County since 1998; Chair of the Ethics Committee and member of the Quality Improvement Committee for Bay Regional Medical Center; a member of the Bay County Bioterrorism Response Unit; Chief Medical Director for the McLaren Health System over Hospice and Palliative Care services. He has been a volunteer physician at the Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic in Essexville since 2004 and is an Asst. Clinical Professor at both Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine and MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has received numerous awards both from Scouting and from the community. Some of these include Wood Badge Beads, Wood Badge Staff Beads, Powder horn Device, Boy Scout Training Award, District Award of Merit, Arrowhead Award, 1997 and 2001 Bay Regional Medical Center Family Practitioner of the Year Award and the 2003 National Champion of International 110 Class of Sailboat Racing trophy.

Mike lives and exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law by always providing cheerful service and by always assisting in both adult and youth programs to both train and 'set the example' for our future leaders.

Mike and his wife, Debora, have been married for 29 years. They have two sons, Andrew, 24 and Nathan, 21 who are both Eagle Scouts.

Stanley L. Smith

Stan has been an adult leader for over twelve years, serving as Cubmaster for Pack 3645 and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 645, always with an emphasis on serving the youth of his community.



He has attended and helped plan many activities and campouts such as camporees and a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch. Stan has attended and helped staff many trainings, such as OWL, BALOO, Wood Badge, Pow-Wow and University of Scouting, always with a big smile and a willing hand. Over the years Stan has assisted in staffing many Cub Scout Camping events such as Day Camps, Fun with Son Overnight Camps, Lad and Dad Weekend Camps, Mom and Me overnight Camps, and Webelos Resident Camps. He is a member of the Order of The Arrow and has received the Cub Scouter Award, Scouter's Training Award and the District Award of Merit.

Stan has served his community on several committees and events: Harrison High School band, Daddy-Daughter annual dance, Red Cross CERT training and many more. He serves his church on the building and grounds committee and as a Sunday school teacher.

In all, Stan's dedication to serving America's youth is described as unsurpassed.

Cari Warren

Cari has been a Tiger Den Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, Pack Committee Member, Troop Committee Member, Crew Committee Member and a Merit Badge Counselor.



Cari served as Day Camp Director and is currently the District Cub Scout Program Chairman for the Chippewa District. She was in charge of the Cub Scout program for the Council Camporee that was held in Caseville and is a co-chairman for the Council's one-day adventure camps held at Camp Rotary. Cari has been on staff several years for our Council's Resident Camp plus she has been on staff for Resident Camp in two other councils. She has also been on staff for "Shooting Star" which is a handicap camp in another council.

Cari has been in charge of Roundtable and Cub Scout training, plus she has been on staff for IOLS-WOLF-BALOO and University of Scouting numerous times. When her district was in between District Executives, she would volunteer at the Council Service Center to make sure the school night flyers went out, plus anything else that was needed to be done for the district. She was the first person in the council to develop a Summer Tiger Cub program in her district.

Cari works in the public schools in a special needs classroom. Sometimes she has to deal with students who try to hurt themselves or others. It takes a special person to do the kind of work she does. It is a very stressful and demanding job. She was also a PTO member and helped organize the school carnivals.

Both the troop and crew are sponsored by different churches, so she has helped with several service projects for the churches.

Cari's husband and three boys are all involved in Scouting. They have one son that has already earned his Eagle Scout Award and two that have earned their Venturing Silver Award.