



**Scouting** is where youth build character, learn to lead, make life-long friends doing once-in-a-lifetime things. Scouting is where bright futures begin.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAMS

**CUB SCOUTS** Through fun activities, challenging adventures and community service projects, Cub Scouts discover the importance of cooperation, citizenship, responsibility and physical fitness in their everyday lives. (for 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. (for 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. (for youth ages 14-20 years old)

**VENTURING** provides positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities for pursuing special interests, growing by teaching others, and developing leadership skills. (for youth ages 14-20 years old)

*"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

## YOUR COUNCIL LEADERSHIP



**Mark Burkhardt // Council President**  
Managing Principal, Burkhill Real Estate, LLC



**Louis "Buzz" Eckelkamp // Council Commissioner**  
President, Bank of Washington



**Ronald Green // Scout Executive/CEO**  
Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



SCOUTING IS MORE THAN  
A BADGE OR A UNIFORM

# IT'S ESCAPING THE GREAT INDOORS.



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# FRIENDS OF SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Your Friends of Scouting gift helps provide our Scouts with local camps, programs, and leadership to ensure the best Scouting experience. Each Scout is supported by approximately \$204 in funding supplied by Friends of Scouting.

*"Scouting has touched every part of my life and influenced every part of my character, and I am proud to be a part of it."*



**Marc Anderson**  
Leader with Pack 147  
Forsyth, IL



# YOUR FRIENDS OF SCOUTING GIFT MEANS

- » Serving nearly 69,000 youth across 63 counties in Missouri and Illinois with our unique Scouting program.
- » Giving every youth the chance to be a Scout, no matter what their economic circumstances may be.
- » Providing support and training of 13,903 volunteer leaders who deliver the Scouting program to our region's youth.
- » Providing a safe and fun Scouting experience.
- » Delivering unique adventures you will only find in Scouting.

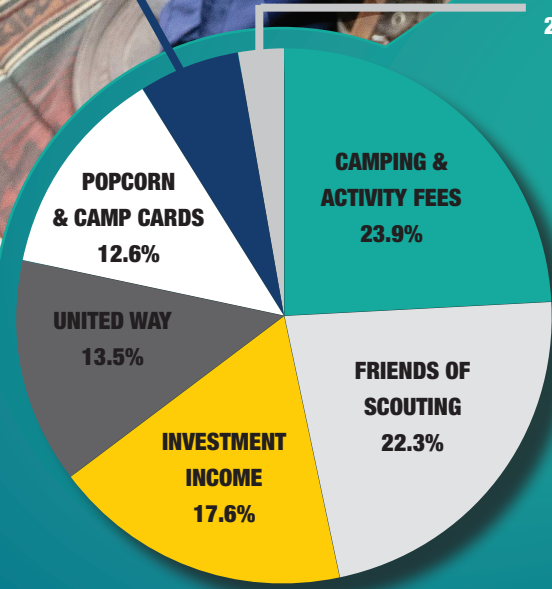


# THE COST OF SCOUTING

The Council pays \$204 per Scout, which provides one year of our wonderful program for each Scout (beyond our National BSA registration fees). The annual Friends of Scouting Campaign provides direct support to operate our Council and our local Districts through:

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
6.1%

**OTHER**  
2.5%



Camp properties for summer and weekend camping and activities

Assistance to disadvantaged youth

Activities and Programs for your Scouts

Membership Recruitment and Advancement

Training and Courses for leaders

Service Centers & Scout Shops

Program Outreach

Accident and General Liability Insurance

## How Scouting Is Funded

Expense Breakdown:  
Program—84.82%, Fundraising—10.04%, Management—5.14%



*"We always have fun. We get to do a lot of activities. We get the freedom to choose what we do."*

**Joe Holland**  
Cub Scout with Pack 242  
Stewardson-Strasburg, IL



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**Let's make giving easy! Give your donation right from your smartphone by texting COHEN20 to 91999.**

## Yes, I pledge to support Scouting!

### DONOR INFORMATION

I wish for my gift to stay anonymous

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer match gifts?  Yes  No

Please initiate matching gift process with your employer.

### AFFILIATION

Pack #: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Crew/Post #: \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Eagle Scout  Yes  No

### GIVING LEVELS

**Sponsor one Scout: \$204+**

- One payment of \$204
  - Four payments of \$51
  - 12 Monthly payments of \$17
- Recognition: Council FOS patch

**\$500+**

- One payment of \$500
  - Four payments of \$125
  - 12 Monthly payments of \$41.67
- Recognition: Council pocket knife

**\$800+**

- One payment of \$800
  - Four payments of \$200
  - 12 Monthly payments of \$66.67
- Recognition: Council stadium blanket

**Square Knot Society: \$1200+**

- One payment of \$1200
  - Four payments of \$300
  - 12 Monthly payments of \$100
- Recognition: Council square knot shoulder patch

Other gift amount:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### BECOME A GATEWAY GIVER

By making a recurring monthly donation, you'll be helping Scouts for years to come. Select an amount and complete the credit card payment information below.

\$17/mo.  \$42/mo.  \$67/mo.  \$100/mo.  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_/mo.  
This is a recurring gift and will continue until you request otherwise.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Bill me (as indicated above)
- Check enclosed (payable to Greater St. Louis Area Council)
- Gave online \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_