



SCOUTS STAND OUT.

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The FOS campaign provides 20% of the council budget every year. That means nearly a quarter of every dollar in the council budget comes from the generosity of Scouting families, alumni and community supporters. Without this funding, our council could not provide the resources necessary to provide a quality, adventure-filled scouting program.

In 2018, 23% of our Scouting families supported the Friend of Scouting campaign. This year, our goal is to invite even more families to support the campaign – at any level. Your unit will most likely have a Family FOS presentation at its biggest meeting or awards banquet of the year. At that time, a volunteer presenter will ask you to join other Scouting families in financially supporting the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Your support can be a pledge paid over the remainder of the year, cash, check, or credit card. And, many employers offer matching gift programs to double your support.

Please keep Scouting strong in our area by contributing to the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. We rely on the generosity of donors like you who share our vision. Here are just a few ways your donation helps our local youth:

- 200 **STEM events** and activities each year with 3,000 youth participating.
- \$130,000+ in **summer camp assistance** to Scouts who did not have the financial means to participate.
- 120 **career Exploring** programs sponsored locally by businesses like Edward Jones, police and fire departments, hospitals like Christian Hospital, and STEM companies like Boeing.
- **Strong partnerships** with school districts and community organizations providing Scouting in 110 impoverished schools.
- New tents, cots, tent platforms, climbing equipment, pool upgrades, inflatable icebergs, and paddle boats at our **camp properties**.

69,000 young people rely on the generosity of donors like you
to grow into successful adults through Scouting programs and activities.

To learn more or donate online, please visit <http://stlbsa.org/donate>

Did you know the \$33 annual Scouting registration fee goes directly to the national office of the Boy Scouts of America? And, if a Scout unit collects dues, that money stays with the unit to help pay for supplies, advancements and other activities. That means none of that money goes to help the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

Your generous tax-deductible gift to the Greater St. Louis Area Council, which provides direct funding for Scouting's life-changing programs that program fees alone do not cover, is a statement about your belief in Scouting and helping young people grow into successful adults.