

# FAQ'S

### Does the money stay in my District?

**Response:** Our Council serves over 30,000 youth each year. To ensure all youth have access to Scouting, donations are not necessarily given directly back to Districts, however, all Districts receive equal program opportunities.

# How much of my donation does the National Council get?

*Response:* Of your Annual Giving donation, no money goes to the National Council. All donations stay local.

#### Can I tell you where to designate my donation?

**Response:** We love hearing stories about what part of Scouting means the most to you! While you are certainly able to designate your gift, our Council leadership works with our volunteers and families. each year to identify the areas of greatest need for the Council; and we hope that you will make a general donation to provide the best Scouting experience for all youth.

# What is the actual cost of Scouting?

**Response:** Scouting varies based on the level of participation. The average cost for most young people is around \$200-\$250 and this does not include camping or additional activities. Can you afford to do more to help others?

# Bankruptcy – is the Council financially stable?

**Response:** We know there has been press about the Boy Scouts. Please know that the Greater St. Louis Area Scouting organization is its own 501(c)3 and manages its' own finances. independent of the national organization. We are proud to have a very stable budget and a robust endowment. It is critical to continue to provide quality leadership opportunities for our local youth; and the Greater St. Louis Area Scouting organization is positioned to do so.