



# Friends of Scouting Newsletter

Calapooia District

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### Special points of interest:

- Briefly highlight your point of interest here.

**First Unit at Goal**  
**Troop 7322 \$1,700**  
**Who will be next?**

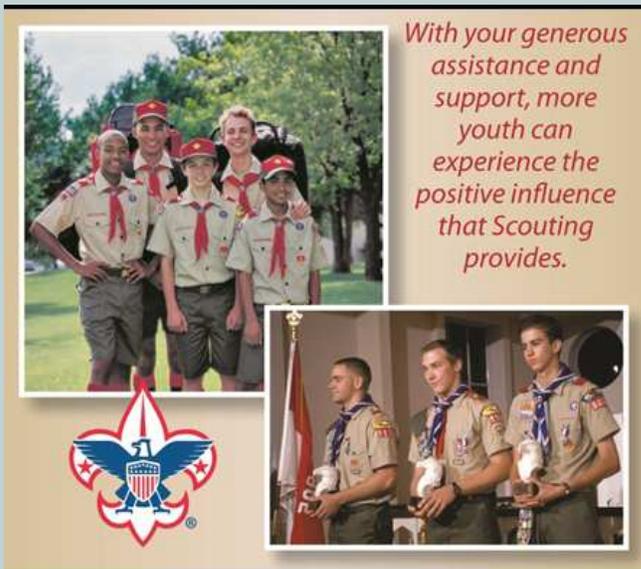
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## Best Advice for Leaders

Most of the parents who come to a pack or troop parents' meeting in order to hear a pitch for Friends of Scouting know very little about how Scouting is funded.

They know that they pay their child's annual registration fee, and that the child pays dues to his unit and probably subscribes to *Boys' Life*. So why are they being asked for more money?



Friends of Scouting donations to the local council are a vital source of income for most councils. So it's important that the parents understand what the local council does and why they should give.

Explain that the council organizes and supports new units, provides a Scout camp with lots of facilities, operates a service center for Scouting equipment, and has a staff of Scouting professionals to help districts and units to succeed.

Now is the time to set a date for a presentation in February. You will soon be asked for a unit presentation date. Please begin thinking about a date to present FOS to your families.

## Why Should I Give?

### Why should I give to Friends of Scouting?

Friends of Scouting provides roughly 35% of the money needed to operate the Cascade Pacific Council's Scouting camps, programs and facilities for a calendar year. These camping and training facilities are the "outdoor classrooms" in which Scouts have fun, learn leadership skills and develop into better young men and women. The Cascade Pacific Council spends approximately \$175 per Scout each year to deliver these benefits and much more.





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**“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”**

**Lord Baden Powell**

### FOS Turn-in Dates

**February 14th @7pm  
Lebanon LDS Chapel**

**February 28th @5pm  
Albany Scout Office**

**March 14th @7pm  
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### What is It All For?

**Friends of Scouting** pays for the much needed services for our program. Training, Roundtables, district support, office support, staff, and year-around maintenance of our camping facilities...to name a few. The money from FOS is important to the ongoing support of Scouting. Get involved!

### The Focus

A Friend of Scouting provides a vital portion of the financial support we need to teach Scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America’s future leaders. You can help shape that future by investing in Scouting today.

Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the

community. This is true as much today as 100 years ago. It is easy to share how their money is spent. Every FOS Brochure has a pie chart showing income and expenses. This year I encourage you to speak from the heart. Share why Scouting is important to you and how Scouting has affected your son’s life. Your honesty will help you share the message of Scouting.

The contributions you collect today will help Scouting long into the future. How?

New packs and troops will be started and many more boys will benefit from Scouting. The council’s summer camp’s will receive the care they need. District programs will continue to reach new leaders and families new to Scouting. New leaders will receive the training and support they need. The council will also provide a staff ready and willing to help units succeed as they travel the Scouting journey.

### Keys to Success

1. Conduct an FOS Presentation at a pack meeting or troop court of honor.
2. Follow-up with every family. It is the goal to ask each family to participate.
3. Ask for help. Your District Director, Eric Hearn 541-928-6694 or [ehearn@cpcbsa.org](mailto:ehearn@cpcbsa.org) can help with materials and the presentation.

### LDS Corner

Scouting is more than fun and games. For the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

Scouting supports the purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood. For example, as boys accept leadership positions in their troop, team or crew, they “prepare to serve in priesthood callings and fulfill the responsibilities of priesthood offices.” Even more, they prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances, serve an honorable, full time mission, and become a worthy husband and father.

**President Monson said it best: “I believe in the power of**

**Scouting to bless and enrich lives for good.”**



Elder Melvin Hammond (General Young Men’s President, April 24, 2003. Sandy Utah.) Elder Hammond said The Church supports Friends of Scouting. We believe in it. It is the way to fund the program on a local level.

Don’t ask a few select people in the ward. Ask many people in the ward. Let the many help in this effort. Every person in the ward should have an opportunity to bless a boy in scouts through Friends of Scouting. If they give, they’ll be part of it. Ask them all. I recently spend \$88 for dinner with my family, but I was still hungry the next morning. Is \$100 too much for the worth of a boy? Understand the true value here.