



Keynote Speaker

Charles Gemar
Space Shuttle Astronaut

Charles D. "Sam" Gemar was born August 4, 1955, in Yankton, S.D., but considers home to be Scotland, S.D. He graduated from Scotland Public High School in 1973. He enlisted in the army in January 1973 and reported for duty on June 11, 1973.

In November 1973, Gemar was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and later a Department of the Army appointment to join the U.S. Military Academy. He received a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the Academy in 1979.

In October 1980, he transferred to the 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, Ga., where he remained until January 1, 1985.

Selected by NASA in June 1985, Gemar completed a one-year training and evaluation program and became an astronaut in July 1986 where he was qualified for assignment as a mission specialist on future Space Shuttle flight crews.

Gemar has flown three times and logged more than 580 hours in space. He flew on STS-38 (November 15-20, 1990), STS-48 (September 12-18, 1991), and STS-62 (March 4-18, 1994).

Among numerous honors and citations, Gemar is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, National Intelligence Medal of Achievement, NASA Achievement Medal, and three NASA Space Flight Medals.

After retiring from the Department of the Army and NASA, Gemar joined Bombardier Aerospace in 1997 as an engineering test pilot and Chief, Flight Test Operations and Safety. He is currently Chief, Flight Test and Shuttle Operations at the Bombardier Flight Test Center in Wichita, Kansas.

Gemar is married to the former Charlene Stringer of Savanna. They have two children, including an Eagle Scout. Gemar enjoys water sports, snow skiing, flying, and travel. He volunteers with his local Boy Scout Council.

Building Character Celebration 2013



2013 is the 60th anniversary of the Pinewood Derby.



Monday, April 22 – 5 p.m.
DeVos Place, Steelcase Ballroom
303 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

A community tribute for Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle Scout or Silver Award in 2012.



Sue and Jim Williams

Distinguished Citizens of the Year



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Patrick Parker

National Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards



Christopher Edgar

SPACE: THE ULTIMATE HIGH GROUND



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Monday, April 22, 2013

The President Ford Field Service Council cordially invites you to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America's contributions in our communities.

Program Highlights

- Tribute to the 2012 Eagle Scout and Silver Award Class
- National Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards:
Patrick Parker and Christopher Edgar
- Distinguished Citizens: Sue and Jim Williams
- Keynote Speaker: Charles "Sam" Gemar
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DeVos Place Steelcase Ballroom

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration and Reception

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Eagle Scout or Silver Award Class of 2012	Fee is sponsored
Family Member of Eagle Scout or Silver Award Class of 2012	\$45
Event Ticket (<i>includes full dinner and program</i>)	\$75
Eagle Scout Sponsorship (<i>sponsors a 2012 Class member's meal</i>)	\$75
VIP Table Sponsor (<i>Event & VIP Reception tickets for 8</i>)	\$2,000

Register online at MichiganScouting.org/PresidentFord

Reservations due by Friday, April 12, 2013

(Add \$25 per person after April 12)

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