



Friends of Scouting Newsletter

Calapooia District

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Units at Goal

Troop 7322 \$1,700

Troop 99 \$1,600

Pack and Troop 333

\$2,005

Pack and Troop 334

2,100

Who will be next?

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What is Friends of Scouting?

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the Cascade Pacific Council asks Scouting families, businesses and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to tens of thousands of young people in our Council.

Why should I give to Friends of Scouting?

Friends of Scouting provides roughly one third 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 Council spends approximately \$175 per Scout each year to deliver these benefits and much more.

Why turn-in Friends of Scouting early?

Waiting on a cashed check

How often are we waiting for our checks to be cashed? How often do we wait until our debit cards are processed? Donors often get frustrated when their checks or debit cards are not processed in 5 to 10 days. It is important to our donors that we make a turn-in within a week after the original FOS Presentation. Units are given several audit envelopes to turn-in contributions. Envelopes should be turned-in after contributions are collected. A typical unit might turn-in 2-3 audit envelopes during the campaign.

Use of the Audit Envelope

The audit envelope is used to record the pledge cards contained inside the envelope. The audit envelope should also be used to ensure all pledge cards are completed correctly and submitted.

Unit Checks for FOS

Although it might seem easier to use a unit check, please do not use unit check to pay FOS. The Internal Revenue Service can only issue a tax deduction to the issuer of the gift. Please make sure the pledge card matches the name on the check or debit card. These details are important to ensure tax deductions are recorded correctly.



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“Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live.”

Lord Robert Baden Powell-Founder

FOS Turn-in Dates

March 28th @5pm
Albany Scout Office

April 11th @7pm
Lebanon LDS Chapel

April 25th @5pm
Albany Scout Office

May 2nd @5pm
Phoenix Inn, Albany

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!

How we fund Scouting without FOS?

I often hear leaders say, "I volunteer my time; I shouldn't have to pay money, too."

My response is, "If Scouting were not here, who would you pay to give your child the experiences he has in this type of organization?"

Volunteers need to set the FOS giving standard. Make a big deal in your presentation about unit leaders, committee members, and others associated with the troop who commit to FOS. Their example will often guide the rest of the families toward contributing.

How You Can Help Scouting

Scouts Needs your help: Please make sure your unit and all of the families in your unit are given the opportunity to support scouting. Contact your district's Friends of Scouting chairman or district director to schedule a unit presentation. That way, your unit will have the materials needed for the presentation. You can also donate right now online with a one-time or automatic withdrawals

LDS Views on Scouting

Thomas S. Monson - President LDS Church

"The Aaronic Priesthood prepares boys for manhood and the weightier duties of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Scouting helps our boys to walk uprightly the priesthood path to exaltation. . . ."

Ezra Taft Benson - Former President LDS Church

"Scouting is an integral part of the Church program for young men and complements Aaronic Priesthood quorum work. Where programs for Scout troops are available, please understand it is not an optional program"

This week, I was reading some LDS blogs critical of the LDS church's support of Friends of Scouting. Please be assured...FOS supports the church's program of Scouting. **President Gordon B. Hinckley said...**"Scouting is all priesthood...". Local councils are not funded the same way as other church programs. Friends of Scouting is important to the LDS program of Scouting because it support needed programs and services of wards and stakes. These are no limited to leader training, district camping opportunities, Eagle

Scouting means the world to me and my 15-year-old Eagle Scout. I can't think of a place other than church where I would rather be involved. I hate to think of where he would go without Scouts and where Scouting would go without FOS.

Letters to Scouting Magazine-C.B. Hamilton, Va. Jan-Feb 2000.

from your checking account, debit card, VISA, Mastercard, or Discover Card.

Make a Pledge: You can spread your Friends of Scouting over the course of the year. All gifts are tax-deductible. Also, many employers offer matching gift programs such as Wal-Mart , Weyerheuser, Verizon, Hewlett Packard, Costco, 7-Eleven, AT&T, Int. Paper, UPS, Waste Mgmt, and many others. Check with your employer to see if they match gifts.

Boards of Review, merit badge counselor review, certification, and tracking, merit badge listings, roundtable meetings, summer camps and day camps, administrative staff support and much more.

Friends of Scouting is the church's way of supporting Scouting outside the ward program. Ward members are encouraged to support FOS and thereby supporting the adults called and set apart as Priesthood Leaders in the Scouting program.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 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 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. But delivering a quality Scouting program takes money. Friends of Scouting helps support the ward program of Scouting.

