

Crew 1948: Monroe County Fair Service Troop Experience

Participant's Packet—PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

This summer, Troop 1948 will be providing the 79th year of service to the Monroe County Fair. It takes many Scouts and Scouters to ensure that Troop 1948 functions efficiently and safely. If you are interested in service to your community and a unique Scouting opportunity, then the Troop 1948 experience may be for you. Please read over all information carefully and fill out your application completely. You must be currently registered with a Troop or Crew, and you will also be required to complete a Multiple Youth Application to join Crew 1948 (if applicable) which operates the Fair Troop, at no cost to you. Questions and completed application materials may be directed to the T1948 leaders below.

Event Timeline

June 15 th , 2026	Completed application packets for both youth and adults are due
June 30 th , 2026	Applicants will be notified as to acceptance no later than this date
July 15 th , 2026	6:30pm, Orientation Meeting for all participants, Munson Park, 2770 N. Custer Rd., Monroe, MI
July 31 st , 2026	6:30-8:30pm, set up campsite fencing and dining flies at fairgrounds
August 2 nd , 2026	12-4pm participant check-in and set-up; all participants on-site by Sunday dinner
August 9 th , 2026	Final Clean-up (we typically are able to dismiss Scouts no earlier than 1pm)

Required Paperwork

- Youth Fair Week Application (20 and under) ~OR~
- Adult Fair Week Application (21+), including copies of all applicable trainings and certifications
- 2026 printing of BSA's [Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B & C](#) (will be returned at close of camp)
***Available online at scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety
- Informed Consent and Parental Release Form, if under 18.
- Parental Permission to Drive to/from Fairgrounds & Youth Work/Activity Schedule, if under 18 and applicable.
- Signed Code of Conduct

What to Bring

- Complete Field Uniform is required--you will wear it several times throughout the week
- Clothing and footwear suitable for working hard and getting dirty, including work gloves
- Rain gear, sun gear, clothing suitable for the season
- Multiple pairs of closed toed shoes and plenty of extra socks
- NO tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Individually-sized tent, cot, sleeping bag, etc.
- Personal hygiene kit, towels, etc.
- Scout Handbook, blue cards, notebook, pencils
- NO PLUG-IN ELECTRONICS or appliances, no TVs or DVD players, NO PROJECTILES
- Wristwatch, or other time-keeping device

Thank you for your consideration of service with Crew 1948.

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Monroe County Fair Service Troop Experience Information, 2026

Cost/Participant Selection

Since you will be providing a valuable service to the public, there is no cost to join Crew 1948 to participate in the Service Troop event. Meals, and hopefully some “extras,” will be provided for you, but you will still want to bring personal spending money. Participants must have a minimum 1 year experience in Scouts BSA or Venturing, be willing to work hard, meet and work with Youth and Adults from other Units, and take direction from Crew 1948 leaders. We have room for up to 25 event participants; if you are selected to participate, you will be notified no later than June 30th, 2026.

Leadership

Though we are a Venturing Crew on paper, we function largely as a Troop. The Service Troop experience is a yearly event held to provide services to the public through our assistance in keeping the Monroe County Fairgrounds clean. During your time as a member of the Service Troop, you will be under the direction of Crew 1948 leaders, and you are expected to afford our leaders the same respect as you would the leaders in your primary Troop or Crew. Should any problems arise at camp, they will be handled by the Adult Leaders of Crew 1948, though we reserve the right to consult with your regular Scoutmaster or Advisor, should the need arise.

Uniforms/Behavior/Camp Appearance

Yes, we do some dirty jobs, but to the public we are the face of Scouting, therefore we shall take pride in presenting a neat, clean, uniform appearance. In addition to clothing suitable for working in, you will need:

- Field Uniform with correctly placed insignia (see [Uniform Inspection Sheet/Insignia Guide/Venturing Uniform Guide](#))
- Activity Uniform—t-shirt will be provided upon arrival at camp

Participants in the Service Troop experience are expected to wear the uniform as directed by the Youth Leaders and Adult Scouters of Crew 1948. Additionally, Scouts are expected to keep the campsite, both the common areas and their own tents, in a neat, orderly state. Please remember that you are representing the Scouting Program to the public, and as such your actions, language, and appearance should reflect the Scout Oath and Law.

Camp Accessibility

Being the public face of Scouting, the Troop/Crew 1948 campsite is to remain open to the public during posted hours. Family, friends and the public are welcome in the common areas of camp ONLY; no one should be in or around your tent but you. A minimum of two Adult Leaders will be available in camp at all times. Separate tenting areas are designated for male and female participants, and for Scouts under the age of 18, Scouts aged 18-20, and Scouters aged 21+. There will be no sharing of tents, except in the case of family members within 2 years of age of each other tenting together.

Electricity Availability

Except for *monitored charging stations* for cell phones and hand-held/palm-sized gaming devices, you WILL NOT have access to electricity in camp. All electronics must be clearly labeled with the Scout's name; we will provide an acceptable area and set time for game-playing. Do not bring TVs, DVD players, or any electronic devices other than a cell phone and/or a hand-held/palm-sized gaming device. Crew 1948 cannot be held responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal property.

Leaving the Campsite

Scouts are required to notify leaders whenever leaving the Troop/Crew 1948 campsite. If you are leaving the campsite, but remaining on the Fairgrounds, it is required that you utilize the Buddy System. Everyone in camp will use the “Buddy Board” to indicate their whereabouts.

Leaving the Fairgrounds

In addition to utilizing the “Buddy Board,” if you are under 18 and leaving the Fairgrounds, a parent/guardian/approved adult must sign you out of camp and back in when you return. All Scouts and leaders who leave the Fairgrounds are required to sign out and in to camp. We are accountable for you at all times. Scouts under 18 with a valid driver's license and a vehicle on-site must have a parental permission slip on file in order to drive themselves to and from the Fairgrounds. Similarly, Scouts cannot be released to anyone other than a parent/guardian without the parent's/guardian's written consent. These rules are for the safety of all our Scouts and Leaders.

******Participation in this event affords Scouts much freedom and requires a great deal of personal responsibility on the part of the Scout. Our Leaders are well-trained to operate this High Adventure camp which focuses on personal management skills while performing service work. If you have questions or concerns about allowing your minor child to participate in an event of this nature, please feel free to contact one of our Leaders to discuss the expectations for those who join Crew 1948 for the Service Troop experience.******

Primary Unit Leader (Scoutmaster or Advisor) Information:

Scout's Name _____ Troop/Crew _____

I certify that the above named applicant has attained a minimum of one year experience in Scouts BSA or Venturing, is a member in good standing of Troop/Crew _____, and has my recommendation to participate in Monroe County Fair Service Troop 1948.

Signature _____ Date _____ Best Contact Number _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Mother _____

Address (if different from applicant's) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email address _____

Father _____

Address (if different from applicant's) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email address _____

Informed Consent Agreement, 2026

I/we understand that participation in the Monroe County Fair Service Troop event offered by Crew 1948, Running Waters District, Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America, involves a certain degree of risk. I/we have carefully considered the risk involved and consent to participate and/or allow my son/daughter to participate in the Monroe County Fair Service Troop 1948 August 2-9, 2026.

Scout's Name _____ Scout's Signature _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

Parental Release Form, 2026 (For leaving the Monroe County Fairgrounds)

Must be completed for Scouts under 18 years of age

In addition to the parents listed above, Crew 1948 has my/our permission to release my/our child _____ to the following adult (over the age of 18) individuals only:

Name _____ Relationship to Scout _____

Name _____ Relationship to Scout _____

Name _____ Relationship to Scout _____

I understand these individuals will be required to meet with a Crew 1948 leader to personally sign my/our child out of camp. Scouts will not be released to anyone who is not listed on this form.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Parental Permission for Youth Drivers, 2026

Getting to and from Scouting events is a risk for all participants and can lead to severe and even fatal accidents that impact the Scouting family. Please use the framework below in addition to the [SAFE Transportation Checklist](#) and [Pre-Trip Inspection](#) for all transportation to and from Scouting activities. The Scouter Code of Conduct includes: When transporting Scouts, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.

General guidelines are as follows:

1. It is essential to have safe and responsible transportation for all Scouting activities.
2. When possible, use public carriers—for example, trains, buses, and commercial airlines for group travel.
3. Drivers are expected to follow all applicable traffic laws and not drive if impaired or distracted—for example texting, while driving.
4. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked, including a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) when required.
5. **Youth drivers are prohibited. Must be 18 years of age or older.**
6. Must meet Scouting's Barriers to Abuse Supervision requirements, including two-deep leadership and no one-on-one during transportation. See this FAQ.
7. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period, regardless of drivers available. Frequent breaks are required, including rest, food, and recreation. Do not drive when distracted or drowsy.
8. The use of private aviation for transportation is prohibited.
9. Motor vehicles used to transport Scouts must complete Pre-Trip Transportation Inspection before travel. This includes correcting all deficiencies.
10. All occupants must wear factory-installed seatbelts. This includes the use of appropriate car seats for youth.
11. Transportation of passengers in a pickup or truck bed, recreational camper or towed trailer is prohibited. See limited exception for parade and hayrides.
12. The use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 is prohibited.
13. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed the requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry ten or more passengers should have a limit of \$1,000,000. For insurance information refer to the Insurance section in the Guide to Safe Scouting.
14. When towing the tow vehicle driver has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to operate the vehicle with the attached unit.
15. Except for council-run ATV programs, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Golf Carts, Light Transport Vehicles (LTV's), Utility Transport Vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides are banned from program use. This prohibition includes their use at the unit level. NCAP Standard FA-711 provides a standard by which councils and camps may use this equipment.

Scouts who meet the applicable conditions and have parental permission will be allowed to sign themselves in and out of camp and drive themselves, unaccompanied and unsupervised, to and from the Fairgrounds.

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to drive themselves to and from the Monroe County Fairgrounds, unaccompanied and unsupervised, for the purpose of participating in the Monroe County Fair Service Troop 1948. I further give my child permission to sign themselves out of camp in order to leave the facility **for the dates and times indicated on the back of this form ONLY.**

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Troop/Crew 1948 Youth Activity Schedule

If your Scout needs to leave the Monroe County Fairgrounds for any reason (e.g. a doctor's appointment), please indicate the necessary time(s) and date(s) below. If your child has your permission to drive to and from camp, ***these are THE ONLY instances*** when they will be allowed to sign themselves out of camp, otherwise a parent/guardian must personally come to the Troop 1948 campsite to sign them out.

Scout's name _____

Sunday, August 2nd _____ 12-4pm is check-in for ALL Scouts and Leaders

Monday, August 3rd _____ Veterans Day Parade and Program

Tuesday, August 4th _____ DEMOLITION DERBY NIGHT

Wednesday, August 5th _____

Thursday, August 6th _____

Friday, August 7th _____

Saturday, August 8th _____

Sunday, August 9th _____ FINAL CLEAN UP DAY—ALL HANDS REQUIRED Check-Out Approx. 1pm

Troop & Crew 1948 Code of Conduct, 2026

To ensure that all Scouts and Scouters have a good experience as part of the Monroe County Fair Service Troop, we ask that all Scouts, parents, and leaders read carefully and sign below.

1. As a Scout, I agree to obey the Scout Oath and Law.
The Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.
The Scout Oath: On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.
2. I will follow all rules of the Scouting America, Monroe County Fair, Crew 1948, and Service Troop 1948.
3. I will follow all safety rules.
4. I will listen to all Leaders and do as they instruct me to, unless I feel uncomfortable, in which case I will then let that Leader, or another Leader, know that I am uncomfortable.
5. I will participate in all activities while in attendance, unless excused by a Scoutmaster/Advisor.
6. If I have any problems, difficulties, or concerns I will inform my Patrol Leader. If I am not comfortable talking with my Patrol Leader, or the Senior Patrol Leader, I will speak to a Scoutmaster/Advisor/Committee Member.
7. I will not humiliate my fellow Scouts in any way.
8. I understand that profanity will not be tolerated.
9. I will not break or destroy Fair Association, Crew, Troop, or personal property.
10. I will show respect to all fellow Scouts and Leaders. I will, in turn, receive respect.
11. Rule violations will be handled by the Patrol Leader Council (PLC). In extreme cases, or when the PLC is unable to resolve the issue, Adult Leaders will be involved. Each violation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. I understand that not following these rules may lead to IMMEDIATE dismissal from the Service Troop.
12. All adults, both Leaders and parents, are expected to comply with the intent of this Code of Conduct.

I/we have read the Code of Conduct and I/we agree to follow the Code of Conduct at all times.

Scout's Name _____ Scout's Signature _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____
(if Scout is under the age of 18)

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____
(if Scout is under the age of 18)

~OR~

Crew 1948 Leader's Name _____

Crew 1948 Leader's Signature _____



FAIR TROOP YOUTH SUPERVISION AND LEADERSHIP UNDERSTANDING

This document is not a legally binding agreement and is intended solely to acknowledge understanding of the information outlined below.

As the parent or legal guardian of (Youth Name) _____, I understand that during the Monroe County Fair Service Week Event (Fair Troop), experienced Youth Participants may be designated as Staff Members and may assist in supervising other Youth during various activities and duties on the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

While ultimate responsibility remains with designated Adult Leadership, there will be occasions when Youth Leaders are entrusted with limited supervisory responsibilities for other Youth Participants, both within and outside the confines of our campsite on the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This long-standing practice is intended to enhance the overall experience for all participants.

During periods when Scouts are off-duty from their Fair Troop assignments, they will have opportunities to participate in approved activities on the Fairgrounds. These activities include visiting displays or vendors, attending shows, and other experiences appropriate to the program.

All such activities will be conducted in accordance with Scouting's Barriers to Abuse policies, including strict adherence to the Buddy System at all times.

Please indicate your understanding of this policy by checking the appropriate statement, and signing below:

- I accept the above and understand my child may be temporarily under the supervision of Youth Leadership.
- I would prefer that my child remains under the direct care of Adult Leadership and understand that this may limit their ability to fully participate in some functions and opportunities of the Fair Troop Program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Adult Application

Monroe County Fair Service Troop Event: August 2-9, 2026

Completed applications are due by June 15th.

Must be 21 and complete all necessary training/certifications before the start of camp.

Name _____ Primary registration: Unit _____ District

Current Scouting position(s) _____ Held how long? _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Will you be at least 21 years of age by the start of camp? yes no

→→→Please circle your T-shirt size Adult: S M L XL XXL 2XL 3XL 4XL

What leadership position are you seeking with Crew 1948?

Assistant Scoutmaster/Associate Advisor Committee Member

What experience do you have in this capacity? _____

Training and Certification Requirements

*Please be prepared to provide copies of the following documents. *denotes trainings available online*

*Current Safeguarding Youth Training Certificate

*Current Weather Hazards Training Certificate

*Troop/Crew Committee Challenge Training Certificate (for Committee Members only)

*Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, or equivalent, Certificate (for Scoutmasters, Advisors, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Associate Advisors only)

*Position Specific Training Certificate

*Two hours of additional relevant Scouting Training

State of MI Central Registry Clearance Letter (must be applied for yearly)

Effective May 2025 The Child Care Background Check Unit within the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) has implemented a new process for obtaining a central registry clearance, which is required for staff members (18 years and older) and unsupervised volunteers, i.e., leaders and visitors, (21 years of age or older) at camp. The new process is simple, free, and can be done completely online. To get started, go to www.michigan.gov/ccbc-camps, and create a new account.

Note: Turnaround time to receive your clearance letter is usually only a few days, but can be a little over a week.
Please apply for this a.s.a.p. to ensure it arrives in time.

State of Michigan iChat background check (Council will conduct at their expense, leaders just need to authorize)

Adult Leader Availability

While we need several Leaders to live on-site for the duration of the event, we also need Leaders who can come in to supervise camp, help with evening activities or otherwise relieve the on-site staff. There are many ways for Leaders to support the Service Troop.

- I can help with pitching camp. (July 31st, 2026 at 6:30 pm)
- I will be living on-site for the duration of this event.
- I will not be living on-site; I am available the following dates and times:

Sunday, August 2nd _____ (12-4 is check-in for ALL Scouts and leaders)

Monday, August 3rd _____ (Veterans Day Parade and Program)

Tuesday, August 4th _____ (Demolition Derby night—extra help appreciated)

Wednesday, August 5th _____

Thursday, August 6th _____

Friday, August 7th _____

Saturday, August 8th _____

Sunday, August 9th _____ (Final Clean Up—extra help appreciated!!!)

Please attach copies of certificates for all required training, your 2026 State of Michigan Central Registry Clearance Letter, a signed copy of the Troop & Crew 1948 Code of Conduct, and your BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A, B, and C (2026 revision) to your application.

Your application cannot be considered complete until ALL paperwork is in order.