



Friends of Scouting Newsletter

Calapooia District

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Shinning a Light into the Darkness

All youth programs cost time and money. Some of our families would not participate in Scouting without financial assistance. We are glad to offer a helping hand when times are tough. Friends of Scouting provides the funds necessary to brighten the hopes of these families. Scouting is for every boy who has a desire for all that Scouting offers. Scouting makes a difference for every boy we serve.



Shining a Light on Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting pays the programs and services we depend on each month.

Volunteer and Staff Training

Unit Insurance Coverage

Support Staff

Professional Staff

Administrative Needs...

Postage, computers and links to the National BSA Computer System, copy machines, folding machines, and printing for school night flyers and training materials.

District and Council Scout Offices

Audio-Visual Supplies

Reference Publications and Resources

Summer Camp Equipment

Units at FOS

Goal

Packs

326

377

Troops

99

322

326

333

334

340

355

360



Do I need to donate time and Money?

I often hear Scout 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.

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 he be involved. I hate to think of where he would go without Scouts and where Scouting would go without FOS.

-Parent Volunteer, Hamilton, Virginia



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We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it.

-Lord Robert Baden Powell,
Founder of Boy Scouting

FOS Turn-in Dates

April 25th @5pm
Albany Scout Office

May 2nd @5pm
Phoenix Inn, Albany

May 9th @7pm
Lebanon LDS Building
During Roundtable

We are 70% through the FOS Campaign. What can a Unit FOS Chair do now!

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. Phone calls or in person works the best.
3. Ask for help. Your District Director, Eric Hearn 541-928-6694

Making a Pledge

The pledge card is used for every Friends of Scouting gift. The pledge card shows the contact information, means of billing or payment, and the campaign and district name. The pledge cards are used to note the families contribution.

Some parents want to make the gift in the name of the Scout. Unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service does not recognize tax deductible contributions of minors. Please make sure the name and contact information of the parent is clearly printed on the card.

Useful Tips

- Note the pledge amount where noted on the card and circle the appropriate billing cycle: annual, semiannual, quarterly or monthly. Also, write in the first billing date that the parent would like to be billed. The latest billing month is September. The Council office will bill the pledge amount as noted.

Matching Gifts

Many employers/business will match their employees' charitable contributions. For instance, if you give \$300 to the Cascade Pacific Council and your employer had this program, the Council would receive the benefit of \$600. If you are a contributor to the Cascade Pacific Council, or are considering a contribution, please check with your employer to see if this program exists or if the employer might be interested in starting it.

To help with this we are asking that everyone write down their employer on the employer name line on the FOS Card. If you are not sure if your company offers a matching gift program please ask your Human Resources Department or ask your district executive. Many employers match contributions of their employees.

How do I get my gift matched?

Each company has its own guidelines for employees, spouses, retirees, and widows/widowers. Most corporate procedures are very simple:

Cash or Checks

- If a parent chooses to pay with cash or check, staple the payment to their card and fill in the payment amount where noted.

Credit Cards

- If paying by credit card be sure all 16 numbers and the expiration date are legible. Fill in the payment amount where noted.

Audit Envelope

Once the presentation is complete and the parents have had a chance to complete their cards, ALL cards should be collected and will be sorted by the Unit FOS Coordinator or Committee Chair. The names of each pledge or cash gift will be printed on the front of the envelope and turned-in. Please turn in all contributions the week following the presentation. It is important that credit cards, checks, or cash are processed within 3 to 5 days following a presentation.

Please remember to thank all FOS contributors. Our contributors are keeping Scouting sustainable.

1. Request a Matching Form from your company, usually HR or payroll.
2. Complete and submit the form to Cascade Pacific Council Office with your gift.
3. The Cascade Pacific Council will verify the completed form and return it to your company.

The company will issue a matching gift contribution to our council. It's that easy!

