



Scouting is where

youth build character,
learn to lead,
make life-long friends
and have a
once-in-a-lifetime
experience.
Scouting is where
bright futures begin.

“There’s no question; our youth and community benefit from every young man or woman committed to living by the Scout Oath. I watched my son advance through Scouting and become the young man he is today. If there’s anything I can do to make that happen for every Scout, I will gladly do it.”

Buzz Eckelkamp
Council Commissioner and Scout Dad



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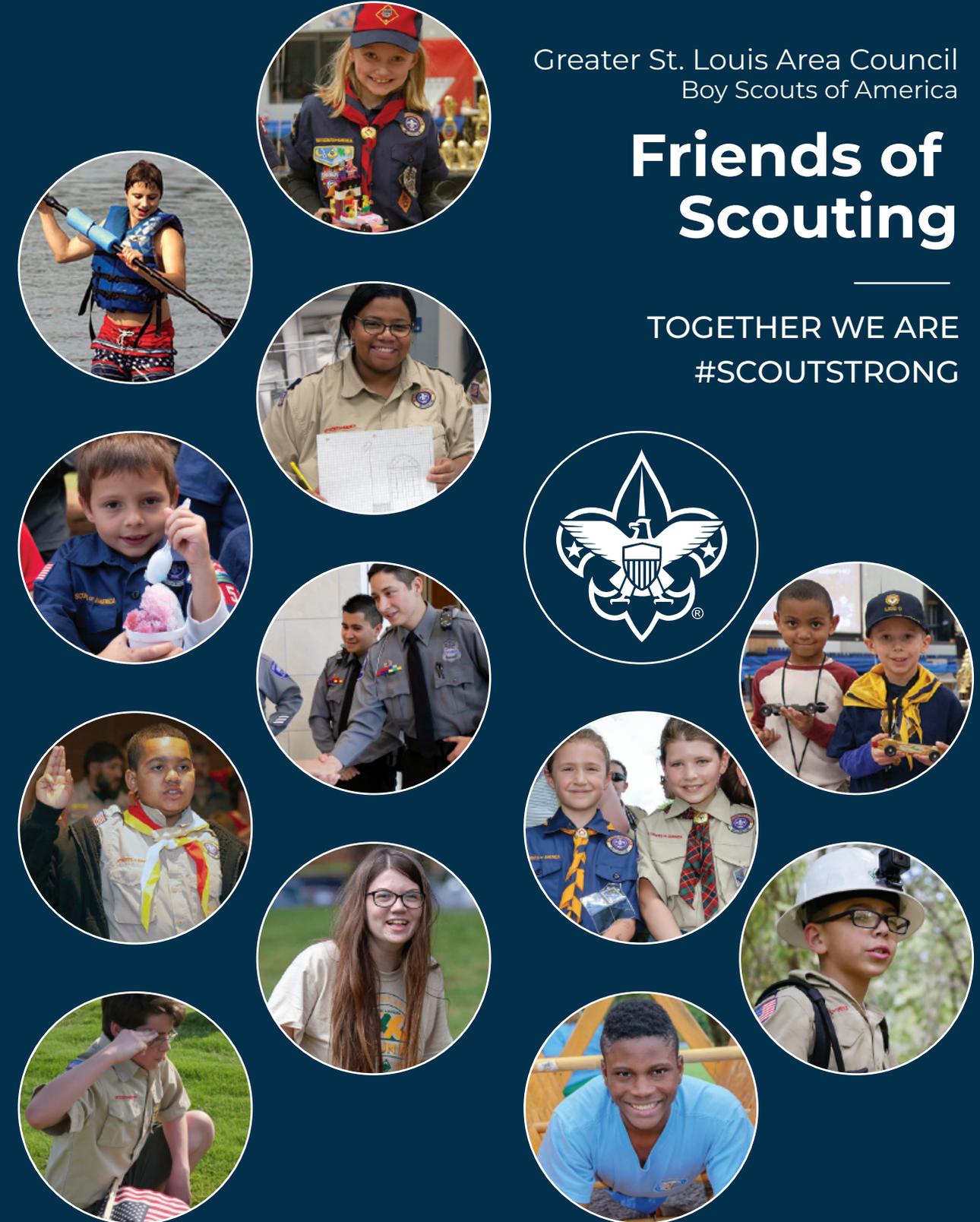
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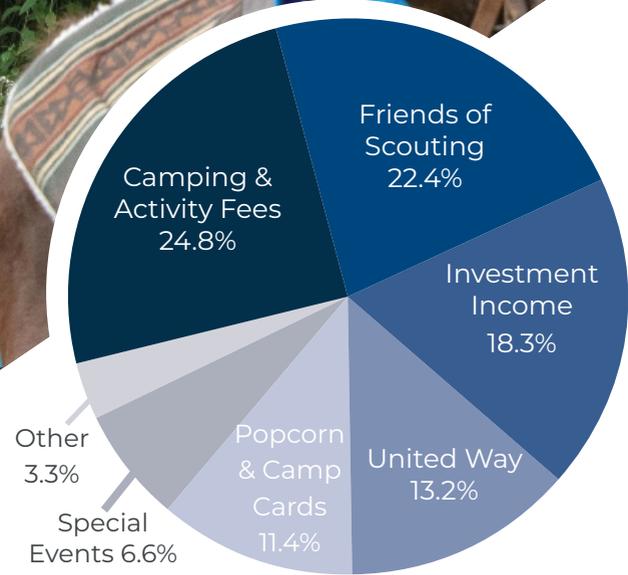
A Year Like No Other

The challenges of the past year have left many young people with a lowered sense of control and connection to their peers and mentors. Schools and other organizations suspended programs for long periods of time, yet Scouting's programs continued. The council helped volunteers shift weekly meetings to online sessions, offered virtual merit badge sessions, created Cub Scout programming videos, offered virtual campouts and campfire programs, and continued to provide safe outdoor programs.

"Scouting has profoundly affected my life, and that's why I happily volunteer today. When I was growing up, my family didn't have a lot of money, and the camp scholarships I received were the only way I was able to have those life-changing experiences. I know now that those scholarships came from contributions to Friends of Scouting."



Kenny Wolff—River Trails District



How Scouting Is Funded Expense Breakdown:
 Program 86%, Fundraising 9%,
 Management 5%

Your Friends of Scouting Gift Makes a Difference

- ▶ Serving nearly 47,000 youth across 63 counties in Missouri and Illinois with our unique Scouting program.
- ▶ Giving every youth the chance to be a Scout, no matter their economic circumstances.
- ▶ Providing support and training of 12,079 volunteer leaders who deliver the Scouting program to our region's youth.
- ▶ Providing a high standard of protection for our youth with robust leader training and safety measures.
- ▶ Delivering fun and unique adventures you will only find in Scouting.

The Cost of Scouting

The council pays \$216 per Scout, which provides one year of our wonderful program (beyond our National BSA registration fees). The annual Friends of Scouting Campaign provides direct support to operate our council and our local districts through:

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| Camp properties for summer and weekend camping and activities | Community outreach |
| Activities and programs for scouts | Membership recruitment and advancement |
| Training and courses for leaders | Service centers & scout shops |
| Assistance to disadvantaged youth | Accident and general liability insurance |



"One of my favorite activities was rock climbing with my Troop. It was really fun because we drove to Illinois, talked along the way, and got to know each other since that was one of our first outings. It was really fun to rock climb and I earned my first merit badge."

Kylie Phipps of Troop 313, Fenton, MO



Boy Scouts of America Programs

Cub Scouts Fun activities, challenging adventures, and community service projects allow Cub Scouts to discover the importance of cooperation, citizenship, responsibility and physical fitness. (girls and boys in grades k-5)

Scouts BSA Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. (girls and boys ages 11-17)

Exploring This career exploration and work force development program gives youth practical insight and hands-on knowledge in a career field of their choice. (youth ages 14-20)

Venturing provides positive experiences for pursuing special interests, growing by teaching others, and developing leadership skills. (youth ages 14-20)